

## HIGHLIGHTS OF PRESCRIBING INFORMATION

These highlights do not include all the information needed to use PEMFEXY safely and effectively. See full prescribing information for PEMFEXY.

PEMFEXY™ (pemetrexed injection), for intravenous use  
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### INDICATIONS AND USAGE

PEMFEXY is a folate analog metabolic inhibitor indicated for:

- in combination with cisplatin for the initial treatment of patients with locally advanced or metastatic non-squamous, non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC). (1.1)
- as a single agent for the maintenance treatment of patients with locally advanced or metastatic non-squamous NSCLC whose disease has not progressed after four cycles of platinum-based first-line chemotherapy. (1.1)

- as a single agent for the treatment of patients with recurrent, metastatic non-squamous NSCLC after prior chemotherapy. (1.1)

**Limitations of Use:** PEMFEXY is not indicated for the treatment of patients with squamous cell non-small cell lung cancer. (1.1)

- in combination with cisplatin for the initial treatment, of patients with malignant pleural mesothelioma whose disease is unresectable or who are otherwise not candidates for curative surgery. (1.2)

### DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

- The recommended dosage of PEMFEXY, administered as a single agent or with cisplatin, in patients with creatinine clearance of 45 mL/minute or greater, is 500 mg/m<sup>2</sup> as an intravenous infusion over 10 minutes on Day 1 of each 21-day cycle. (2.1, 2.2, 2.3)
- Initiate folic acid 400 mcg to 1000 mcg orally once daily beginning 7 days prior to the first dose of PEMFEXY and continue until 21 days after the last dose. (2.4)
- Administer vitamin B<sub>12</sub> 1 mg intramuscularly 1 week prior to the first dose of PEMFEXY and every 3 cycles thereafter. (2.4)
- Administer dexamethasone 4 mg orally twice daily the day before, the day of, and the day after PEMFEXY administration. (2.4)

### DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS

- Injection: 500 mg/20 mL (25 mg/mL) in a multi-dose vial (3)

### CONTRAINDICATIONS

- History of severe hypersensitivity reaction to pemetrexed. (4)

### WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

- **Myelosuppression:** Can cause severe bone marrow suppression resulting in cytopenia and an increased risk of infection. Do not administer PEMFEXY when the absolute neutrophil count is less than 1500 cells/mm<sup>3</sup> and platelets are less than 100,000 cells/mm<sup>3</sup>. Initiate supplementation with oral folic acid and intramuscular vitamin B<sub>12</sub> to reduce the severity of hematologic and gastrointestinal toxicity of PEMFEXY. (2.4, 5.1)
- **Renal Failure:** Can cause severe, and sometimes fatal, renal failure. Do not administer when creatinine clearance is less than 45 mL/min. (2.3, 5.2)
- **Bullous and Exfoliative Skin Toxicity:** Permanently discontinue for severe and life-threatening bullous, blistering or exfoliating skin toxicity. (5.3)
- **Interstitial Pneumonitis:** Withhold for acute onset of new or progressive unexplained pulmonary symptoms. Permanently discontinue if pneumonitis is confirmed. (5.4)
- **Radiation Recall:** Can occur in patients who received radiation weeks to years previously; permanently discontinue for signs of radiation recall. (5.5)
- **Embryo-Fetal Toxicity:** Can cause fetal harm. Advise patients of the potential risk to a fetus and to use effective contraception. (5.7, 8.1, 8.3)

### ADVERSE REACTIONS

- The most common adverse reactions (incidence ≥ 20%) of pemetrexed, when administered as a single agent are fatigue, nausea, and anorexia. (6.1)
- The most common adverse reactions (incidence ≥ 20%) of pemetrexed when administered with cisplatin are vomiting, neutropenia, anemia, stomatitis/pharyngitis, thrombocytopenia, and constipation. (6.1)

To report SUSPECTED ADVERSE REACTIONS, contact Eagle Pharmaceuticals, Inc. at 1-855-318-2170 or FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088 or [www.fda.gov/medwatch](http://www.fda.gov/medwatch).

### DRUG INTERACTIONS

**Ibuprofen:** Modify the ibuprofen dosage as recommended for patients with a creatinine clearance between 45 mL/min and 79 mL/min. (2.5, 5.6, 7)

### USE IN SPECIFIC POPULATIONS

**Lactation:** Advise not to breastfeed. (8.2)

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## FULL PRESCRIBING INFORMATION

### 1 INDICATIONS AND USAGE

#### 1.1 Non-squamous Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer

PEMFEXY™ is indicated:

- in combination with cisplatin for the initial treatment of patients with locally advanced or metastatic, non-squamous, non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC).
- as a single agent for the maintenance treatment of patients with locally advanced or metastatic non-squamous NSCLC whose disease has not progressed after four cycles of platinum-based first-line chemotherapy.
- as a single agent for the treatment of patients with recurrent, metastatic non-squamous NSCLC after prior chemotherapy.

Limitations of Use: PEMFEXY is not indicated for the treatment of patients with squamous cell NSCLC [*see Clinical Studies 14.1*].

#### 1.2 Mesothelioma

PEMFEXY is indicated in combination with cisplatin for the initial treatment of patients with malignant pleural mesothelioma whose disease is unresectable or who are otherwise not candidates for curative surgery.

### 2 DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

#### 2.1 Recommended Dosage for Non-squamous Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer

- The recommended dosage of PEMFEXY, when administered with cisplatin for initial treatment of locally advanced or metastatic non-squamous NSCLC in patients with a creatinine clearance (calculated by Cockcroft-Gault equation) of 45 mL/min or greater, is 500 mg/m<sup>2</sup> as an intravenous infusion over 10 minutes administered prior to cisplatin on Day 1 of each 21-day cycle for up to six cycles in the absence of disease progression or unacceptable toxicity.
- The recommended dosage of PEMFEXY for maintenance treatment of non-squamous NSCLC in patients with a creatinine clearance (calculated by Cockcroft-Gault equation) of 45 mL/min or greater is 500 mg/m<sup>2</sup> as an intravenous infusion over 10 minutes on Day 1 of each 21-day cycle until disease progression or unacceptable toxicity after four cycles of platinum-based first-line chemotherapy.
- The recommended dosage of PEMFEXY for treatment of recurrent non-squamous NSCLC in patients with a creatinine clearance (calculated by Cockcroft-Gault equation) of 45 mL/min or greater is 500 mg/m<sup>2</sup> as an intravenous infusion over 10 minutes on Day 1 of each 21-day cycle until disease progression or unacceptable toxicity.

#### 2.2 Recommended Dosage for Mesothelioma

The recommended dosage of PEMFEXY, when administered with cisplatin, in patients with a creatinine clearance (calculated by Cockcroft-Gault equation) of 45 mL/min or greater is 500 mg/m<sup>2</sup> as an intravenous infusion over 10 minutes on Day 1 of each 21-day cycle until disease progression or unacceptable toxicity.

#### 2.3 Renal Impairment

PEMFEXY dosing recommendations are provided for patients with a creatinine clearance (calculated by Cockcroft-Gault equation) of 45 mL/min or greater [*see Dosage and Administration (2.1, 2.2)*]. There is no recommended dose for patients whose creatinine clearance is less than 45 mL/min [*see Use in Specific Populations (8.6)*].

## 2.4 Premedication and Concomitant Medications to Mitigate Toxicity

### Vitamin Supplementation

Initiate folic acid 400 mcg to 1000 mcg orally once daily, beginning 7 days before the first dose of PEMFEXY and continuing until 21 days after the last dose [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.1)*].

Administer vitamin B<sub>12</sub> 1 mg intramuscularly 1 week prior to the first dose of PEMFEXY and every 3 cycles thereafter. Subsequent vitamin B<sub>12</sub> injections may be given the same day as treatment with PEMFEXY [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.1)*]. **Do not substitute oral vitamin B<sub>12</sub> for intramuscular vitamin B<sub>12</sub>.**

### Corticosteroids

Administer dexamethasone 4 mg orally twice daily for three consecutive days, beginning the day before each PEMFEXY administration.

## 2.5 Dosage Modification of Ibuprofen in Patients with Mild to Moderate Renal Impairment Receiving PEMFEXY

In patients with creatinine clearances between 45 mL/min and 79 mL/min, modify administration of ibuprofen as follows [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.6)*, *Drug Interactions (7)* and *Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)*].

- Avoid administration of ibuprofen for 2 days before, the day of, and 2 days following administration of PEMFEXY.
- Monitor patients more frequently for myelosuppression, renal, and gastrointestinal toxicity, if concomitant administration of ibuprofen cannot be avoided.

## 2.6 Dosage Modifications for Adverse Reactions

Obtain complete blood count on Days 1, 8, and 15 of each cycle. Assess creatinine clearance prior to each cycle. Do not administer PEMFEXY if the creatinine clearance is less than 45 mL/min.

Delay initiation of the next cycle of PEMFEXY until:

- Recovery of non-hematologic toxicity to Grade 0-2,
- Absolute neutrophil count (ANC) is 1500 cells/mm<sup>3</sup> or higher, and
- Platelet count is 100,000 cells/mm<sup>3</sup> or higher.

Upon recovery, modify the dosage of PEMFEXY in the next cycle as specified in Table 1.

For dosage modifications for cisplatin, refer to the prescribing information for cisplatin.

**Table 1: Recommended Dosage Modifications for Adverse Reactions**

| Toxicity in Most Recent Treatment Cycle  | PEMFEXY Dosage Modifications for Next Cycle |
|--|---|
| <b>Myelosuppressive toxicity</b> [see <i>Warnings and Precautions (5.1)</i> ]  |   |
| ANC less than 500/mm <sup>3</sup> <b>and</b> platelets greater than or equal to 50,000/mm <sup>3</sup><br><u>OR</u><br>Platelet count less than 50,000/mm <sup>3</sup> without bleeding. | 75% of previous dose                        |
| Platelet count less than 50,000/mm <sup>3</sup> with bleeding  | 50% of previous dose                        |
| Recurrent Grade 3 or 4 myelosuppression after 2 dose reductions  | Permanently discontinue.                    |
| <b>Non-hematologic toxicity</b>  |   |
| Any Grade 3 or 4 toxicities EXCEPT mucositis or neurologic toxicity<br><u>OR</u><br>Diarrhea requiring hospitalization   | 75% of previous dose                        |
| Grade 3 or 4 mucositis   | 50% of previous dose                        |

| Toxicity in Most Recent Treatment Cycle  | PEMFEXY Dosage Modifications for Next Cycle                  |
|--|--|
| Renal toxicity [see Warnings and Precautions (5.2)]                            | Withhold until creatinine clearance is 45 mL/min or greater. |
| Grade 3 or 4 neurologic toxicity   | Permanently discontinue.                                     |
| Recurrent Grade 3 or 4 non-hematologic toxicity after 2 dose reductions        | Permanently discontinue.                                     |
| Severe and life-threatening skin toxicity [see Warnings and Precautions (5.3)] | Permanently discontinue.                                     |
| Interstitial pneumonitis [see Warnings and Precautions (5.4)]                  | Permanently discontinue.                                     |

a National Cancer Institute Common Toxicity Criteria for Adverse Events version 2 (NCI CTCAE v2)

## 2.7 Preparation and Administration

PEMFEXY is a cytotoxic drug. Follow applicable special handling and disposal procedures.<sup>1</sup>

Calculate the dose of PEMFEXY and determine the number of vials needed. Withdraw the calculated dose of PEMFEXY from the vial(s). Store unused portion in vial refrigerated at 2°C to 8°C (36°F to 46°F) for up to 28 days.”. Each vial contains 500 mg pemetrexed per 20 mL (25 mg/mL). The vial contains an excess of pemetrexed to facilitate delivery of labeled amount.

- Dilute PEMFEXY with 5% Dextrose in Water, USP to achieve a total volume of 100 mL for intravenous infusion. **Do not use other diluents, such as Lactated Ringer’s Injection, USP or Ringer’s Injection, USP.**
- Visually inspect for particulate matter and discoloration prior to administration, whenever solution and container permit. Discard if particulate matter or discoloration is observed.
- Administer PEMFEXY as an intravenous infusion over 10 minutes.
- Store diluted PEMFEXY refrigerated at 2°C to 8°C (36 °F to 46°F) or at ambient room temperature and room lighting for no more than 48 hours. When prepared as directed, infusion solutions of PEMFEXY contain no antimicrobial preservatives. Discard after 48 hours.

PEMFEXY is compatible with polyolefin infusion bags with polyvinyl chloride (PVC) ports.

## 3 DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS

Injection: 500 mg pemetrexed per 20 mL (25 mg/mL) as a clear, colorless to yellow or green-yellow solution in a multi-dose vial.

## 4 CONTRAINDICATIONS

PEMFEXY is contraindicated in patients with a history of severe hypersensitivity reaction to pemetrexed [see *Adverse Reactions* (6.1)].

## 5 WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

### 5.1 Myelosuppression and Increased Risk of Myelosuppression without Vitamin Supplementation

Pemetrexed can cause severe myelosuppression resulting in a requirement for transfusions and which may lead to neutropenic infection. The risk of myelosuppression is increased in patients who do not receive vitamin supplementation. In Study JMCH, incidences of Grade 3-4 neutropenia (38% versus 23%), thrombocytopenia (9% versus 5%), febrile neutropenia (9% versus 0.6%), and neutropenic infection (6% versus 0) were higher in patients who received pemetrexed plus cisplatin without vitamin supplementation as compared to patients who

were fully supplemented with folic acid and vitamin B<sub>12</sub> prior to and throughout pemetrexed plus cisplatin treatment.

Initiate supplementation with oral folic acid and intramuscular vitamin B<sub>12</sub> prior to the first dose of PEMFEXY; continue vitamin supplementation during treatment and for 21 days after the last dose of PEMFEXY to reduce the severity of hematologic and gastrointestinal toxicity of pemetrexed [see *Dosage and Administration (2.4)*].

Obtain a complete blood count at the beginning of each cycle. Do not administer PEMFEXY until the ANC is at least 1500 cells/mm<sup>3</sup> and platelet count is at least 100,000 cells/mm<sup>3</sup>. Permanently reduce PEMFEXY in patients with an ANC of less than 500 cells/mm<sup>3</sup> or platelet count of less than 50,000 cells/mm<sup>3</sup> in previous cycles [see *Dosage and Administration (2.6)*].

