

## **ANNEX I**

### **SUMMARY OF PRODUCT CHARACTERISTICS**

▼ This medicinal product is subject to additional monitoring. This will allow quick identification of new safety information. Healthcare professionals are asked to report any suspected adverse reactions. See section 4.8 for how to report adverse reactions.

## **1. NAME OF THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT**

Farydak 10 mg hard capsules  
Farydak 15 mg hard capsules  
Farydak 20 mg hard capsules

## **2. QUALITATIVE AND QUANTITATIVE COMPOSITION**

### Farydak 10 mg hard capsules

Each hard capsule contains panobinostat lactate anhydrous equivalent to 10 mg panobinostat.

### Farydak 15 mg hard capsules

Each hard capsule contains panobinostat lactate anhydrous equivalent to 15 mg panobinostat.

### Farydak 20 mg hard capsules

Each hard capsule contains panobinostat lactate anhydrous equivalent to 20 mg panobinostat.

For the full list of excipients, see section 6.1.

## **3. PHARMACEUTICAL FORM**

Hard capsule (capsule).

### Farydak 10 mg hard capsules

Light green opaque hard gelatin capsule (15.6–16.2 mm) containing white to almost white powder, with radial marking “LBH 10 mg” in black ink on cap and two radial bands in black ink on body.

### Farydak 15 mg hard capsules

Orange opaque hard gelatin capsule (19.1–19.7 mm) containing white to almost white powder, with radial marking “LBH 15 mg” in black ink on cap and two radial bands in black ink on body.

### Farydak 20 mg hard capsules

Red opaque hard gelatin capsule (19.1–19.7 mm) containing white to almost white powder, with radial marking “LBH 20 mg” in black ink on cap and two radial bands in black ink on body.

## 4. CLINICAL PARTICULARS

### 4.1 Therapeutic indications

Farydak, in combination with bortezomib and dexamethasone, is indicated for the treatment of adult patients with relapsed and/or refractory multiple myeloma who have received at least two prior regimens including bortezomib and an immunomodulatory agent.

### 4.2 Posology and method of administration

Treatment with Farydak should be initiated by a physician experienced in the use of anti-cancer therapies.

#### Posology

The recommended starting dose of panobinostat is 20 mg, taken orally once a day, on days 1, 3, 5, 8, 10 and 12 of a 21-day cycle. Patients should be treated initially for eight cycles. It is recommended that patients with clinical benefit continue the treatment for eight additional cycles. The total duration of treatment is up to 16 cycles (48 weeks).

Panobinostat is administered in combination with bortezomib and dexamethasone, as shown in Tables 1 and 2. The bortezomib and dexamethasone prescribing information should be consulted prior to the start of the combination treatment to assess whether a dose reduction is required.

The recommended dose of bortezomib is 1.3 mg/m<sup>2</sup> given as an injection. The recommended dose of dexamethasone is 20 mg taken orally on a full stomach.

**Table 1 Recommended dosing schedule of panobinostat in combination with bortezomib and dexamethasone (cycles 1-8)**

Cycles 1-8 (3-week cycles)	Week 1 Days						Week 2 Days						Week 3
<b>Farydak</b>	1		3		5		8		10		12		Rest period
<b>Bortezomib</b>	1			4			8			11			Rest period
<b>Dexamethasone</b>	1	2		4	5		8	9		11	12		Rest period

**Table 2 Recommended dosing schedule of panobinostat in combination with bortezomib and dexamethasone (cycles 9-16)**

Cycles 9-16 (3-week cycles)	Week 1 Days						Week 2 Days						Week 3
<b>Farydak</b>	1		3		5		8		10		12		Rest period
<b>Bortezomib</b>	1						8						Rest period
<b>Dexamethasone</b>	1	2					8	9					Rest period

### Monitoring recommendations

#### *Blood cell counts*

A complete blood cell count must be performed before initiating treatment with panobinostat. The baseline platelet count should be  $\geq 100 \times 10^9/l$  and the baseline absolute neutrophil count (ANC)  $\geq 1.0 \times 10^9/l$ . Complete blood counts should be frequently monitored during treatment (in particular before each injection of bortezomib, i.e. on days 1, 4, 8 and 11 of cycles 1 to 8 and on days 1 and 8 of cycles 9 to 16), especially for thrombocytopenia (see section 4.4). Prior to initiating any cycle of therapy with panobinostat in combination with bortezomib and dexamethasone, platelet count should be at least  $\geq 100 \times 10^9/l$  (see section 4.4). Additional blood counts should be considered during the “rest period” – e.g. on days 15 and/or 18, especially in patients  $\geq 65$  years and patients with a baseline platelet count below  $150 \times 10^9/l$ .

#### *ECG*

Panobinostat may increase the QTc interval (see section 4.4). Therefore an ECG should be recorded prior to the start of therapy and repeated periodically before each treatment cycle. QTcF should be  $< 480$  msec prior to initiation of treatment with panobinostat (see below section on dose adjustments and section 4.4).

