

Navigo™

Nivolumab IV Infusion

Presentation

Navigo™ 40 IV infusion: Each vial contains Nivolumab INN 40 mg in 4 ml sterile solution for IV infusion.

Description

Nivolumab is a human immunoglobulin G4 (IgG4) monoclonal antibody that binds to the PD-1 receptor and blocks its interaction with PD-L1 and PD-L2, releasing PD-1 pathway-mediated inhibition of the immune response, including the anti-tumor immune response. Combined nivolumab (anti-PD-1) and ipilimumab (anti-CTLA-4) mediated inhibition results in enhanced T-cell function that is greater than the effects of either antibody alone, and results in improved anti-tumor responses in metastatic melanoma and advanced RCC.

Indications and Uses

Nivolumab is a programmed death receptor-1 (PD-1)-blocking antibody indicated for:

- Melanoma
- Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer (NSCLC)
- Malignant Pleural Mesothelioma
- Renal Cell Carcinoma (RCC)
- Classical Hodgkin Lymphoma (cHL)
- Squamous Cell Carcinoma of the Head and Neck (SCCHN)
- Urothelial Carcinoma
- Colorectal Cancer
- Hepatocellular Carcinoma (HCC)
- Esophageal Cancer
- Gastric Cancer, Gastroesophageal Junction Cancer, and Esophageal Adenocarcinoma

Dosage and Administrations

Administer by intravenous infusion after dilution based upon recommended infusion rate for each indication.

Unresectable or metastatic melanoma

- 240 mg every 2 weeks or 480 mg every 4 weeks
- 1 mg/kg followed by ipilimumab 3 mg/kg on the same day every 3 weeks for 4 doses, then 240 mg every 2 weeks or 480 mg every 4 weeks

Adjuvant treatment of melanoma

- 240 mg every 2 weeks or 480 mg every 4 weeks. (2.2)

Neoadjuvant treatment of resectable (tumors ≥ 4 cm or node positive) non-small cell lung cancer

- 360 mg with platinum-doublet chemotherapy on the same day every 3 weeks for 3 cycles

Metastatic non-small cell lung cancer

- 360 mg every 3 weeks with ipilimumab 1 mg/kg every 6 weeks
- 360 mg every 3 weeks with ipilimumab 1 mg/kg every 6 weeks and 2 cycles of platinum-doublet chemotherapy
- 240 mg every 2 weeks or 480 mg every 4 weeks

Malignant pleural mesothelioma

- 360 mg every 3 weeks with ipilimumab 1 mg/kg every 6 weeks

Advanced renal cell carcinoma

- 3 mg/kg followed by ipilimumab 1 mg/kg on the same day every 3 weeks for 4 doses, then 240 mg every 2 weeks or 480 mg every 4 weeks
- 240 mg every 2 weeks or 480 mg every 4 weeks administered in combination with cabozantinib 40 mg once daily without food
- 240 mg every 2 weeks or 480 mg every 4 weeks

Classical Hodgkin lymphoma

- 240 mg every 2 weeks or 480 mg every 4 weeks

Recurrent or metastatic squamous cell carcinoma of the head and neck

- 240 mg every 2 weeks or 480 mg every 4 weeks

Adjuvant treatment of urothelial carcinoma

- 240 mg every 2 weeks or 480 mg every 4 weeks

Locally advanced or metastatic urothelial carcinoma

- 240 mg every 2 weeks or 480 mg every 4 weeks

Microsatellite instability-high (MSI-H) or mismatch repair deficient (dMMR) metastatic colorectal cancer

- Adult and pediatric patients weighing 40 kg or greater: 240 mg every 2 weeks or 480 mg every 4 weeks
- Pediatric patients weighing less than 40 kg: 3 mg/kg every 2 weeks
- Adult and pediatric patients weighing 40 kg or greater: 3 mg/kg followed by ipilimumab 1 mg/kg on the same day every 3 weeks for 4 doses, then 240 mg every 2 weeks or 480 mg every 4 weeks

Hepatocellular carcinoma

- 1 mg/kg followed by ipilimumab 3 mg/kg on the same day every 3 weeks for 4 doses, then 240 mg every 2 weeks or 480 mg every 4 weeks

Adjuvant treatment of resected esophageal or gastroesophageal cancer

- 240 mg every 2 weeks or 480 mg every 4 weeks for total treatment duration of 1 year

Esophageal squamous cell carcinoma

- 240 mg every 2 weeks or 480 mg every 4 weeks in combination with chemotherapy regimen of fluoropyrimidine- and platinum-containing chemotherapy
- 3 mg/kg every 2 weeks or 360 mg every 3 weeks with ipilimumab 1 mg/kg every 6 weeks
- 240 mg every 2 weeks or 480 mg every 4 weeks

Gastric cancer, gastroesophageal junction cancer, and esophageal adenocarcinoma (GC, GEJC, or EAC)

- 360 mg every 3 weeks with fluoropyrimidine- and platinum-containing chemotherapy every 3 weeks
- 240 mg every 2 weeks with fluoropyrimidine- and platinum-containing chemotherapy every 2 weeks