In Studies JMDB and JMCH, among patients who received vitamin supplementation, incidence of Grade 3-4 neutropenia was 15% and 23%, the incidence of Grade 3-4 anemia was 6% and 4%, and incidence of Grade 3-4 thrombocytopenia was 4% and 5%, respectively. In Study JMCH, 18% of patients in the pemetrexed arm required red blood cell transfusions compared to 7% of patients in the cisplatin arm [see *Adverse Reactions (6.1)*]. In Studies JMEN, PARAMOUNT and JMEI, where all patients received vitamin supplementation, incidence of Grade 3-4 neutropenia ranged from 3% to 5%, and incidence of Grade 3-4 anemia ranged from 3% to 5%.

## **5.2 Renal Failure**

Pemetrexed can cause severe, and sometimes fatal, renal toxicity. The incidences of renal failure in clinical studies in which patients received pemetrexed with cisplatin were: 2.1% in Study JMDB and 2.2% in Study JMCH. The incidence of renal failure in clinical studies in which patients received pemetrexed as a single agent ranged from 0.4% to 0.6% (Studies JMEN, PARAMOUNT and JMEI [see *Adverse Reactions (6.1)*]).

Determine creatinine clearance before each dose and periodically monitor renal function during treatment with PEMFEXY. Withhold PEMFEXY in patients with a creatinine clearance of less than 45 mL/minute [see *Dosage and Administration (2.3)*].

## **5.3 Bullous and Exfoliative Skin Toxicity**

Serious and sometimes fatal, bullous, blistering and exfoliative skin toxicity, including cases suggestive of Stevens-Johnson syndrome/toxic epidermal necrolysis can occur with pemetrexed. Permanently discontinue PEMFEXY for severe and life-threatening bullous, blistering or exfoliating skin toxicity.

## **5.4 Interstitial Pneumonitis**

Serious interstitial pneumonitis, including fatal cases, can occur with pemetrexed. Withhold PEMFEXY for acute onset of new or progressive unexplained pulmonary symptoms such as dyspnea, cough, or fever pending diagnostic evaluation. If pneumonitis is confirmed, permanently discontinue PEMFEXY.

## **5.5 Radiation Recall**

Radiation recall can occur with pemetrexed in patients who have received radiation weeks to years previously. Monitor patients for inflammation or blistering in areas of previous radiation treatment. Permanently discontinue PEMFEXY for signs of radiation recall.

## **5.6 Increased Risk of Toxicity with Ibuprofen in Patients with Renal Impairment**

Exposure to pemetrexed is increased in patients with mild to moderate renal impairment who take concomitant ibuprofen, increasing the risks of adverse reactions of pemetrexed. In patients with creatinine clearances between 45 mL/min and 79 mL/min, avoid administration of ibuprofen for 2 days before, the day of, and 2 days following administration of PEMFEXY. If concomitant ibuprofen use cannot be avoided, monitor patients more frequently for pemetrexed adverse reactions, including myelosuppression, renal, and gastrointestinal toxicity [see *Dosage and Administration (2.5)*, *Drug Interactions (7)*, and *Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)*].

## 5.7 Embryo-Fetal Toxicity

Based on findings from animal studies and its mechanism of action, PEMFEXY can cause fetal harm when administered to a pregnant woman. In animal reproduction studies, intravenous administration of pemetrexed to pregnant mice during the period of organogenesis was teratogenic, resulting in developmental delays and increased malformations at doses lower than the recommended human dose of 500 mg/m<sup>2</sup>. Advise pregnant women of the potential risk to the fetus. Advise females of reproductive potential to use effective contraception during treatment with PEMFEXY and for 6 months after the final dose. Advise males with female partners of reproductive potential to use effective contraception during treatment with PEMFEXY and for 3 months after the final dose [*see Use in Specific Populations (8.1, 8.3)*].

## 6 ADVERSE REACTIONS

The following clinically significant adverse reactions are described elsewhere in the labeling:

- Myelosuppression [*see Warnings and Precautions (5.1)*]
- Renal failure [*see Warnings and Precautions (5.2)*]
- Bullous and exfoliative skin toxicity [*see Warning and Precautions (5.3)*]
- Interstitial pneumonitis [*see Warnings and Precautions (5.4)*]
- Radiation recall [*see Warnings and Precautions (5.5)*]

### 6.1 Clinical Trials Experience

Because clinical trials are conducted under widely varying conditions, adverse reactions rates observed in clinical trials of drugs cannot be directly compared to rates in the clinical trials of another drug and may not reflect the rates observed in practice.

In clinical trials, the most common adverse reactions (incidence  $\geq 20\%$ ) of pemetrexed, when administered as a single-agent, are fatigue, nausea and anorexia. The most common adverse reactions (incidence  $\geq 20\%$ ) of pemetrexed, when administered with cisplatin, are vomiting, neutropenia, anemia, stomatitis/pharyngitis, thrombocytopenia and constipation.

#### Non-Squamous Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer (NSCLC)

##### *Initial Treatment in Combination with Cisplatin*

The safety of pemetrexed was evaluated in Study JMDB, a randomized (1:1), open-label, multicenter trial conducted in chemotherapy-naïve patients with locally advanced or metastatic NSCLC. Patients received either pemetrexed 500 mg/m<sup>2</sup> intravenously in combination with cisplatin 75 mg/m<sup>2</sup> intravenously on Day 1 of each 21-day cycle (n=839) or gemcitabine 1250 mg/m<sup>2</sup> intravenously on Days 1 and 8 in combination with cisplatin 75 mg/m<sup>2</sup> intravenously on Day 1 of each 21-day cycle (n=830). All patients were fully supplemented with folic acid and vitamin B<sub>12</sub>.

Study JMDB excluded patients with an Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group Performance Status (ECOG PS of 2 or greater), uncontrolled third-space fluid retention, inadequate bone marrow reserve and organ function, or a calculated creatinine clearance less than 45 mL/min. Patients unable to stop using aspirin or other non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs or unable to take folic acid, vitamin B<sub>12</sub> or corticosteroids were also excluded from the study.

The data described below reflect exposure to pemetrexed plus cisplatin in 839 patients in Study JMDB. Median age was 61 years (range 26-83 years); 70% of patients were men; 78% were White, 16% were Asian, 2.9% were Hispanic or Latino, 2.1% were Black or African American, and < 1% were other races; 36% had an ECOG PS 0. Patients received a median of 5 cycles of pemetrexed.

Table 2 provides the frequency and severity of adverse reactions that occurred in  $\geq 5\%$  of 839 patients receiving pemetrexed in combination with cisplatin in Study JMDB. Study JMDB was not designed to demonstrate a statistically significant reduction in adverse reaction rates for pemetrexed, as compared to the control arm, for any specified adverse reaction listed in Table 2.

**Table 2: Adverse Reactions Occurring in  $\geq 5\%$  of Fully Vitamin-Supplemented Patients Receiving Pemetrexed in Combination with Cisplatin in Study JMDB**

| Adverse Reaction <sup>a</sup>  | Pemetrexed/Cisplatin<br>(N=839) |                  | Gemcitabine/Cisplatin<br>(N=830) |                  |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|----------------------------------|------------------|
|                                | All Grades<br>(%)               | Grade 3-4<br>(%) | All Grades<br>(%)                | Grade 3-4<br>(%) |
| <b>All adverse reactions</b>   | 90                              | 37               | 91                               | 53               |
| <b>Laboratory</b>              |                                 |                  |                                  |                  |
| <b>Hematologic</b>             |                                 |                  |                                  |                  |
| Anemia                         | 33                              | 6                | 46                               | 10               |
| Neutropenia                    | 29                              | 15               | 38                               | 27               |
| Thrombocytopenia               | 10                              | 4                | 27                               | 13               |
| <b>Renal</b>                   |                                 |                  |                                  |                  |
| Elevated creatinine            | 10                              | 1                | 7                                | 1                |
| <b>Clinical</b>                |                                 |                  |                                  |                  |
| <b>Gastrointestinal</b>        |                                 |                  |                                  |                  |
| Nausea                         | 56                              | 7                | 53                               | 4                |
| Vomiting                       | 40                              | 6                | 36                               | 6                |
| Anorexia                       | 27                              | 2                | 24                               | 1                |
| Constipation                   | 21                              | 1                | 20                               | 0                |
| Stomatitis/Pharyngitis         | 14                              | 1                | 12                               | 0                |
| Diarrhea                       | 12                              | 1                | 13                               | 2                |
| Dyspepsia/Heartburn            | 5                               | 0                | 6                                | 0                |
| <b>Constitutional Symptoms</b> |                                 |                  |                                  |                  |
| Fatigue                        | 43                              | 7                | 45                               | 5                |
| <b>Dermatology/Skin</b>        |                                 |                  |                                  |                  |
| Alopecia                       | 12                              | 0                | 21                               | 1                |
| Rash/Desquamation              | 7                               | 0                | 8                                | 1                |
| <b>Neurology</b>               |                                 |                  |                                  |                  |
| Sensory neuropathy             | 9                               | 0                | 12                               | 1                |
| Taste disturbance              | 8                               | 0                | 9                                | 0                |

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The following additional adverse reactions of pemetrexed were observed.

Incidence 1% to < 5%

*Body as a Whole* — febrile neutropenia, infection, pyrexia

*General Disorders* — dehydration

*Metabolism and Nutrition* — increased AST, increased ALT

*Renal* — renal failure

*Eye Disorder* — conjunctivitis

Incidence < 1%

*Cardiovascular* — arrhythmia

*General Disorders* — chest pain

*Metabolism and Nutrition* — increased GGT

*Neurology* — motor neuropathy

### Maintenance Treatment Following First-line Non-Pemetrexed Containing Platinum-Based Chemotherapy

The safety of pemetrexed was evaluated in Study JMEN, a randomized (2:1), placebo-controlled, multicenter trial conducted in patients with non-progressive locally advanced or metastatic NSCLC following four cycles of a first-line, platinum-based chemotherapy regimen. Patients received either pemetrexed 500 mg/m<sup>2</sup> or matching placebo intravenously every 21 days until disease progression or unacceptable toxicity. Patients in both study arms were fully supplemented with folic acid and vitamin B<sub>12</sub>.

Study JMEN excluded patients with an ECOG PS of 2 or greater, uncontrolled third-space fluid retention, inadequate bone marrow reserve and organ function or a calculated creatinine clearance < 45 mL/min. Patients unable to stop using aspirin or other non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs or unable to take folic acid, vitamin B<sub>12</sub> or corticosteroids were also excluded from the study.

The data described below reflect exposure to pemetrexed in 438 patients in Study JMEN. Median age was 61 years (range 26-83 years), 73% of patients were men; 65% were White, 31% were Asian, 2.9% were Hispanic or Latino, and < 2% were other races; 39% had an ECOG PS 0. Patients received a median of 5 cycles of pemetrexed and a relative dose intensity of pemetrexed of 96%. Approximately half the patients (48%) completed at least six 21-day cycles and 23% completed ten or more 21-day cycles of pemetrexed.

Table 3 provides the frequency and severity of adverse reactions reported in ≥ 5% of the 438 pemetrexed-treated patients in Study JMEN.

**Table 3: Adverse Reactions Occurring in ≥ 5% of Patients Receiving Pemetrexed in Study JMEN**

| Adverse Reaction <sup>a</sup>  | Pemetrexed<br>(N=438) |                  | Placebo<br>(N=218) |                  |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|
|                                | All Grades<br>(%)     | Grade 3-4<br>(%) | All Grades<br>(%)  | Grade 3-4<br>(%) |
| <b>All adverse reactions</b>   | 66                    | 16               | 37                 | 4                |
| <b>Laboratory</b>              |                       |                  |                    |                  |
| <b>Hematologic</b>             |                       |                  |                    |                  |
| Anemia                         | 15                    | 3                | 6                  | 1                |
| Neutropenia                    | 6                     | 3                | 0                  | 0                |
| <b>Hepatic</b>                 |                       |                  |                    |                  |
| Increased ALT                  | 10                    | 0                | 4                  | 0                |
| Increased AST                  | 8                     | 0                | 4                  | 0                |
| <b>Clinical</b>                |                       |                  |                    |                  |
| <b>Constitutional Symptoms</b> |                       |                  |                    |                  |
| Fatigue                        | 25                    | 5                | 11                 | 1                |
| <b>Gastrointestinal</b>        |                       |                  |                    |                  |
| Nausea                         | 19                    | 1                | 6                  | 1                |
| Anorexia                       | 19                    | 2                | 5                  | 0                |
| Vomiting                       | 9                     | 0                | 1                  | 0                |
| Mucositis/Stomatitis           | 7                     | 1                | 2                  | 0                |
| Diarrhea                       | 5                     | 1                | 3                  | 0                |
| <b>Dermatology/Skin</b>        |                       |                  |                    |                  |
| Rash/Desquamation              | 10                    | 0                | 3                  | 0                |
| <b>Neurology</b>               |                       |                  |                    |                  |
| Sensory neuropathy             | 9                     | 1                | 4                  | 0                |
| <b>Infection</b>               | 5                     | 2                | 2                  | 0                |

<sup>a</sup> NCI CTCAE version 3.0.



The requirement for transfusions (9.5% versus 3.2%), primarily red blood cell transfusions, and for erythropoiesis stimulating agents (5.9% versus 1.8%) were higher in the pemetrexed arm compared to the placebo arm.

The following additional adverse reactions were observed in patients who received pemetrexed.

Incidence 1% to < 5%

*Dermatology/Skin* — alopecia, pruritis/itching

*Gastrointestinal* — constipation

*General Disorders* — edema, fever

*Hematologic* — thrombocytopenia

*Eye Disorder* — ocular surface disease (including conjunctivitis), increased lacrimation

Incidence < 1%

*Cardiovascular* — supraventricular arrhythmia

*Dermatology/Skin* — erythema multiforme

*General Disorders* — febrile neutropenia, allergic reaction/hypersensitivity

*Neurology* — motor neuropathy

*Renal* — renal failure

#### *Maintenance Treatment Following First-line Pemetrexed Plus Platinum Chemotherapy*

The safety of pemetrexed was evaluated in PARAMOUNT, a randomized (2:1), placebo-controlled study conducted in patients with non-squamous NSCLC with non-progressive (stable or responding disease) locally advanced or metastatic NSCLC following four cycles of pemetrexed in combination with cisplatin as first-line therapy for NSCLC. Patients were randomized to receive pemetrexed 500 mg/m<sup>2</sup> or matching placebo intravenously on Day 1 of each 21-day cycle until disease progression or unacceptable toxicity. Patients in both study arms received folic acid and vitamin B<sub>12</sub> supplementation.