#### *Blood electrolytes*

Blood electrolytes, especially potassium, magnesium and phosphorus, should be measured at baseline and monitored periodically as clinically indicated, especially in patients with diarrhoea. Abnormal values should be corrected as clinically indicated (see section 4.4).

#### *Liver function tests*

Liver function should be monitored prior to treatment and regularly during treatment as clinically indicated, especially in patients with hepatic impairment (see section 4.4).

#### *Thyroid function tests*

Mild hypothyroidism was reported in patients treated with panobinostat + bortezomib + dexamethasone in Study D2308; some patients required treatment (see section 4.4). Thyroid and pituitary function should be monitored by measuring hormone levels (e.g. free T4 and TSH) as clinically indicated.

### Dose adjustments

Modification of the treatment dose and/or schedule may be required based on individual tolerability. Clinical judgement on how to continue the treatment should be exercised when a patient experiences an adverse drug reaction.

If a dose reduction is required, the dose of panobinostat should be reduced by decrements of 5 mg (i.e. from 20 mg to 15 mg or from 15 mg to 10 mg). The dose should not be reduced below 10 mg and the same treatment schedule (3-week treatment cycle) should be kept.

*Thrombocytopenia*

Platelet counts should be monitored prior to each dose of bortezomib (i.e. on days 1, 4, 8 and 11 of cycles 1-8, see Table 1, and on days 1 and 8 of cycles 9-16, see Table 2). If patients experience thrombocytopenia, panobinostat may need to be temporarily withheld and the subsequent dose may need to be reduced (see Table 3). In patients with platelet count  $<50 \times 10^9/l$  (complicated by bleeding) or  $<25 \times 10^9/l$ , Farydak therapy should be withheld and resumed at a reduced dose upon recovery to platelet count  $\geq 50 \times 10^9/l$ . Platelet counts should be monitored at least twice a week until  $\geq 50 \times 10^9/l$ . Platelet transfusions may be required, if clinically indicated (see section 4.4). Discontinuation of treatment may be considered if thrombocytopenia does not improve despite the treatment modifications described below and/or the patient requires repeated platelet transfusions. Additionally, dose adjustment of bortezomib may be considered (see bortezomib SmPC and Table 3).

**Table 3 Recommended dose modifications for thrombocytopenia**

Thrombocytopenia grade on day of treatment	Modification of panobinostat starting dose	Panobinostat dose on recovery to grade 2 thrombocytopenia ( $\geq 50 \times 10^9/l$ )	Modification of bortezomib starting dose	Bortezomib dose on recovery to grade 2 thrombocytopenia ( $\geq 50 \times 10^9/l$ )	
				1 dose omitted	More than 1 dose omitted
Grade 3 Platelets $<50 \times 10^9/l$ with bleeding	Omit dose	Resume at reduced dose	Omit dose	Resume at same dose	Resume at reduced dose
Grade 4 Platelets $<25 \times 10^9/l$	Omit dose	Resume at reduced dose	Omit dose	Resume at same dose	Resume at reduced dose

*Gastrointestinal toxicity*

Gastrointestinal toxicity is very common in patients treated with panobinostat. Patients who experience diarrhoea and nausea or vomiting may require temporary dose discontinuation or dose reduction as outlined in Table 4.

**Table 4 Recommended dose modifications for gastrointestinal toxicity**

Adverse drug reaction	Grade on day of treatment	Modification of panobinostat starting dose	Panobinostat dose on recovery to $\leq$ grade 1	Modification of bortezomib starting dose	Bortezomib dose on recovery to $\leq$ grade 1
Diarrhoea	Grade 2 despite anti-diarrhoeal medicinal product	Omit dose	Resume at the same dose	Omit dose	Resume at reduced dose or change to once weekly
	Grade 3 despite anti-diarrhoeal medicinal product	Omit dose	Resume at reduced dose	Omit dose	Resume at reduced dose or with the same dose but with a once-weekly schedule
	Grade 4 despite anti-diarrhoeal medicinal product	Permanently discontinue		Permanently discontinue	

At the first sign of abdominal cramping, loose stools or onset of diarrhoea, it is recommended that the patient be treated with an anti-diarrhoeal medicinal product (e.g. loperamide).

In the event of grade 3 nausea or grade 3 or 4 vomiting despite administration of an anti-emetic, panobinostat should be temporarily discontinued and resumed at a reduced dose on recovery to grade 1.

Prophylactic anti-emetics should be administered at the discretion of the physician and in accordance with local medical practice (see section 4.4).

#### *Neutropenia*

Neutropenia may require temporary or permanent dose reduction. Instructions for dose interruptions and reductions for panobinostat are outlined in Table 5.

