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Opdivo (nivolumab) Demonstrates Superior Recurrence-Free Survival Versus Yervoy (ipilimumab) for Patients with Resected High-Risk Melanoma in Phase 3 CheckMate -238 Study

(PRINCETON, NJ, Sept. 10, 2017) – Bristol-Myers Squibb Company (NYSE: BMY) announced that treatment with Opdivo (nivolumab) 3 mg/kg resulted in a significant improvement in recurrence-free survival (RFS) compared to Yervoy (ipilimumab) 10 mg/kg in patients with stage IIIb/c or stage IV melanoma following complete surgical resection. Following the July 5 announcement of topline results, detailed findings from the phase 3 CheckMate -238 study will be highlighted on September 11 during the European Society for Medical Oncology (ESMO) 2017 Congress in Madrid, Spain as part of the press program at 8:15 a.m. CEST and in Presidential Symposium 3 (LBA8) at 4:30 p.m. CEST. The results are also being published simultaneously in the New England Journal of Medicine.

Bristol-Myers Squibb (BMS) has a robust clinical development program for Opdivo monotherapy and in combination with other Immuno-Oncology and non-Immuno-Oncology therapies across more than 350 clinical trials. BMS is studying Opdivo in approximately 50 types of cancer, across solid tumors and hematologic malignancies, and is utilizing its translational medicine capabilities to tailor approaches with the goal of providing maximal benefit for individual patients.

In Japan, Ono Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd. (ONO) launched Opdivo for the treatment of unresectable melanoma in September 2014. ONO received an approval for additional indication of unresectable, advanced or recurrent non-small cell lung cancer in December 2015, unresectable or metastatic renal cell cancer in August 2016, relapsed or refractory classical Hodgkin lymphoma in December 2016 and recurrent or metastatic head and neck cancer in March 2017. In addition, ONO has submitted supplemental application for additional indication of gastric cancer, and is conducting clinical development program including esophageal cancer, gastro-esophageal junction cancer, small cell lung cancer, hepatocellular carcinoma, glioblastoma, urothelial cancer, malignant pleural mesothelioma, ovarian cancer, biliary tract cancer, etc. Opdivo is currently approved in more than 60 countries, including Japan, the United States and the European Union.

In Japan, ONO and BMS (and BMS Japan subsidiary BMSKK) have formed a strategic partnership that includes co-development, co-commercialization, and co-promotion of multiple immunotherapies for patients with cancer.

Please click here for the press release distributed by BMS.

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