PARAMOUNT excluded patients with an ECOG PS of 2 or greater, uncontrolled third-space fluid retention, inadequate bone marrow reserve and organ function, or a calculated creatinine clearance < 45 mL/min. Patients unable to stop using aspirin or other non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs or unable to take folic acid, vitamin B<sub>12</sub> or corticosteroids were also excluded from the study.

The data described below reflect exposure to pemetrexed in 333 patients in PARAMOUNT. Median age was 61 years (range 32 to 83 years); 58% of patients were men; 94% were White, 4.8% were Asian, and < 1% were Black or African American; 36% had an ECOG PS 0. The median number of maintenance cycles was 4 for pemetrexed and placebo arms.

Dose reductions for adverse reactions occurred in 3.3% of patients in the pemetrexed arm and 0.6% in the placebo arm. Dose delays for adverse reactions occurred in 22% of patients in the pemetrexed arm and 16% in the placebo arm.

Table 4 provides the frequency and severity of adverse reactions reported in ≥ 5% of the 333 pemetrexed-treated patients in PARAMOUNT.

**Table 4: Adverse Reactions Occurring in ≥ 5% of Patients Receiving Pemetrexed in PARAMOUNT**

| Adverse Reaction <sup>a</sup> | Pemetrexed<br>(N=333) |                  | Placebo<br>(N=167) |                   |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
|                               | All Grades<br>(%)     | Grade 3-4<br>(%) | All Grades<br>(%)  | Grades 3-4<br>(%) |
| <b>All Adverse Reactions</b>  | 53                    | 17               | 34                 | 4.8               |
| <b>Laboratory</b>             |                       |                  |                    |                   |
| <b>Hematologic</b>            |                       |                  |                    |                   |
| Anemia                        | 15                    | 4.8              | 4.8                | 0.6               |
| Neutropenia                   | 9                     | 3.9              | 0.6                | 0                 |

| Adverse Reaction <sup>a</sup>  | Pemetrexed<br>(N=333) |                  | Placebo<br>(N=167) |                   |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
|                                | All Grades<br>(%)     | Grade 3-4<br>(%) | All Grades<br>(%)  | Grades 3-4<br>(%) |
| <b>Clinical</b>                |                       |                  |                    |                   |
| <b>Constitutional Symptoms</b> |                       |                  |                    |                   |
| Fatigue                        | 18                    | 4.5              | 11                 | 0.6               |
| <b>Gastrointestinal</b>        |                       |                  |                    |                   |
| Nausea                         | 12                    | 0.3              | 2.4                | 0                 |
| Vomiting                       | 6                     | 0                | 1.8                | 0                 |
| Mucositis/Stomatitis           | 5                     | 0.3              | 2.4                | 0                 |
| <b>General Disorders</b>       |                       |                  |                    |                   |
| Edema                          | 5                     | 0                | 3.6                | 0                 |

a NCI CTCAE version 3.0.

The requirement for red blood cell (13% versus 4.8%) and platelet (1.5% versus 0.6%) transfusions, erythropoiesis stimulating agents (12% versus 7%), and granulocyte colony stimulating factors (6% versus 0%) were higher in the pemetrexed arm compared to the placebo arm.

The following additional Grade 3 or 4 adverse reactions were observed more frequently in the pemetrexed arm.

Incidence 1% to < 5%

*Blood/Bone Marrow* — thrombocytopenia

*General Disorders* — febrile neutropenia

Incidence < 1%

*Cardiovascular* — ventricular tachycardia, syncope

*General Disorders* — pain

*Gastrointestinal* — gastrointestinal obstruction

*Neurologic* — depression

*Renal* — renal failure

*Vascular* — pulmonary embolism

#### *Treatment of Recurrent Disease After Prior Chemotherapy*

The safety of pemetrexed was evaluated in Study JMEI, a randomized (1:1), open-label, active-controlled trial conducted in patients who had progressed following platinum-based chemotherapy. Patients received pemetrexed 500 mg/m<sup>2</sup> intravenously or docetaxel 75 mg/m<sup>2</sup> intravenously on Day 1 of each 21-day cycle. All patients on the pemetrexed arm received folic acid and vitamin B<sub>12</sub> supplementation.

Study JMEI excluded patients with an ECOG PS of 3 or greater, uncontrolled third-space fluid retention, inadequate bone marrow reserve and organ function, or a calculated creatinine clearance < 45 mL/min. Patients unable to discontinue aspirin or other non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs or unable to take folic acid, vitamin B<sub>12</sub> or corticosteroids were also excluded from the study.

The data described below reflect exposure to pemetrexed in 265 patients in Study JMEI. Median age was 58 years (range 22 to 87 years); 73% of patients were men; 70% were White, 24% were Asian, 2.6% were Black or African American, 1.8% were Hispanic or Latino, and < 2% were other races; 19% had an ECOG PS 0.

Table 5 provides the frequency and severity of adverse reactions reported in ≥ 5% of the 265 pemetrexed-treated patients in Study JMEI. Study JMEI is not designed to demonstrate a statistically significant reduction in adverse reaction rates for pemetrexed, as compared to the control arm, for any specified adverse reaction listed in Table 5 below.

**Table 5: Adverse Reactions Occurring in  $\geq 5\%$  Fully Supplemented Patients Receiving Pemetrexed in Study JMEI**

| Adverse Reaction <sup>a</sup>  | Pemetrexed<br>(N=265) |                   | Docetaxel<br>(N=276) |                   |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
|                                | All Grades<br>(%)     | Grades 3-4<br>(%) | All Grades<br>(%)    | Grades 3-4<br>(%) |
| <b>Laboratory</b>              |                       |                   |                      |                   |
| <b>Hematologic</b>             |                       |                   |                      |                   |
| Anemia                         | 19                    | 4                 | 22                   | 4                 |
| Neutropenia                    | 11                    | 5                 | 45                   | 40                |
| Thrombocytopenia               | 8                     | 2                 | 1                    | 0                 |
| <b>Hepatic</b>                 |                       |                   |                      |                   |
| Increased ALT                  | 8                     | 2                 | 1                    | 0                 |
| Increased AST                  | 7                     | 1                 | 1                    | 0                 |
| <b>Clinical</b>                |                       |                   |                      |                   |
| <b>Constitutional Symptoms</b> |                       |                   |                      |                   |
| Fatigue                        | 34                    | 5                 | 36                   | 5                 |
| Fever                          | 8                     | 0                 | 8                    | 0                 |
| <b>Gastrointestinal</b>        |                       |                   |                      |                   |
| Nausea                         | 31                    | 3                 | 17                   | 2                 |
| Anorexia                       | 22                    | 2                 | 24                   | 3                 |
| Vomiting                       | 16                    | 2                 | 12                   | 1                 |
| Stomatitis/Pharyngitis         | 15                    | 1                 | 17                   | 1                 |
| Diarrhea                       | 13                    | 0                 | 24                   | 3                 |
| Constipation                   | 6                     | 0                 | 4                    | 0                 |
| <b>Dermatology/Skin</b>        |                       |                   |                      |                   |
| Rash/Desquamation              | 14                    | 0                 | 6                    | 0                 |
| Pruritis                       | 7                     | 0                 | 2                    | 0                 |
| Alopecia                       | 6                     | 1                 | 38                   | 2                 |

<sup>a</sup> NCI CTC version 2.

The following additional adverse reactions were observed in patients assigned to receive pemetrexed.

Incidence 1% to < 5%

*Body as a Whole* — abdominal pain, allergic reaction/hypersensitivity, febrile neutropenia, infection

*Dermatology/Skin* — erythema multiforme

*Neurology* — motor neuropathy, sensory neuropathy

Incidence < 1%

*Cardiovascular* — supraventricular arrhythmias

*Renal* — renal failure

#### Mesothelioma

The safety of pemetrexed was evaluated in Study JMCH, a randomized (1:1), single-blind study conducted in patients with MPM who had received no prior chemotherapy for MPM. Patients received pemetrexed 500 mg/m<sup>2</sup> intravenously in combination with cisplatin 75 mg/m<sup>2</sup> intravenously on Day 1 of each 21-day cycle or cisplatin 75 mg/m<sup>2</sup> intravenously on Day 1 of each 21-day cycle administered until disease progression or unacceptable toxicity. Safety was assessed in 226 patients who received at least one dose of pemetrexed in combination with cisplatin and 222 patients who received at least one dose of cisplatin alone. Among 226

patients who received pemetrexed in combination with cisplatin, 74% (n=168) received full supplementation with folic acid and vitamin B<sub>12</sub> during study therapy, 14% (n=32) were never supplemented, and 12% (n=26) were partially supplemented.

Study JMCH excluded patients with Karnofsky Performance Scale (KPS) of less than 70, inadequate bone marrow reserve and organ function, or a calculated creatinine clearance < 45 mL/min. Patients unable to stop using aspirin or other non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs were also excluded from the study.

The data described below reflect exposure to pemetrexed in 168 patients that were fully supplemented with folic acid and vitamin B<sub>12</sub>. Median age was 60 years (range 19 to 85 years); 82% were men; 92% were White, 5% were Hispanic or Latino, 3.0% were Asian, and < 1% were other races; 54% had KPS of 90-100. The median number of treatment cycles administered was 6 in the pemetrexed/cisplatin fully supplemented group and 2 in the pemetrexed/cisplatin never supplemented group. Patients receiving pemetrexed in the fully supplemented group had a relative dose intensity of 93% of the protocol-specified pemetrexed dose intensity. The most common adverse reaction resulting in dose delay was neutropenia.

Table 6 provides the frequency and severity of adverse reactions ≥ 5% in the subgroup of pemetrexed-treated patients who were fully vitamin supplemented in Study JMCH. Study JMCH was not designed to demonstrate a statistically significant reduction in adverse reaction rates for pemetrexed, as compared to the control arm, for any specified adverse reaction listed in the table below.

**Table 6: Adverse Reactions Occurring in ≥ 5% Fully Supplemented Subgroup Patients Receiving Pemetrexed/Cisplatin in Study JMCH<sup>a</sup>**

| Adverse Reaction <sup>b</sup>  | Pemetrexed/Cisplatin<br>(N=168) |                  | Cisplatin<br>(N=163) |               |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|----------------------|---------------|
|                                | All Grades<br>(%)               | Grade 3-4<br>(%) | All Grades (%)       | Grade 3-4 (%) |
| <b>Laboratory</b>              |                                 |                  |                      |               |
| <b>Hematologic</b>             |                                 |                  |                      |               |
| Neutropenia                    | 56                              | 23               | 13                   | 3             |
| Anemia                         | 26                              | 4                | 10                   | 0             |
| Thrombocytopenia               | 23                              | 5                | 9                    | 0             |
| <b>Renal</b>                   |                                 |                  |                      |               |
| Decreased creatinine clearance | 16                              | 1                | 18                   | 2             |
| Elevated creatinine            | 11                              | 1                | 10                   | 1             |
| <b>Clinical</b>                |                                 |                  |                      |               |
| <b>Gastrointestinal</b>        |                                 |                  |                      |               |
| Nausea                         | 82                              | 12               | 77                   | 6             |
| Vomiting                       | 57                              | 11               | 50                   | 4             |
| Stomatitis/Pharyngitis         | 23                              | 3                | 6                    | 0             |
| Anorexia                       | 20                              | 1                | 14                   | 1             |
| Diarrhea                       | 17                              | 4                | 8                    | 0             |
| Constipation                   | 12                              | 1                | 7                    | 1             |
| Dyspepsia                      | 5                               | 1                | 1                    | 0             |
| <b>Constitutional Symptoms</b> |                                 |                  |                      |               |
| Fatigue                        | 48                              | 10               | 42                   | 9             |
| <b>Dermatology/Skin</b>        |                                 |                  |                      |               |
| Rash                           | 16                              | 1                | 5                    | 0             |
| Alopecia                       | 11                              | 0                | 6                    | 0             |
| <b>Neurology</b>               |                                 |                  |                      |               |

| Adverse Reaction <sup>b</sup>   | Pemetrexed/Cisplatin<br>(N=168) |                  | Cisplatin<br>(N=163) |               |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|----------------------|---------------|
|                                 | All Grades<br>(%)               | Grade 3-4<br>(%) | All Grades (%)       | Grade 3-4 (%) |
| Sensory neuropathy              | 10                              | 0                | 10                   | 1             |
| Taste disturbance               | 8                               | 0                | 6                    | 0             |
| <b>Metabolism and Nutrition</b> |                                 |                  |                      |               |
| Dehydration                     | 7                               | 4                | 1                    | 1             |
| <b>Eye Disorder</b>             |                                 |                  |                      |               |
| Conjunctivitis                  | 5                               | 0                | 1                    | 0             |

a In Study JMCH, 226 patients received at least one dose of pemetrexed in combination with cisplatin and 222 patients received at least one dose of cisplatin. Table 6 provides the ADRs for subgroup of patients treated with pemetrexed in combination with cisplatin (168 patients) or cisplatin alone (163 patients) who received full supplementation with folic acid and vitamin B<sub>12</sub> during study therapy.

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The following additional adverse reactions were observed in patients receiving pemetrexed plus cisplatin.

Incidence 1% to < 5%

*Body as a Whole* — febrile neutropenia, infection, pyrexia

*Dermatology/Skin* — urticaria

*General Disorders* — chest pain

*Metabolism and Nutrition* — increased AST, increased ALT, increased GGT

*Renal* — renal failure

Incidence < 1%

*Cardiovascular* — arrhythmia

*Neurology* — motor neuropathy

*Exploratory Subgroup Analyses based on Vitamin Supplementation*

Table 7 provides the results of exploratory analyses of the frequency and severity of NCI CTCAE Grade 3 or 4 adverse reactions reported in more pemetrexed-treated patients who did not receive vitamin supplementation (never supplemented) as compared with those who received vitamin supplementation with daily folic acid and vitamin B<sub>12</sub> from the time of enrollment in Study JMCH (fully-supplemented).