Preparation and Administration

- The required volume of Nivolumab should be withdrawn and transfer into an intravenous container
- Nivolumab should be diluted with either 0.9% Sodium Chloride Injection, USP or 5% Dextrose Injection, USP to prepare an infusion with a final concentration ranging from 1 mg/mL to 10 mg/mL. The total volume of infusion must not exceed 160 mL.
- For adult and pediatric patients with body weight 40 kg or greater, total volume of infusion should not exceed 160 mL.
- For adult and pediatric patients with body weight less than 40 kg, total volume of infusion should not exceed 4 mL/kg of body weight.
- Diluted solution should be mixed by gentle inversion and should not be shaken
- Partially used vials or empty vials of NAVILUMAB should be discarded
- The product does not contain a preservative
- After preparation, the diluted solution should be stored either:
 - At room temperature and room light for not more than 8 hours from the time of preparation to end of the infusion. Diluted solution should be discarded if not used within 8 hours from the time of preparation; or
 - Under refrigeration at 2°C to 8°C (36°F to 46°F) and protected from light for not more than 7 days from the time of preparation to end of infusion. Diluted solution should be discarded if not used within 7 days from the time of preparation.
- Should not be frozen
- Administer the infusion, after dilution, over 30 minutes through an intravenous line containing a sterile, non-pyrogenic, low protein binding in-line filter (pore size of 0.2 micrometer to 1.2 micrometer).
- Do not co-administer other drugs through the same intravenous line.

Side Effects

Most common adverse reactions (incidence $\geq 20\%$) in patients were:

- As a single agent: fatigue, rash, musculoskeletal pain, pruritus, diarrhea, nausea, asthenia, cough, dyspnea, constipation, decreased appetite, back pain, arthralgia, upper respiratory tract infection, pyrexia, headache, abdominal pain, vomiting, and urinary tract infection
- In combination with ipilimumab: fatigue, diarrhea, rash, pruritus, nausea, musculoskeletal pain, pyrexia, cough, decreased appetite, vomiting, abdominal pain, dyspnea, upper respiratory tract infection, arthralgia, headache, hypothyroidism, constipation, decreased weight, and dizziness
- In combination with platinum-doublet chemotherapy: nausea, constipation, fatigue, decreased appetite, and rash
- In combination with cabozantinib: diarrhea, fatigue, hepatotoxicity, palmar-plantar erythrodysesthesia syndrome, stomatitis, rash, hypertension, hypothyroidism, musculoskeletal pain, decreased appetite, nausea, dysgeusia, abdominal pain, cough and upper respiratory tract infection
- In combination with fluoropyrimidine- and platinum-containing chemotherapy: nausea, peripheral neuropathy, decreased appetite, fatigue, constipation, stomatitis, diarrhea, vomiting, abdominal pain, and musculoskeletal pain

Contraindications

None

Warning & Precautions

- Immune-mediated adverse reactions, which may be severe or fatal, can occur in any organ system or tissue, including the following: immune-mediated pneumonitis, immune-mediated colitis, immune-mediated hepatitis and hepatotoxicity, immune-mediated endocrinopathies, immune-mediated dermatologic adverse reactions, and immune-mediated nephritis and renal dysfunction
- Monitor for early identification and management. Evaluate liver enzymes, creatinine, and thyroid function at baseline and periodically during treatment. Withhold or permanently discontinue based on severity and type of reaction
- Infusion-related reactions: Interrupt, slow the rate of infusion, or permanently discontinue Nivolumab based on severity of reaction
- Complications of allogeneic HSCT: Fatal and other serious complications can occur in patient who receive allogeneic HSCT before or after being treated with a PD-1/PD-L1 blocking antibody
- Embryo-Fetal toxicity: Can cause fetal harm. Advise females of reproductive potential of potential risk to a fetus and to use effective contraception
- Treatment of patients with multiple myeloma with a PD-1 or PD-L1 blocking antibody in combination with a thalidomide analogue plus dexamethasone is not recommended outside of controlled clinical trials.

Use in specific population

Pregnancy: Nivolumab can cause fetal harm when administered to a pregnant woman.

Lactation: There are no data on the presence of nivolumab in human milk, the effects on the breastfed child, or the effects on milk production.

Contraception: Based on its mechanism, nivolumab can cause fetal harm when administered to a pregnant woman. Advise females of reproductive potential to use effective contraception during treatment with Nivolumab and for at least 5 months following the last dose of Nivolumab.

Pediatric Use: The safety and effectiveness of Nivolumab have not been established in pediatric patients less than 12 years old with MSI-H or dMMR mCRC or in pediatric patients less than 18 years old for the other approved indications.

Geriatric Use: No overall difference in safety was reported between elderly patients and younger patients. In elderly patients with intermediate or poor risk, no overall difference in effectiveness was reported.


Storage

Store at 2-8° C (in a refrigerator). Do not freeze. Keep away from light and out of reach of children.

Commercial Packaging

Navigo™ 40 IV infusion: Each box contains 1 vial of 4 ml sterile solution for IV infusion

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