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U.S. Food and Drug Administration Approves First LAG-3-Blocking Antibody Combination, Opdualag™ (nivolumab and relatlimab-rmbw), as Treatment for Patients with Unresectable or Metastatic Melanoma

This material is intended to notify the press release issued on March 18 (local time) by Bristol Myers Squibb, our license partner for Opdivo.

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About Opdivo

Opdivo is a programmed cell death-1 (PD-1) immune checkpoint inhibitor that is designed to uniquely harness the body's own immune system to help restore anti-tumor immune response by blocking the interaction between PD-1 and its ligands. By harnessing the body's own immune system to fight cancer, Opdivo has become an important treatment option across multiple cancers since the approval for the treatment of melanoma in Japan in July 2014. Opdivo is currently approved in more than 65 countries, including Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, China, the US and European Union.

About Approval Status of Opdivo in Japan

In Japan, Ono Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd (ONO) received an approval of Opdivo for the treatment of unresectable melanoma in July 2014 and launched Opdivo in Japan in September 2014.

Thereafter, ONO received supplemental approval for additional indications of unresectable, advanced or recurrent non-small cell lung cancer in December 2015, unresectable or metastatic renal cell carcinoma in August 2016, relapsed or refractory classical Hodgkin lymphoma in December 2016, recurrent or metastatic head and neck cancer in March 2017, unresectable advanced or recurrent gastric cancer which has progressed after chemotherapy in September 2017, unresectable advanced or recurrent malignant pleural mesothelioma which has progressed after chemotherapy in August 2018, microsatellite instability high (MSI-High) unresectable advanced or recurrent colorectal cancer that has progressed following chemotherapy, and unresectable advanced or recurrent esophageal cancer that has progressed following chemotherapy in February 2020, and cancer of unknown primary in December 2021. (Currently approved for 10 types of cancers).

In addition, ONO has submitted supplemental applications for the adjuvant treatment of urothelial carcinoma, and is conducting clinical development program including hepatocellular carcinoma, ovarian cancer, bladder cancer, prostate cancer, pancreatic cancer, biliary tract cancer, etc.

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