**Table 7: Exploratory Subgroup Analysis of Selected Grade 3-4 Adverse Reactions Occurring in Patients Receiving Pemetrexed in Combination with Cisplatin with or without Full Vitamin Supplementation in Study JMCH<sup>a</sup>**

| Grade 3-4 Adverse Reaction           | Fully Supplemented Patients<br>(N=168) | Never Supplemented Patients<br>(N=32) |
|--------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| Neutropenia                          | 23                                     | 38                                    |
| Vomiting                             | 11                                     | 31                                    |
| Thrombocytopenia                     | 5                                      | 9                                     |
| Diarrhea                             | 4                                      | 9                                     |
| Febrile neutropenia                  | 1                                      | 9                                     |
| Infection with Grade 3-4 neutropenia | 0                                      | 6                                     |

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The following adverse reactions occurred more frequently in patients who were fully vitamin supplemented than in patients who were never supplemented:

- hypertension (11% versus 3%)
- chest pain (8% versus 6%)

- thrombosis/embolism (6% versus 3%)

#### Additional Experience Across Clinical Trials

*Sepsis, with or without neutropenia, including fatal cases:* 1%

*Severe esophagitis, resulting in hospitalization:* less than 1%

## **6.2 Postmarketing Experience**

The following adverse reactions have been identified during postapproval use of pemetrexed. Because these reactions are reported voluntarily from a population of uncertain size, it is not always possible to reliably estimate their frequency or establish a causal relationship to drug exposure.

*Blood and Lymphatic System* — immune-mediated hemolytic anemia

*Gastrointestinal* — colitis, pancreatitis

*General Disorders and Administration Site Conditions* — edema

*Injury, poisoning, and procedural complications* — radiation recall

*Respiratory* — interstitial pneumonitis

*Skin* — Serious and fatal bullous skin conditions, Stevens-Johnson syndrome, and toxic epidermal necrolysis

## **7 DRUG INTERACTIONS**

### **7.1 Effect of Other Drugs on PEMFEXY**

#### Ibuprofen

Ibuprofen increases exposure (AUC) of pemetrexed [*see Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)*]. In patients with creatinine clearance between 45 mL/min and 79 mL/min:

- Avoid administration of ibuprofen for 2 days before, the day of, and 2 days following administration of PEMFEXY [*see Dosage and Administration (2.5)*].
- Monitor patients more frequently for myelosuppression, renal, and gastrointestinal toxicity, if concomitant administration of ibuprofen cannot be avoided.

## **8 USE IN SPECIFIC POPULATIONS**

### **8.1 Pregnancy**

#### Risk Summary

Based on findings from animal studies and its mechanism of action, PEMFEXY can cause fetal harm when administered to a pregnant woman [*see Clinical Pharmacology (12.1)*]. There are no available data on pemetrexed use in pregnant women. In animal reproduction studies, intravenous administration of pemetrexed to pregnant mice during the period of organogenesis was teratogenic, resulting in developmental delays and malformations at doses lower than the recommended human dose of 500 mg/m<sup>2</sup> (*see Data*). Advise pregnant women of the potential risk to a fetus [*see use in Specific Population (8.3)*].

In the U.S. general population, the estimated background risk of major birth defects and miscarriage in clinically recognized pregnancies is 2 to 4% and 15 to 20%, respectively.

#### Data

##### *Animal Data*

Pemetrexed was teratogenic in mice. Daily dosing of pemetrexed by intravenous injection to pregnant mice during the period of organogenesis increased the incidence of fetal malformations (cleft palate; protruding tongue; enlarged or misshaped kidney; and fused lumbar vertebra) at doses (based on BSA) 0.03 times the human dose of 500 mg/m<sup>2</sup>. At doses, based on BSA, greater than or equal to 0.0012 times the 500 mg/m<sup>2</sup> human dose, pemetrexed administration resulted in dose-dependent increases in developmental delays (incomplete ossification of talus and skull bone; and decreased fetal weight).

## 8.2 Lactation

### Risk Summary

There is no information regarding the presence of pemetrexed or its metabolites in human milk, the effects on the breastfed infant, or the effects on milk production. Because of the potential for serious adverse reactions in breastfed infants from PEMFEXY, advise women not to breastfeed during treatment with PEMFEXY and for one week after last dose.

## 8.3 Females and Males of Reproductive Potential

### Pregnancy Testing

Verify pregnancy status of females of reproductive potential prior to initiating PEMFEXY [see *Use in Specific Populations* (8.1)].

### Contraception

#### *Females*

PEMFEXY can cause fetal harm when administered to a pregnant woman [see *Use in Specific Populations* (8.1)]. Because of the potential for genotoxicity, advise females of reproductive potential to use effective contraception during treatment with PEMFEXY and for 6 months after the final dose.

#### *Males*

Because of the potential for genotoxicity, advise males with female partners of reproductive potential to use effective contraception during treatment with PEMFEXY and for 3 months after the final dose [see *Nonclinical Toxicology* (13.1)].

### Infertility

#### *Males*

PEMFEXY may impair fertility in males of reproductive potential. It is not known whether these effects on fertility are reversible [see *Nonclinical Toxicology* (13.1)].

## 8.4 Pediatric Use

The safety and effectiveness of PEMFEXY in pediatric patients have not been established.

The safety and pharmacokinetics of pemetrexed were evaluated in two clinical studies conducted in pediatric patients with recurrent solid tumors. Pemetrexed was administered at doses ranging from 400 to 2480 mg/m<sup>2</sup> intravenously over 10 minutes on Day 1 of a 21-day cycle to 32 pediatric patients with recurrent solid tumors in a dose-finding study. The maximum tolerated dose (MTD) was determined to be 1910 mg/m<sup>2</sup> (60 mg/kg for patients < 12 months old). Pemetrexed was administered at the MTD every 21 days in an activity-estimating study enrolling 72 patients with relapsed or refractory osteosarcoma, Ewing sarcoma/peripheral primitive neural ectodermal tumor (PNET), rhabdomyosarcoma, neuroblastoma, ependymoma, medulloblastoma/supratentorial PNET, or non-brainstem high grade glioma. Patients in both studies received concomitant vitamin B<sub>12</sub> and folic acid supplementation and dexamethasone. No tumor responses were observed. Adverse reactions observed in pediatric patients were similar to those observed in adults.

The single dose pharmacokinetics of pemetrexed administered at doses ranging from 400 to 2480 mg/m<sup>2</sup> were evaluated in 22 patients (13 males and 9 females) aged 4 to 18 years (average age 12 years). Pemetrexed exposure (AUC and C<sub>max</sub>) appeared to increase proportionally with dose. Average clearance (2.30 L/h/m<sup>2</sup>) and half-life (2.3 hours) were similar in pediatric patients compared to adults.

## 8.5 Geriatric Use

Of the 3,946 patients enrolled in clinical studies of pemetrexed, 34% were 65 and over and 4% were 75 and over. No overall differences in effectiveness were observed between these patients and younger patients. The incidences of Grade 3-4 anemia, fatigue, thrombocytopenia, hypertension, and neutropenia were higher in

patients 65 years of age and older as compared to younger patients in at least one of five randomized clinical trials [see *Adverse Reactions (6.1)* and *Clinical Studies (14.1, 14.2)*].

## 8.6 Renal Impairment

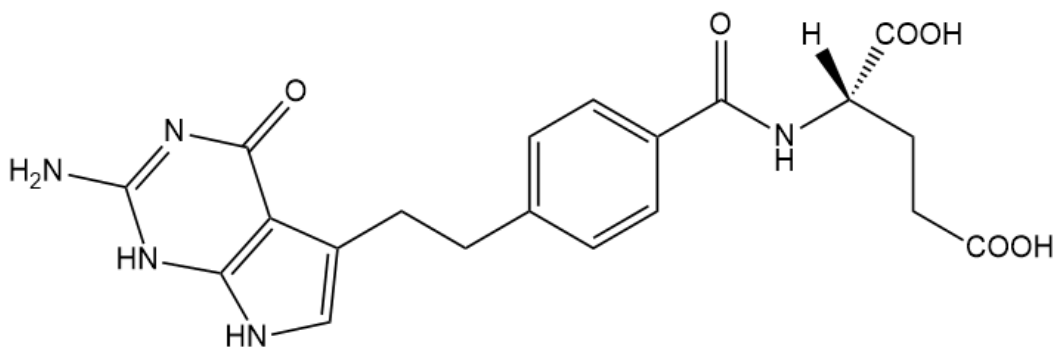
Pemetrexed is primarily excreted by the kidneys. Decreased renal function results in reduced clearance and greater exposure (AUC) to pemetrexed compared with patients with normal renal function [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.2, 5.6)* and *Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)*]. No dosage is recommended for patients with creatinine clearance less than 45 mL/min [see *Dosage and Administration (2.3)*].

## 10 OVERDOSAGE

No drugs are approved for the treatment of pemetrexed overdose. Based on animal studies, administration of leucovorin may mitigate the toxicities of pemetrexed overdose. It is not known whether pemetrexed is dialyzable.

## 11 DESCRIPTION

Pemetrexed is a folate analog metabolic inhibitor. Pemetrexed diacid, the drug substance, has the chemical name N-[4-[2-(2-amino-4,7-dihydro-4-oxo-1H-pyrrolo[2,3-d]pyrimidin-5-yl)ethyl]benzoyl]-L-glumatic acid. The molecular formula is C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>5</sub>O<sub>6</sub> and the molecular weight is 427.41. The structural formula is as follows:



PEMFEXY (pemetrexed injection) for intravenous use is a sterile, clear, colorless to yellow or green-yellow solution. Each mL contains: 25 mg pemetrexed diacid, 260 mg propylene glycol, up to 16.5-19.9 mg tromethamine, and water for injection. Additional tromethamine not exceeding 19.9 mg/mL and/or hydrochloric acid may be added for pH adjustment.

## 12 CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY

### 12.1 Mechanism of Action

Pemetrexed is a folate analog metabolic inhibitor that disrupts folate-dependent metabolic processes essential for cell replication. In vitro studies show that pemetrexed inhibits thymidylate synthase (TS), dihydrofolate reductase (DHFR), and glycinamide ribonucleotide formyltransferase (GARFT), which are folate-dependent enzymes involved in the de novo biosynthesis of thymidine and purine nucleotides. Pemetrexed is taken into cells by membrane carriers, such as the reduced folate carrier and membrane folate binding protein transport systems. Once in the cell, pemetrexed is converted to polyglutamate forms by the enzyme folylpolyglutamate synthetase. The polyglutamate forms are retained in cells and are inhibitors of TS and GARFT.

### 12.2 Pharmacodynamics

Pemetrexed inhibited the in vitro growth of mesothelioma cell lines (MSTO-211H, NCI-H2052) and showed synergistic effects when combined with cisplatin.

Based on population pharmacodynamic analyses, the depth of the absolute neutrophil counts (ANC) nadir correlates with the systemic exposure to pemetrexed and supplementation with folic acid and vitamin B<sub>12</sub>. There is no cumulative effect of pemetrexed exposure on ANC nadir over multiple treatment cycles.



## 12.3 Pharmacokinetics

### Absorption

The pharmacokinetics of pemetrexed administered as a single-agent in doses ranging from 0.2 mg/m<sup>2</sup> to 838 mg/m<sup>2</sup> infused over a 10-minute period have been evaluated in 426 patients with a variety of solid tumors. Pemetrexed total systemic exposure (AUC) and maximum plasma concentration (C<sub>max</sub>) increased proportionally with increase of dose. The pharmacokinetics of pemetrexed did not change over multiple treatment cycles.

### Distribution

Pemetrexed has a steady-state volume of distribution of 16.1 L. In vitro studies indicated that pemetrexed is 81% bound to plasma proteins.

### Elimination

The total systemic clearance of pemetrexed is 91.8 mL/min and the elimination half-life of pemetrexed is 3.5 hours in patients with normal renal function (creatinine clearance of 90 mL/min). As renal function decreases, the clearance of pemetrexed decreases and exposure (AUC) of pemetrexed increases.

### *Metabolism*

Pemetrexed is not metabolized to an appreciable extent.

### *Excretion*

Pemetrexed is primarily eliminated in the urine, with 70% to 90% of the dose recovered unchanged within the first 24 hours following administration. In vitro studies indicated that pemetrexed is a substrate of OAT3 (organic anion transporter 3), a transporter that is involved in the active secretion of pemetrexed.

### Specific Populations

Age (26 to 80 years) and sex had no clinically meaningful effect on the systemic exposure of pemetrexed based on population pharmacokinetic analyses.

### *Racial Groups*

The pharmacokinetics of pemetrexed were similar in Whites and Blacks or African Americans. Insufficient data are available for other racial groups.

### *Patients with Hepatic Impairment*

Pemetrexed has not been formally studied in patients with hepatic impairment. No effect of elevated AST, ALT, or total bilirubin on the PK of pemetrexed was observed in clinical studies.

### *Patients with Renal Impairment*

Pharmacokinetic analyses of pemetrexed included 127 patients with impaired renal function. Plasma clearance of pemetrexed decreases as renal function decreases, with a resultant increase in systemic exposure. Patients with creatinine clearances of 45, 50, and 80 mL/min had 65%, 54%, and 13% increases, respectively in systemic exposure (AUC) compared to patients with creatinine clearance of 100 mL/min [see *Dosage and Administration (2.3) and Warnings and Precautions (5.2)*].

### *Third-Space Fluid*

The pemetrexed plasma concentrations in patients with various solid tumors with stable, mild to moderate third-space fluid were comparable to those observed in patients without third space fluid collections. The effect of severe third space fluid on pharmacokinetics is not known.

### Drug Interaction Studies

#### *Drugs Inhibiting OAT3 Transporter*

Ibuprofen, an OAT3 inhibitor, administered at 400 mg four times a day decreased the clearance of pemetrexed and increased its exposure (AUC) by approximately 20% in patients with normal renal function (creatinine clearance > 80 mL/min).

#### *In Vitro Studies*

Pemetrexed is a substrate for OAT3. Ibuprofen, an OAT3 inhibitor inhibited the uptake of pemetrexed in OAT3-expressing cell cultures with an average [I<sub>u</sub>]/IC<sub>50</sub> ratio of 0.38. In vitro data predict that at clinically

relevant concentrations, other NSAIDs (naproxen, diclofenac, celecoxib) would not inhibit the uptake of pemetrexed by OAT3 and would not increase the AUC of pemetrexed to a clinically significant extent [*see Drug Interactions (7)*].

Pemetrexed is a substrate for OAT4. In vitro, ibuprofen and other NSAIDs (naproxen, diclofenac, celecoxib) are not inhibitors of OAT4 at clinically relevant concentrations.

#### *Aspirin*

Aspirin, administered in low to moderate doses (325 mg every 6 hours), does not affect the pharmacokinetics of pemetrexed.

#### *Cisplatin*

Cisplatin does not affect the pharmacokinetics of pemetrexed and the pharmacokinetics of total platinum are unaltered by pemetrexed.

#### *Vitamins*

Neither folic acid nor vitamin B12 affect the pharmacokinetics of pemetrexed.

#### *Drugs Metabolized by Cytochrome P450 Enzymes*

In vitro studies suggest that pemetrexed does not inhibit the clearance of drugs metabolized by CYP3A, CYP2D6, CYP2C9, and CYP1A2.

## **13 NONCLINICAL TOXICOLOGY**

### **13.1 Carcinogenesis, Mutagenesis, Impairment of Fertility**

No carcinogenicity studies have been conducted with pemetrexed. Pemetrexed was clastogenic in an in vivo micronucleus assay in mouse bone marrow but was not mutagenic in multiple in vitro tests (Ames assay, Chinese Hamster Ovary cell assay).

Pemetrexed administered intraperitoneally at doses of  $\geq 0.1$  mg/kg/day to male mice (approximately 0.006 times the recommended human dose based on BSA) resulted in reduced fertility, hypospermia, and testicular atrophy.

## **14 CLINICAL STUDIES**

### **14.1 Non-Squamous NSCLC**

#### Initial Treatment in Combination with Cisplatin

The efficacy of pemetrexed was evaluated in Study JMDB (NCT00087711), a multi-center, randomized (1:1), open-label study conducted in 1725 chemotherapy-naive patients with Stage IIIb/IV NSCLC. Patients were randomized to receive pemetrexed with cisplatin or gemcitabine with cisplatin. Randomization was stratified by Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group Performance Status (ECOG PS 0 versus 1), sex, disease stage, basis for pathological diagnosis (histopathological/cytopathological), history of brain metastases, and investigative center. Pemetrexed was administered intravenously over 10 minutes at a dose of 500 mg/m<sup>2</sup> on Day 1 of each 21-day cycle and cisplatin was administered intravenously at a dose of 75 mg/m<sup>2</sup> approximately 30 minutes after pemetrexed administration on Day 1 of each cycle. Gemcitabine was administered at a dose of 1250 mg/m<sup>2</sup> on Day 1 and Day 8 of each 21-day cycle and cisplatin was administered intravenously at a dose of 75 mg/m<sup>2</sup> approximately 30 minutes after administration of gemcitabine on Day 1 of each cycle. Treatment was administered up to a total of 6 cycles; patients in both arms received folic acid, vitamin B<sub>12</sub>, and dexamethasone [*see Dosage and Administration (2.4)*]. The major efficacy outcome measure was overall survival.

A total of 1725 patients were enrolled with 862 patients randomized to pemetrexed in combination with cisplatin and 863 patients to gemcitabine in combination with cisplatin. The median age was 61 years (range 26-83 years), 70% were male, 78% were White, 17% were Asian, 2.9% were Hispanic or Latino, and 2.1% were Black or African American, and <1% were other races. Among patients for whom ECOG PS (n=1722) and

smoking history (n=1516) were collected, 65% had an ECOG PS of 1, 36% had an ECOG PS of 0, and 84% were smokers. For tumor characteristics, 73% had non-squamous NSCLC and 27% had squamous NSCLC; 76% had Stage IV disease. Among 1252 patients with non-squamous NSCLC histology, 68% had a diagnosis of adenocarcinoma, 12% had large cell histology and 20% had other histologic subtypes.

Efficacy results for Study JMDB are presented in Table 8 and Figure 1.

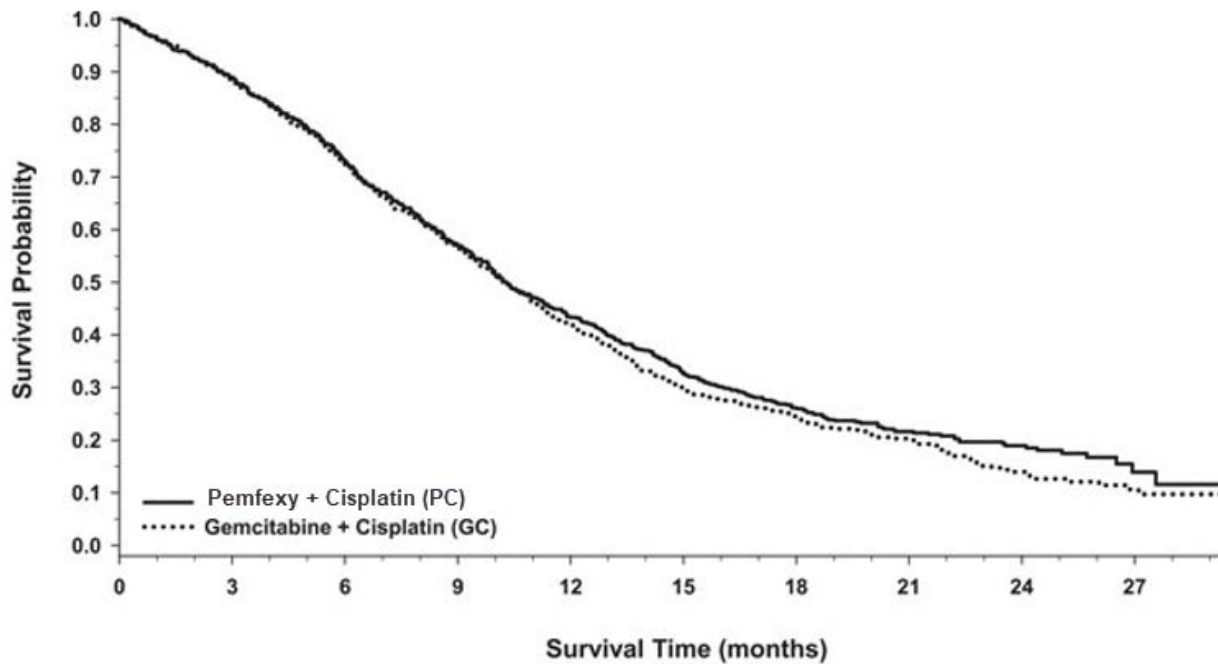
**Table 8: Efficacy Results in Study JMDB**

| Efficacy Parameter                           | Pemetrexed/Cisplatin<br>(N=862) | Gemcitabine/Cisplatin<br>(N=863) |
|--|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>Overall Survival</b>                      |                                 |                                  |
| Median (months)<br>(95% CI)                  | 10.3<br>(9.8,11.2)              | 10.3<br>(9.6,10.9)               |
| Hazard ratio (HR) <sup>a,b</sup><br>(95% CI) | 0.94<br>(0.84,1.05)             |                                  |
| <b>Progression-Free Survival</b>             |                                 |                                  |
| Median (months)<br>(95% CI)                  | 4.8<br>(4.6,5.3)                | 5.1<br>(4.6,5.5)                 |
| Hazard ratio (HR) <sup>a,b</sup><br>(95% CI) | 1.04<br>(0.94,1.15)             |                                  |
| <b>Overall Response Rate</b><br>(95% CI)     | 27.1%<br>(24.2%,30.1%)          | 24.7%<br>(21.8%,27.6%)           |

a Unadjusted for multiple comparisons.

b Adjusted for sex, stage, basis of diagnosis, and performance status

**Figure 1: Kaplan-Meier Curves for Overall Survival in Study JMDB**



**Patients at Risk**

|    |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |    |    |    |
|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|----|----|
| PC | 862 | 737 | 598 | 458 | 341 | 235 | 146 | 88 | 45 | 10 |
| GC | 863 | 731 | 590 | 456 | 327 | 209 | 139 | 78 | 34 | 14 |

In pre-specified analyses assessing the impact of NSCLC histology on overall survival, clinically relevant differences in survival according to histology were observed. These subgroup analyses are shown in Table 9

and Figure 2 and Figure 3. This difference in treatment effect for pemetrexed based on histology demonstrating a lack of efficacy in squamous cell histology was also observed in Studies JMEN and JMEI.

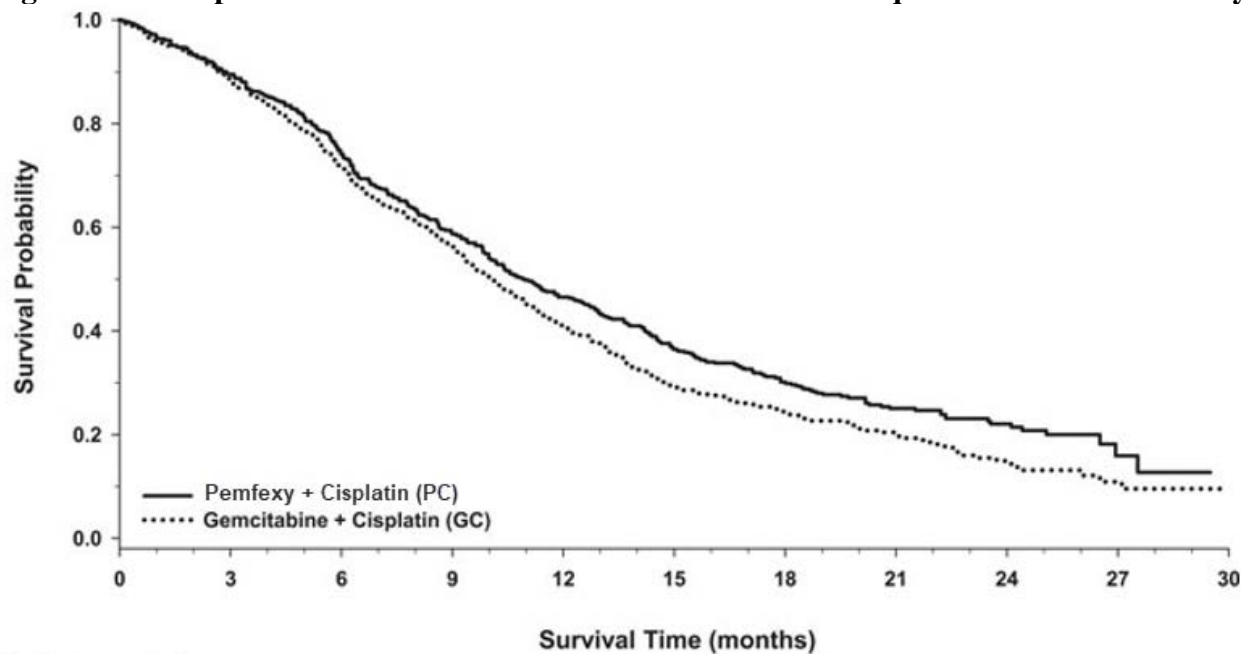
**Table 9: Overall Survival by NSCLC Histologic Subgroup in Study JMDB**

| <b>Histologic Subgroup</b>                           | <b>Pemetrexed/Cisplatin<br/>(N=862)</b> | <b>Gemcitabine/ Cisplatin<br/>(N=863)</b> |
|--|---|---|
| <b>Non-squamous NSCLC (N=1252)</b>                   |   |   |
| Median (months)<br>(95% CI)                          | 11.0<br>(10.1,12.5)                     | 10.1<br>(9.3,10.9)                        |
| Hazard ratio (HR) <sup>a,b</sup><br>(95% CI)         | 0.84<br>(0.74,0.96)                     |   |
| <b>Adenocarcinoma (N=847)</b>                        |   |   |
| Median (months)<br>(95% CI)                          | 12.6<br>(10.7,13.6)                     | 10.9<br>(10.2,11.9)                       |
| Hazard ratio (HR) <sup>a,b</sup><br>(95% CI)         | 0.84<br>(0.71,0.99)                     |   |
| <b>Large Cell (N=153)</b>                            |   |   |
| Median (months)<br>(95% CI)                          | 10.4<br>(8.6,14.1)                      | 6.7<br>(5.5,9.0)                          |
| Hazard ratio (HR) <sup>a,b</sup><br>(95% CI)         | 0.67<br>(0.48,0.96)                     |   |
| <b>Non-squamous, not otherwise specified (N=252)</b> |   |   |
| Median (months)<br>(95% CI)                          | 8.6<br>(6.8,10.2)                       | 9.2<br>(8.1,10.6)                         |
| Hazard ratio (HR) <sup>a,b</sup><br>(95% CI)         | 1.08<br>(0.81,1.45)                     |   |
| <b>Squamous Cell (N=473)</b>                         |   |   |
| Median (months)<br>(95% CI)                          | 9.4<br>(8.4,10.2)                       | 10.8<br>(9.5,12.1)                        |
| Hazard ratio (HR) <sup>a,b</sup><br>(95% CI)         | 1.23<br>(1.00,1.51)                     |   |

a Unadjusted for multiple comparisons.

b Adjusted for ECOG PS, sex, disease stage, and basis for pathological diagnosis (histopathological/cytopathological).

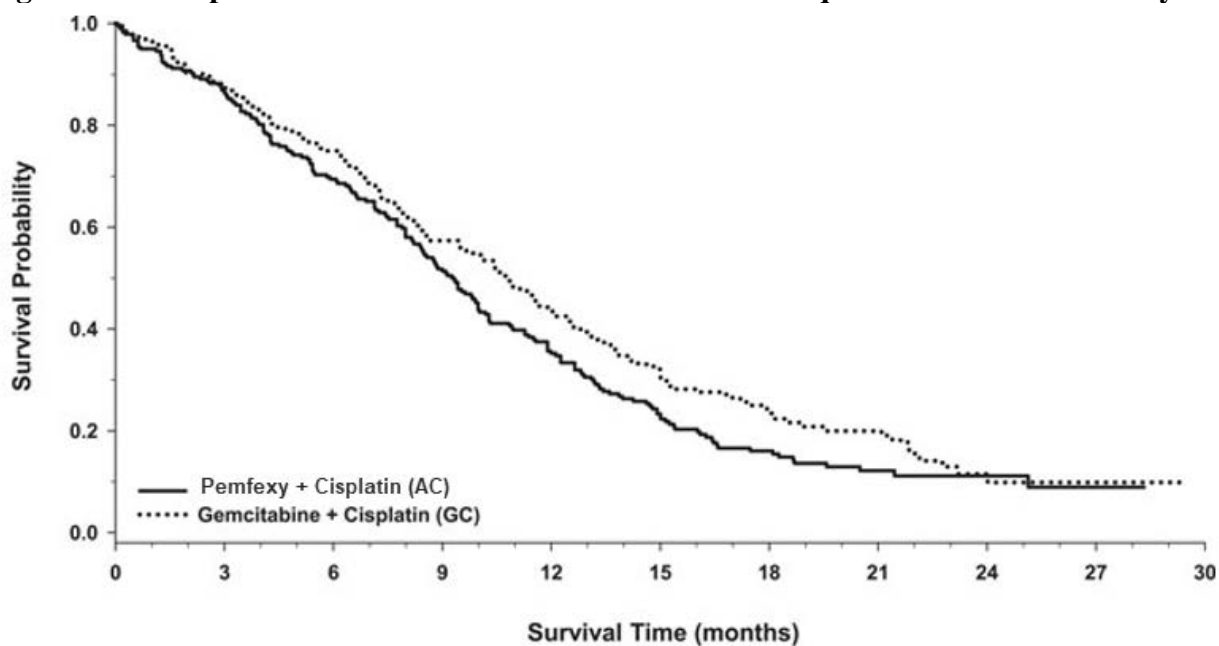
**Figure 2: Kaplan-Meier Curves for Overall Survival in Non-Squamous NSCLC in Study JMDB**



**Patients at Risk**

|    |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |    |    |    |   |
|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|----|----|---|
| PC | 618 | 533 | 437 | 341 | 264 | 188 | 118 | 72 | 37 | 8  | 0 |
| GC | 634 | 542 | 435 | 339 | 240 | 151 | 101 | 55 | 26 | 10 | 0 |

**Figure 3: Kaplan-Meier Curves for Overall Survival in Squamous NSCLC in Study JMDB**



**Patients at Risk**

|    |     |     |     |     |    |    |    |    |   |   |   |
|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|----|----|----|---|---|---|
| PC | 244 | 204 | 161 | 117 | 77 | 47 | 28 | 16 | 8 | 2 | 0 |
| GC | 229 | 189 | 155 | 117 | 87 | 58 | 38 | 23 | 8 | 4 | 0 |

Maintenance Treatment Following First-line Non-Pemetrexed Containing Platinum-Based Chemotherapy

The efficacy of pemetrexed as maintenance therapy following first-line platinum-based chemotherapy was evaluated in Study JMEN (NCT00102804), a multicenter, randomized (2:1), double-blind, placebo-controlled study conducted in 663 patients with Stage IIIb/IV NSCLC who did not progress after four cycles of platinum-

based chemotherapy. Patients were randomized to receive pemetrexed 500 mg/m<sup>2</sup> intravenously every 21 days or placebo until disease progression or intolerable toxicity. Patients in both study arms received folic acid, vitamin B<sub>12</sub> and dexamethasone [see *Dosage and Administration (2.4)*]. Randomization was carried out using a minimization approach [Pocock and Simon (1975)] using the following factors: sex, ECOG PS (0 versus 1), response to prior chemotherapy (complete or partial response versus stable disease), history of brain metastases (yes versus no), non-platinum component of induction therapy (docetaxel versus gemcitabine versus paclitaxel), and disease stage (IIIb versus IV). The major efficacy outcome measures were progression-free survival based on assessment by independent review and overall survival; both were measured from the date of randomization in Study JMEN.

A total of 663 patients were enrolled with 441 patients randomized to pemetrexed and 222 patients randomized to placebo. The median age was 61 years (range 26-83 years); 73% were male; 65% were White, 32% were Asian, 2.9% were Hispanic or Latino, and < 2% were other races; 60% had an ECOG PS of 1; and 73% were current or former smokers. Median time from initiation of platinum-based chemotherapy to randomization was 3.3 months (range 1.6 to 5.1 months) and 49% of the population achieved a partial or complete response to first-line, platinum-based chemotherapy. With regard to tumor characteristics, 81% had Stage IV disease, 73% had non-squamous NSCLC and 27% had squamous NSCLC. Among the 481 patients with non-squamous NSCLC, 68% had adenocarcinoma, 4% had large cell, and 28% had other histologies.

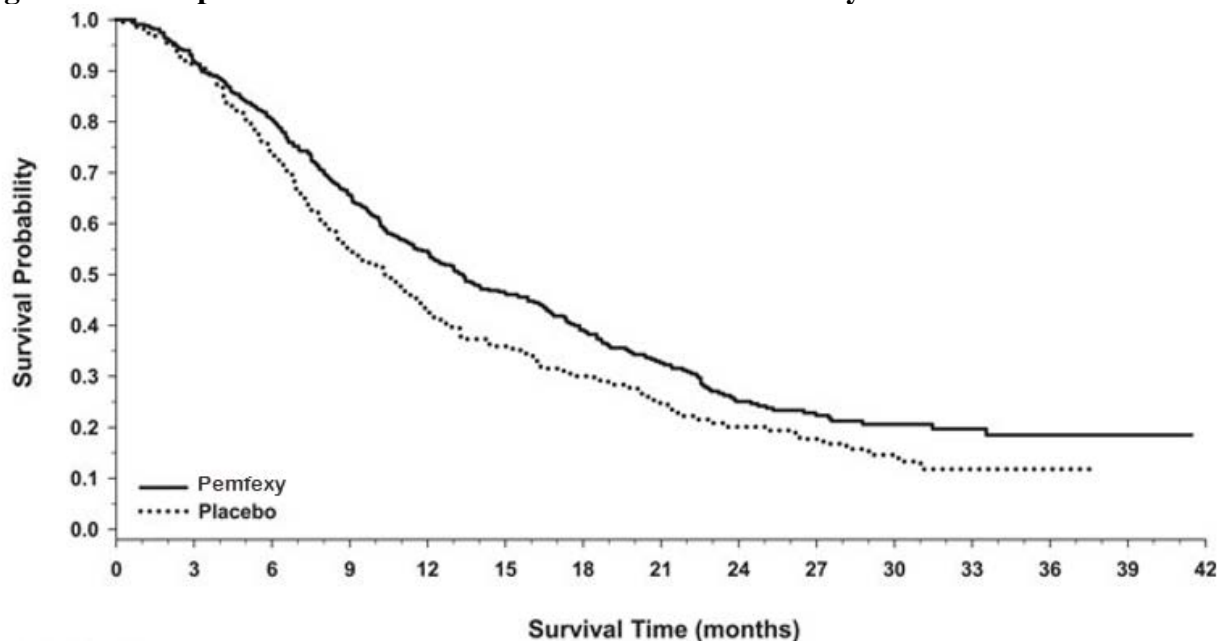
Efficacy results for Study JMEN are presented in Table 10 and Figure 4.

**Table 10: Efficacy Results in Study JMEN**

| <b>Efficacy Parameter</b>                               | <b>Pemetrexed</b>   | <b>Placebo</b>     |
|---|---------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Overall survival</b>                                 | N=441               | N=222              |
| Median (months)<br>(95% CI)                             | 13.4<br>(11.9,15.9) | 10.6<br>(8.7,12.0) |
| Hazard ratio (HR) <sup>a</sup><br>(95% CI)              | 0.79<br>(0.65,0.95) |                    |
| p-value   | p=0.012             |                    |
| <b>Progression-free survival per independent review</b> | N=387               | N=194              |
| Median (months)<br>(95% CI)                             | 4.0<br>(3.1,4.4)    | 2.0<br>(1.5,2.8)   |
| Hazard ratio (HR) <sup>a</sup><br>(95% CI)              | 0.60<br>(0.49,0.73) |                    |
| p-value   | p < 0.00001         |                    |

<sup>a</sup> Hazard ratios are adjusted for multiplicity but not for stratification variables.

**Figure 4: Kaplan-Meier Curves for Overall Survival in Study JMEN**



**Patients at Risk**

|            |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |    |    |    |    |    |    |   |   |
|------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|----|----|----|----|----|---|---|
| Pemetrexed | 441 | 396 | 340 | 274 | 221 | 179 | 141 | 97 | 63 | 45 | 29 | 19 | 11 | 2 | 0 |
| Placebo    | 222 | 200 | 160 | 119 | 93  | 76  | 60  | 40 | 29 | 20 | 13 | 6  | 4  | 0 | 0 |

The results of pre-specified subgroup analyses by NSCLC histology are presented in Table 11 and Figure 5 and Figure 6.

**Table 11: Efficacy Results by NSCLC Histologic Subgroup in Study JMEN**

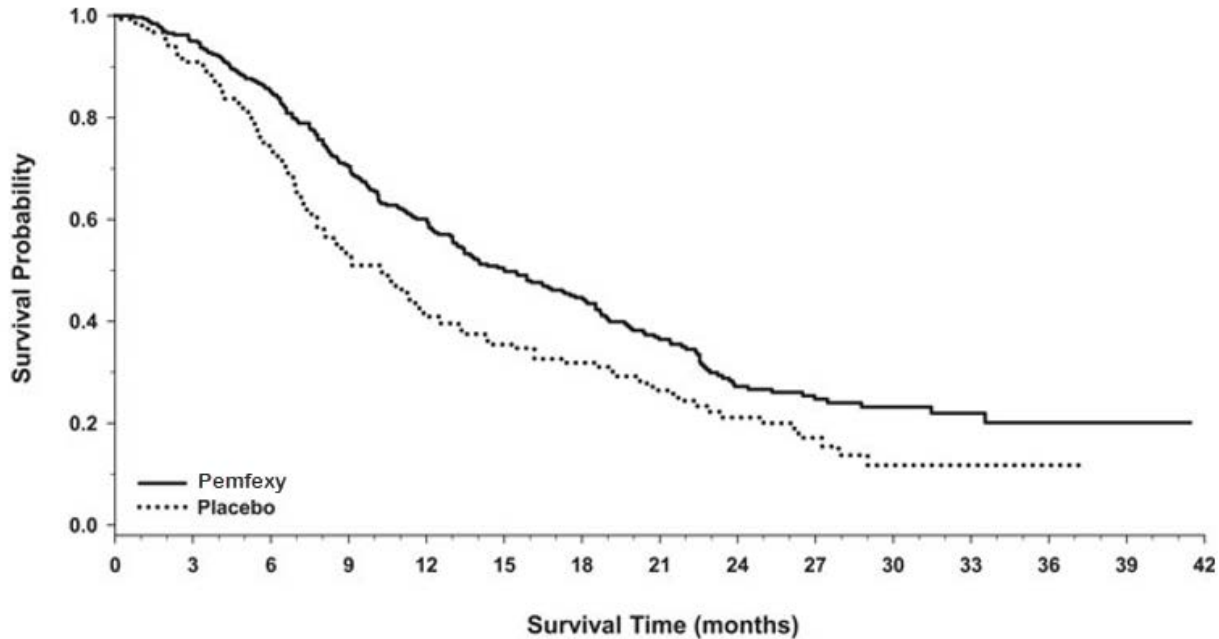
| Histologic Subgroup                        | Overall Survival    |                 | Progression-Free Survival Per Independent Review |                 |
|--|---------------------|-----------------|--|-----------------|
|  | Pemetrexed (N=441)  | Placebo (N=222) | Pemetrexed (N=387)                               | Placebo (N=194) |
| <b>Non-squamous NSCLC (n=481)</b>          |                     |                 |  |                 |
| Median (months)                            | 15.5                | 10.3            | 4.4  | 1.8             |
| Hazard ratio (HR) <sup>a</sup><br>(95% CI) | 0.70<br>(0.56,0.88) |                 | 0.47<br>(0.37,0.60)                              |                 |
| <b>Adenocarcinoma (n=328)</b>              |                     |                 |  |                 |
| Median (months)                            | 16.8                | 11.5            | 4.6  | 2.7             |
| Hazard ratio (HR) <sup>a</sup><br>(95% CI) | 0.73<br>(0.56,0.96) |                 | 0.51<br>(0.38,0.68)                              |                 |
| <b>Large cell carcinoma (n=20)</b>         |                     |                 |  |                 |
| Median (months)                            | 8.4                 | 7.9             | 4.5  | 1.5             |
| Hazard ratio (HR) <sup>a</sup><br>(95% CI) | 0.98<br>(0.36,2.65) |                 | 0.40<br>(0.12,1.29)                              |                 |
| <b>Other<sup>b</sup> (n=133)</b>           |                     |                 |  |                 |
| Median (months)                            | 11.3                | 7.7             | 4.1  | 1.6             |
| Hazard ratio (HR) <sup>a</sup><br>(95% CI) | 0.61<br>(0.40,0.94) |                 | 0.44<br>(0.28,0.68)                              |                 |
| <b>Squamous cell NSCLC (n=182)</b>         |                     |                 |  |                 |
| Median (months)                            | 9.9                 | 10.8            | 2.4  | 2.5             |

| Histologic Subgroup                        | Overall Survival      |                    | Progression-Free Survival Per Independent Review |                    |
|--|-----------------------|--------------------|--|--------------------|
|  | Pemetrexed<br>(N=441) | Placebo<br>(N=222) | Pemetrexed<br>(N=387)                            | Placebo<br>(N=194) |
| Hazard ratio (HR) <sup>a</sup><br>(95% CI) | 1.07<br>(0.77,1.50)   |                    | 1.03<br>(0.71,1.49)                              |                    |

a Hazard ratios are not adjusted for multiplicity.

b Primary diagnosis of NSCLC not specified as adenocarcinoma, large cell carcinoma, or squamous cell carcinoma.

**Figure 5: Kaplan-Meier Curves for Overall Survival in Non-Squamous NSCLC in Study JMEN**

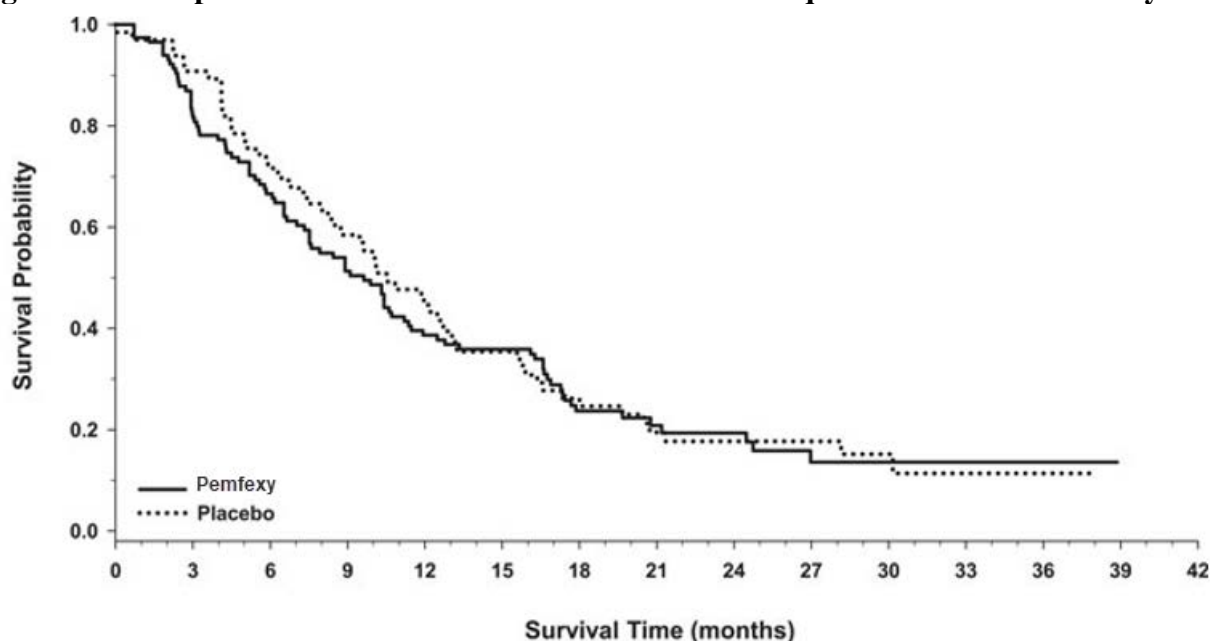


**Patients at Risk**

|            |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |    |    |    |    |    |   |   |   |
|------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|----|----|----|----|---|---|---|
| Pemetrexed | 325 | 302 | 265 | 216 | 178 | 141 | 117 | 82 | 51 | 38 | 25 | 15 | 9 | 2 | 0 |
| Placebo    | 156 | 140 | 112 | 80  | 63  | 52  | 42  | 28 | 20 | 11 | 7  | 4  | 3 | 0 | 0 |



**Figure 6: Kaplan-Meier Curves for Overall Survival in Squamous NSCLC in Study JMEN**



**Patients at Risk**

|                   | 0   | 3  | 6  | 9  | 12 | 15 | 18 | 21 | 24 | 27 | 30 | 33 | 36 | 39 | 42 |
|-------------------|-----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| <b>Pemetrexed</b> | 116 | 94 | 75 | 58 | 43 | 38 | 24 | 15 | 12 | 7  | 4  | 4  | 2  | 0  | 0  |
| <b>Placebo</b>    | 66  | 60 | 48 | 39 | 30 | 24 | 18 | 12 | 9  | 9  | 6  | 2  | 1  | 0  | 0  |

Maintenance Treatment Following First-line Pemetrexed Plus Platinum Chemotherapy

The efficacy of pemetrexed as maintenance therapy following first-line platinum-based chemotherapy was also evaluated in PARAMOUNT (NCT00789373), a multi-center, randomized (2:1), double-blind, placebo-controlled study conducted in patients with Stage IIIb/IV non-squamous NSCLC who had completed four cycles of pemetrexed in combination with cisplatin and achieved a complete response (CR) or partial response (PR) or stable disease (SD). Patients were required to have an ECOG PS of 0 or 1. Patients were randomized to receive pemetrexed 500 mg/m<sup>2</sup> intravenously every 21 days or placebo until disease progression.

Randomization was stratified by response to pemetrexed in combination with cisplatin induction therapy (CR or PR versus SD), disease stage (IIIb versus IV), and ECOG PS (0 versus 1). Patients in both arms received folic acid, vitamin B<sub>12</sub>, and dexamethasone. The main efficacy outcome measure was investigator-assessed progression-free survival (PFS) and an additional efficacy outcome measure was overall survival (OS); PFS and OS were measured from the time of randomization.

A total of 539 patients were enrolled with 359 patients randomized to pemetrexed and 180 patients randomized to placebo. The median age was 61 years (range 32 to 83 years); 58% were male; 95% were White, 4.5% were Asian, and < 1% were Black or African American; 67% had an ECOG PS of 1; 78% were current or former smokers; and 43% of the population achieved a partial or complete response to first-line, platinum-based chemotherapy. With regard to tumor characteristics, 91% had Stage IV disease, 87% had adenocarcinoma, 7% had large cell, and 6% had other histologies.

Efficacy results for PARAMOUNT are presented in Table 12 and Figure 7.

**Table 12: Efficacy Results in PARAMOUNT**

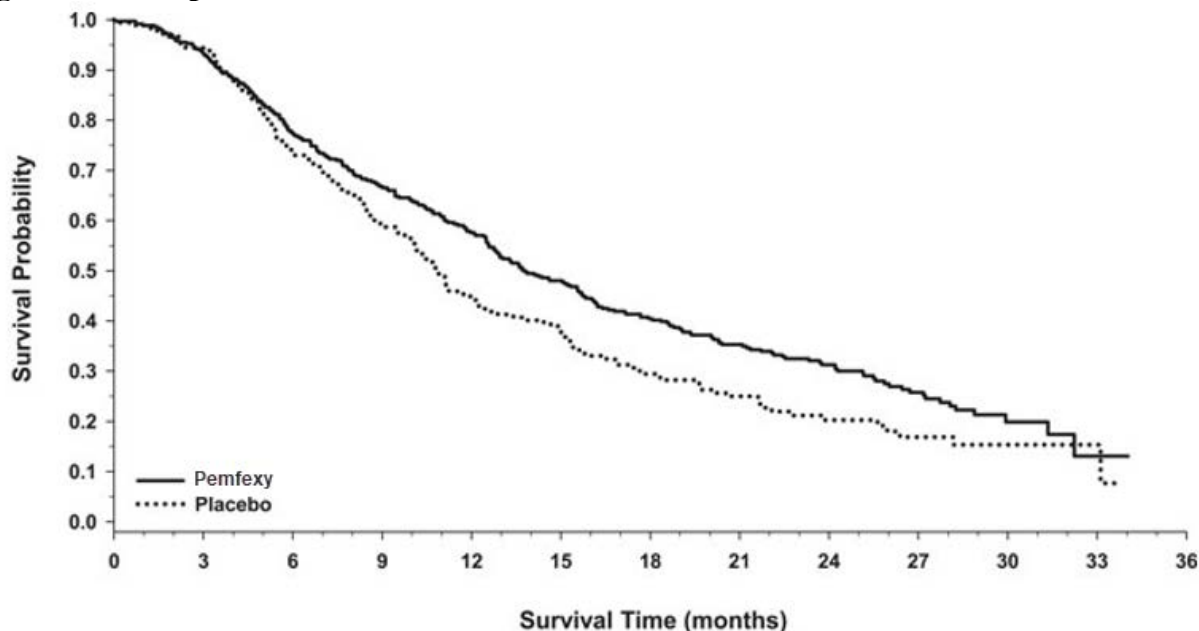
| <b>Efficacy Parameter</b>                  | <b>Pemetrexed<br/>(N=359)</b> | <b>Placebo<br/>(N=180)</b> |
|--|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>Overall survival</b>                    |                               |                            |
| Median (months)<br>(95% CI)                | 13.9<br>(12.8,16.0)           | 11.0<br>(10.0,12.5)        |
| Hazard ratio (HR) <sup>a</sup><br>(95% CI) | 0.78<br>(0.64,0.96)           |                            |

| Efficacy Parameter                           | Pemetrexed<br>(N=359) | Placebo<br>(N=180) |
|--|-----------------------|--------------------|
| p-value                                      | p=0.02                |                    |
| <b>Progression-free survival<sup>b</sup></b> |                       |                    |
| Median (months)<br>(95% CI)                  | 4.1<br>(3.2,4.6)      | 2.8<br>(2.6,3.1)   |
| Hazard ratio (HR) <sup>a</sup><br>(95% CI)   | 0.62<br>(0.49,0.79)   |                    |
| p-value                                      | p < 0.0001            |                    |

a Hazard ratios are adjusted for multiplicity but not for stratification variables.

b Based on investigator's assessment.

**Figure 7: Kaplan-Meier Curves for Overall Survival in PARAMOUNT**



**Patients at Risk**

|            |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |    |    |    |   |   |
|------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|----|----|---|---|
| Pemetrexed | 359 | 333 | 272 | 235 | 200 | 166 | 138 | 105 | 79 | 43 | 15 | 2 | 0 |
| Placebo    | 180 | 169 | 131 | 103 | 78  | 65  | 49  | 35  | 23 | 12 | 8  | 3 | 0 |

Treatment of Recurrent Disease After Prior Chemotherapy

The efficacy of pemetrexed was evaluated in Study JMEI (NCT00004881), a multicenter, randomized (1:1), open-label study conducted in patients with Stage III or IV NSCLC that had recurred or progressed following one prior chemotherapy regimen for advanced disease. Patients were randomized to receive pemetrexed 500 mg/m<sup>2</sup> intravenously or docetaxel 75 mg/m<sup>2</sup> as a 1-hour intravenous infusion once every 21 days. Patients randomized to pemetrexed also received folic acid and vitamin B<sub>12</sub>. The study was designed to show that overall survival with pemetrexed was non-inferior to docetaxel, as the major efficacy outcome measure, and that overall survival was superior for patients randomized to pemetrexed compared to docetaxel, as a secondary outcome measure.

A total of 571 patients were enrolled with 283 patients randomized to pemetrexed and 288 patients randomized to docetaxel. The median age was 58 years (range 22 to 87 years); 72% were male; 71% were White, 24% were Asian, 2.8% were Black or African American, 1.8% were Hispanic or Latino, and < 2% were other races; 88% had an ECOG PS of 0 or 1. With regard to tumor characteristics, 75% had Stage IV disease; 53% had adenocarcinoma, 30% had squamous histology; 8% large cell; and 9% had other histologic subtypes of NSCLC.

The efficacy results in the overall population and in subgroup analyses based on histologic subtype are provided in Table 13 and Table 14, respectively. Study JMEI did not show an improvement in overall survival in the intent-to-treat population. In subgroup analyses, there was no evidence of a treatment effect on survival in patients with squamous NSCLC; the absence of a treatment effect in patients with squamous NSCLC was also observed in Studies JMDB and JMEN [see *Clinical Studies (14.1)*].

**Table 13: Efficacy Results in Study JMEI**

| <b>Efficacy Parameter</b>                  | <b>Pemetrexed<br/>(N=283)</b> | <b>Docetaxel<br/>(N=288)</b> |
|--|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>Overall survival</b>                    |                               |                              |
| Median (months)<br>(95% CI)                | 8.3<br>(7.0,9.4)              | 7.9<br>(6.3,9.2)             |
| Hazard ratio (HR) <sup>a</sup><br>(95% CI) | 0.99<br>(0.82,1.20)           |                              |
| <b>Progression-free survival</b>           |                               |                              |
| Median (months)<br>(95% CI)                | 2.9<br>(2.4,3.1)              | 2.9<br>(2.7,3.4)             |
| Hazard ratio (HR) <sup>a</sup><br>(95% CI) | 0.97<br>(0.82,1.16)           |                              |
| <b>Overall response rate</b><br>(95% CI)   | 8.5%<br>(5.2%,11.7%)          | 8.3%<br>(5.1%,11.5%)         |

<sup>a</sup> Hazard ratios are not adjusted for multiplicity or for stratification variables.

**Table 14: Exploratory Efficacy Analyses by Histologic Subgroup in Study JMEI**

| <b>Histologic Subgroup</b>                 | <b>Pemetrexed<br/>(N=283)</b> | <b>Docetaxel<br/>(N=288)</b> |
|--|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>Non-squamous NSCLC (N=399)</b>          |                               |                              |
| Median (months)<br>(95% CI)                | 9.3<br>(7.8,9.7)              | 8.0<br>(6.3,9.3)             |
| Hazard ratio (HR) <sup>a</sup><br>(95% CI) | 0.89<br>(0.71,1.13)           |                              |
| <b>Adenocarcinoma (N=301)</b>              |                               |                              |
| Median (months)<br>(95% CI)                | 9.0<br>(7.6,9.6)              | 9.2<br>(7.5,11.3)            |
| Hazard ratio (HR) <sup>a</sup><br>(95% CI) | 1.09<br>(0.83,1.44)           |                              |
| <b>Large Cell (N=47)</b>                   |                               |                              |
| Median (months)<br>(95% CI)                | 12.8<br>(5.8,14.0)            | 4.5<br>(2.3,9.1)             |
| Hazard ratio (HR) <sup>a</sup><br>(95% CI) | 0.38<br>(0.18,0.78)           |                              |
| <b>Other<sup>b</sup> (N=51)</b>            |                               |                              |
| Median (months)<br>(95% CI)                | 9.4<br>(6.0,10.1)             | 7.9<br>(4.0,8.9)             |
| Hazard ratio (HR) <sup>a</sup><br>(95% CI) | 0.62<br>(0.32,1.23)           |                              |
| <b>Squamous NSCLC (N=172)</b>              |                               |                              |

| Histologic Subgroup                        | Pemetrexed<br>(N=283) | Docetaxel<br>(N=288) |
|--|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Median (months)<br>(95% CI)                | 6.2<br>(4.9,8.0)      | 7.4<br>(5.6,9.5)     |
| Hazard ratio (HR) <sup>a</sup><br>(95% CI) | 1.32<br>(0.93,1.86)   |                      |

a Hazard ratio unadjusted for multiple comparisons.

b Primary diagnosis of NSCLC not specified as adenocarcinoma, large cell carcinoma, or squamous cell carcinoma.

## 14.2 Mesothelioma

The efficacy of pemetrexed was evaluated in Study JMCH (NCT00005636), a multicenter, randomized (1:1), single-blind study conducted in patients with MPM who had received no prior chemotherapy. Patients were randomized (n=456) to receive pemetrexed 500 mg/m<sup>2</sup> intravenously over 10 minutes followed 30 minutes later by cisplatin 75 mg/m<sup>2</sup> intravenously over two hours on Day 1 of each 21-day cycle or to receive cisplatin 75 mg/m<sup>2</sup> intravenously over 2 hours on Day 1 of each 21-day cycle; treatment continued until disease progression or intolerable toxicity. The study was modified after randomization and treatment of 117 patients to require that all patients receive folic acid 350 mcg to 1000 mcg daily beginning 1 to 3 weeks prior to the first dose of pemetrexed and continuing until 1 to 3 weeks after the last dose, vitamin B<sub>12</sub> 1000 mcg intramuscularly 1 to 3 weeks prior to first dose of pemetrexed and every 9 weeks thereafter, and dexamethasone 4 mg orally, twice daily, for 3 days starting the day prior to each pemetrexed dose. Randomization was stratified by multiple baseline variables including KPS, histologic subtype (epithelial, mixed, sarcomatoid, other), and sex. The major efficacy outcome measure was overall survival and additional efficacy outcome measures were time to disease progression, overall response rate, and response duration.

A total of 448 patients received at least one dose of protocol-specified therapy; 226 patients were randomized to and received at least one dose of pemetrexed plus cisplatin, and 222 patients were randomized to and received cisplatin. Among the 226 patients who received cisplatin with pemetrexed, 74% received full supplementation with folic acid and vitamin B<sub>12</sub> during study therapy, 14% were never supplemented, and 12% were partially supplemented. Across the study population, the median age was 61 years (range: 20 to 86 years); 81% were male; 92% were White, 5% were Hispanic or Latino, 3.1% were Asian, and < 1% were other races; and 54% had a baseline KPS score of 90-100% and 46% had a KPS score of 70-80%. With regard to tumor characteristics, 46% had Stage IV disease, 31% Stage III, 15% Stage II, and 7% Stage I disease at baseline; the histologic subtype of mesothelioma was epithelial in 68% of patients, mixed in 16%, sarcomatoid in 10% and other histologic subtypes in 6%. The baseline demographics and tumor characteristics of the subgroup of fully supplemented patients was similar to the overall study population.

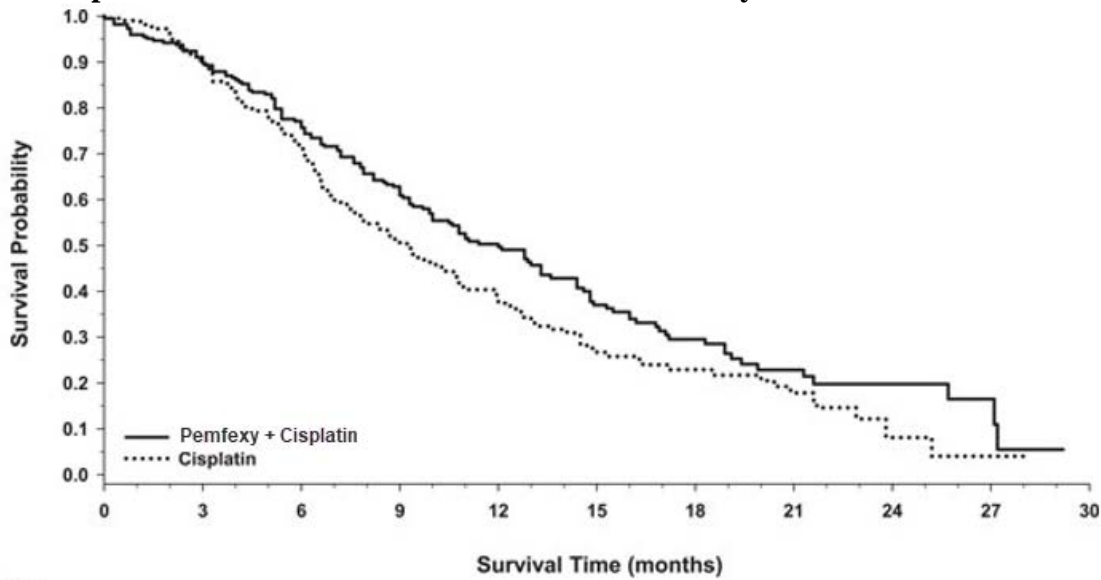
The efficacy results from Study JMCH are summarized in Table 15 and Figure 8.

**Table 15: Efficacy Results in Study JMCH**

| Efficacy Parameter             | All Randomized and Treated Patients<br>(N=448) |                      | Fully Supplemented Patients<br>(N=331) |                      |
|--------------------------------|--|----------------------|--|----------------------|
|                                | Pemetrexed/<br>Cisplatin<br>(N=226)            | Cisplatin<br>(N=222) | Pemetrexed/<br>Cisplatin<br>(N=168)    | Cisplatin<br>(N=163) |
| <b>Overall survival</b>        |  |                      |  |                      |
| Median (months)<br>(95% CI)    | 12.1<br>(10.0,14.4)                            | 9.3<br>(7.8,10.7)    | 13.3<br>(11.4,14.9)                    | 10.0<br>(8.4,11.9)   |
| Hazard ratio (HR) <sup>a</sup> | 0.77   |                      | 0.75                                   |                      |
| Log rank p-value               | 0.020  |                      | NA <sup>b</sup>                        |                      |

a Hazard ratios are not adjusted for stratification variables.

**Figure 8: Kaplan-Meier Curves for Overall Survival in Study JMCH**



**Patients at Risk**

|                            | 0   | 3   | 6   | 9   | 12 | 15 | 18 | 21 | 24 | 27 | 30 |
|----------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| <b>Pemfexy + Cisplatin</b> | 226 | 201 | 166 | 128 | 84 | 50 | 32 | 17 | 8  | 4  | 0  |
| <b>Cisplatin</b>           | 222 | 195 | 153 | 104 | 63 | 31 | 21 | 14 | 3  | 1  | 0  |

Based upon prospectively defined criteria (modified Southwest Oncology Group methodology), the objective tumor response rate for pemetrexed plus cisplatin was greater than the objective tumor response rate for cisplatin alone. There was also improvement in lung function (forced vital capacity) in the pemetrexed plus cisplatin arm compared to the control arm.

**15 REFERENCES**

1. “OSHA Hazardous Drugs.” *OSHA*. <http://www.osha.gov/SLTC/hazardousdrugs/index.html>

**16 HOW SUPPLIED/STORAGE AND HANDLING**

PEMFEXY (pemetrexed injection) is a clear, colorless to yellow or green-yellow solution supplied in a multi-dose vial for intravenous use.

NDC 42367-531-33: Carton containing one (1) multi-dose vial of 500 mg/20 mL (25 mg/mL).

Store refrigerated at 2°C to 8°C (36°F to 46°F).

PEMFEXY is a cytotoxic drug. Follow applicable special handling and disposal procedures.<sup>1</sup>

**17 PATIENT COUNSELING INFORMATION**

Advise the patient to read the FDA-approved patient labeling ([Patient Information](#)).

- **Premedication and Concomitant Medication:** Instruct patients to take folic acid as directed and to keep appointments for vitamin B<sub>12</sub> injections to reduce the risk of treatment-related toxicity. Instruct patients of the requirement to take corticosteroids to reduce the risks of treatment-related toxicity [see *Dosage and Administration (2.4) and Warnings and Precautions (5.1)*].
- **Myelosuppression:** Inform patients of the risk of low blood cell counts and instruct them to immediately contact their physician for signs of infection, fever, bleeding, or symptoms of anemia [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.1)*].

- **Renal Failure:** Inform patients of the risks of renal failure, which may be exacerbated in patients with dehydration arising from severe vomiting or diarrhea. Instruct patients to immediately contact their healthcare provider for a decrease in urine output [*see Warnings and Precautions (5.2)*].
- **Bullous and Exfoliative Skin Disorders:** Inform patients of the risks of severe and exfoliative skin disorders. Instruct patients to immediately contact their healthcare provider for development of bullous lesions or exfoliation in the skin or mucous membranes [*see Warnings and Precautions (5.3)*].
- **Interstitial Pneumonitis:** Inform patients of the risks of pneumonitis. Instruct patients to immediately contact their healthcare provider for development of dyspnea or persistent cough [*see Warnings and Precautions (5.4)*].
- **Radiation Recall:** Inform patients who have received prior radiation of the risks of radiation recall. Instruct patients to immediately contact their healthcare provider for development of inflammation or blisters in an area that was previously irradiated [*see Warnings and Precautions (5.5)*].
- **Increased Risk of Toxicity with Ibuprofen in Patients with Renal Impairment:** Advise patients with mild to moderate renal impairment of the risks associated with concomitant ibuprofen use and instruct them to avoid use of all ibuprofen containing products for 2 days before, the day of, and 2 days following administration of PEMFEXY [*see Dosage and Administration (2.5), Warnings and Precautions (5.6), and Drug Interactions (7)*].
- **Embryo-Fetal Toxicity:**
  - Advise females of reproductive potential and males with female partners of reproductive potential of the potential risk to a fetus. Advise females to inform their healthcare provider of a known or suspected pregnancy [*see Warnings and Precautions (5.4) and Use in Specific Populations (8.1)*].
  - Advise females of reproductive potential to use effective contraception during treatment with PEMFEXY and for 6 months after the final dose [*see Use in Specific Populations (8.3)*].
  - Advise males with female partners of reproductive potential to use effective contraception during treatment with PEMFEXY and for 3 months after the final dose [*see Use in Specific Populations (8.3), Nonclinical Toxicology (13.1)*].
- **Lactation:** Advise women not to breastfeed during treatment with PEMFEXY and for 1 week after the final dose [*see Use in Specific Populations (8.2)*].

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PATIENT INFORMATION  
PEMFEXY(Pem-FECKS-ee)  
(pemetrexed injection)

**What is PEMFEXY?**

PEMFEXY is a prescription medicine used to treat:

- **a kind of lung cancer called non-squamous non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC).** PEMFEXY is used:
  - as the first treatment in combination with cisplatin when your lung cancer has spread (advanced NSCLC).
  - alone as maintenance treatment after you have received 4 cycles of chemotherapy that contains platinum for first treatment of your advanced NSCLC and your cancer has not progressed.
  - alone when your lung cancer has returned or spread after prior chemotherapy.PEMFEXY is not for use for the treatment of people with squamous cell non-small cell lung cancer.
- **a kind of cancer called malignant pleural mesothelioma.** This cancer affects the lining of the lungs and chest wall. PEMFEXY is used in combination with cisplatin as the first treatment for malignant pleural mesothelioma that cannot be removed by surgery or you are not able to have surgery.

It is not known if PEMFEXY is safe and effective in children.

**Do not take PEMFEXY** if you have had a severe allergic reaction to any medicine that contains pemetrexed.

**Before taking PEMFEXY, tell your healthcare provider about all of your medical conditions, including if you:**

- have kidney problems.
- have had radiation therapy.
- are pregnant or plan to become pregnant. PEMFEXY can harm your unborn baby.
  - Your healthcare provider should do a pregnancy test before you start your treatment with PEMFEXY.
  - **Females** who are able to become pregnant should use effective birth control (contraception) during treatment with PEMFEXY and for 6 months after the final dose. Tell your healthcare provider right away if you become pregnant or think you are pregnant during treatment with PEMFEXY.
- **Males** with female partners who are able to become pregnant should use effective birth control (contraception) during treatment with PEMFEXY and for 3 months after the final dose.
- are breastfeeding or plan to breastfeed. It is not known if PEMFEXY passes into breast milk. Do not breastfeed during treatment with PEMFEXY and for 1 week after the final dose.

**Tell your healthcare provider about all the medicines you take**, including prescription and over-the-counter medicines, vitamins, and herbal supplements.

**Tell your healthcare provider if you have kidney problems and take a medicine that contains ibuprofen.** You should avoid taking ibuprofen for 2 days before, the day of, and 2 days after receiving treatment with PEMFEXY.

**How is PEMFEXY given?**

- **It is very important to take folic acid and vitamin B<sub>12</sub> during your treatment with PEMFEXY to lower your risk of harmful side effects.**
  - Take folic acid exactly as prescribed by your healthcare provider 1 time a day, beginning 7 days (1 week) before your first dose of PEMFEXY and continue taking folic acid until 21 days (3 weeks) after your last dose of PEMFEXY.
  - Your healthcare provider will give you vitamin B<sub>12</sub> injections during treatment with PEMFEXY. You will get your first vitamin B<sub>12</sub> injection 7 days (1 week) before your first dose of PEMFEXY, and then every 3 cycles.
- Your healthcare provider will prescribe a medicine called corticosteroid for you to take 2 times a day for 3 days, beginning the day before each treatment with PEMFEXY.
- PEMFEXY is given to you by intravenous (IV) infusion into your vein. The infusion is given over 10 minutes.
- PEMFEXY is usually given 1 time every 21 days (3 weeks).

**What are the possible side effects of PEMFEXY?**

**PEMFEXY can cause serious side effects, including:**

- **Low blood cell counts.** Low blood cell counts can be severe, including low white blood cell counts (neutropenia), low platelet counts (thrombocytopenia), and low red blood cell counts (anemia). Your healthcare provider will do blood test to check your blood cell counts regularly during your treatment with PEMFEXY. **Tell your healthcare provider right away if you have any signs of infection, fever, bleeding, or severe tiredness during your treatment with PEMFEXY.**

- **Kidney problems, including kidney failure.** PEMFEXY can cause severe kidney problems that can lead to death. Severe vomiting or diarrhea can lead to loss of fluids (dehydration) which may cause kidney problems to become worse. Tell your healthcare provider right away if you have a decrease in the amount of urine you make.
- **Severe skin reactions.** Severe skin reactions that may lead to death can happen with PEMFEXY. Tell your healthcare provider right away if you develop blisters, skin sores, skin peeling, or painful sores, or ulcers in your mouth, nose, throat or genital area.
- **Lung problems (pneumonitis).** PEMFEXY can cause serious lung problems that can lead to death. Tell your healthcare provider right away if you get any new or worsening symptoms of shortness of breath, cough, or fever.
- **Radiation recall.** Radiation recall is a skin reaction that can happen in people who have received radiation treatment in the past and are treated with PEMFEXY. Tell your healthcare provider if you get swelling, blistering, or a rash that looks like a sunburn in an area that was previously treated with radiation.

**The most common side effects of PEMFEXY when given alone are:**

- tiredness
- nausea
- loss of appetite

**The most common side effects of PEMFEXY when given with cisplatin are:**

- vomiting
- swelling or sores in your mouth or sore throat
- constipation
- low white blood cell counts (neutropenia)
- low platelet counts (thrombocytopenia)
- low red blood cell counts (anemia)

PEMFEXY may cause fertility problems in males. This may affect your ability to father a child. It is not known if these effects are reversible. Talk to your healthcare provider if this is a concern for you.

Your healthcare provider will do blood test to check for side effects during treatment with PEMFEXY. Your healthcare provider may change your dose of PEMFEXY, delay treatment, or stop treatment if you have certain side effects.

Tell your healthcare provider if you have any side effect that bothers you or that does not go away.

These are not all of the possible side effects of PEMFEXY. For more information, ask your healthcare provider or pharmacist.

Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects. You may report side effects to FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088.

**General information about the safe and effective use of PEMFEXY.**

Medicines are sometimes prescribed for purposes other than those listed in a Patient Information leaflet. You can ask your pharmacist or healthcare provider for information about PEMFEXY that is written for health professionals.

**What are the ingredients in PEMFEXY?**

**Active ingredient:** pemetrexed

**Inactive ingredients:** propylene glycol, tromethamine, and water for injection. Additional tromethamine or hydrochloric acid may be added for pH adjustment.

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