**Table 5 Recommended dose modifications for neutropenia**

<b>Neutropenia grade on day of treatment</b>	<b>Modification of panobinostat starting dose</b>	<b>Panobinostat dose on recovery to grade 2 neutropenia (<math>&lt;1.5-1.0 \times 10^9/l</math>)</b>	<b>Modification of bortezomib starting dose</b>	<b>Bortezomib dose on recovery to grade 2 neutropenia (<math>&lt;1.5-1.0 \times 10^9/l</math>)</b>
Grade 3 neutropenia ( $<1.0-0.5 \times 10^9/l$ )	Omit dose	Resume at same dose	Omit dose	Resume at same dose
Grade 4 neutropenia ( $<0.5 \times 10^9/l$ ) or febrile neutropenia ( $<1.0 \times 10^9/l$ and fever $\geq 38.5^\circ\text{C}$ )	Omit dose	Resume at reduced dose	Omit dose	Resume at same dose

In the event of grade 3 or 4 neutropenia, physicians should consider the use of growth factors (e.g. G-CSF) according to local guidelines. Discontinuation of treatment may be considered if neutropenia does not improve despite the dose modifications and/or despite the addition of granulocyte colony stimulating factor therapy according to local medical practice and treatment guidelines, and/or in the event of severe secondary infections.

#### *QTc prolongation*

In the event of long QT interval prior to initiation of panobinostat (QTcF  $\geq 480$  msec at baseline), the start of treatment should be delayed until pre-dose average QTcF has returned to  $<480$  msec. In addition any abnormal serum potassium, magnesium or phosphorus values should be corrected prior to initiation of Farydak therapy (see section 4.4). In the event of QT prolongation during treatment:

- The dose should be omitted, if QTcF is  $\geq 480$  msec or above 60 msec from baseline.
- If QT prolongation is resolved within 7 days, resume treatment at prior dose for initial occurrence or at reduced dose if QT prolongation is recurrent.
- If QT prolongation is unresolved within 7 days, treatment should be discontinued.
- If any QTcF value is above 500 msec, Farydak therapy should be permanently discontinued.

#### *Other adverse drug reactions*

For patients experiencing severe adverse drug reactions other than thrombocytopenia, gastrointestinal toxicity, neutropenia or QTc prolongation, the recommendation is the following:

- CTC grade 2 toxicity recurrence or CTC grades 3 and 4 - omit the dose until recovery to CTC grade  $\leq 1$  and resume treatment at a reduced dose.
- CTC grade 3 or 4 toxicity recurrence - a further dose reduction may be considered once the adverse event has resolved to CTC grade  $\leq 1$ .

Special populations*Patients with renal impairment*

Plasma exposure of panobinostat is not altered in cancer patients with mild to severe renal impairment. Therefore, starting dose adjustments are not necessary. Panobinostat has not been studied in patients with end-stage renal disease (ESRD) or patients on dialysis (see section 5.2).

*Patients with hepatic impairment*

A clinical study in cancer patients with impaired hepatic function showed that plasma exposure of panobinostat increased by 43% (1.4-fold) and 105% (2-fold) in patients with mild and moderate hepatic impairment, respectively. Patients with mild hepatic impairment should be started on panobinostat at a reduced dose of 15 mg during the first treatment cycle. A dose escalation from 15 mg to 20 mg may be considered based on patient tolerability. Patients with moderate hepatic impairment should be started on panobinostat at a reduced dose of 10 mg during the first treatment cycle. A dose escalation from 10 mg to 15 mg may be considered based on patient tolerability. Frequency of monitoring of these patients should be increased during treatment with panobinostat, particularly during the dose escalation phase. Panobinostat should not be administered in patients with severe hepatic impairment due to lack of experience and safety data in this population. Adjustment of bortezomib dose should also be considered (see bortezomib SmPC and Table 6).

**Table 6 Recommended starting dose modification for patients with hepatic impairment**

Grade of hepatic impairment*	Bilirubin level	SGOT (AST) levels	Modification of panobinostat starting dose	Modification of bortezomib starting dose
Mild	$\leq 1.0 \times \text{ULN}$	$> \text{ULN}$	Reduce panobinostat dose to 15 mg in the first treatment cycle. Consider dose escalation up to 20 mg in subsequent cycles based on patient tolerability.	None
	$> 1.0 \times \text{ULN}$ and $\leq 1.5 \times \text{ULN}$	Any		
Moderate	$> 1.5 \times \text{ULN}$ and $\leq 3.0 \times \text{ULN}$	Any	Reduce panobinostat dose to 10 mg in the first treatment cycle. Consider dose escalation up to 15 mg in subsequent cycles based on patient tolerability.	Reduce bortezomib dose to $0.7 \text{ mg/m}^2$ in the first treatment cycle. Consider dose escalation to $1.0 \text{ mg/m}^2$ or further dose reduction to $0.5 \text{ mg/m}^2$ in subsequent cycles based on patient tolerability.
SGOT = serum glutamic oxaloacetic transaminase; AST = aspartate aminotransferase ULN = upper limit of the normal range * Based on NCI-CTEP classification				

*Elderly population*

Patients over 65 years of age had a higher frequency of selected adverse events and of discontinuation of treatment because of adverse events. It is recommended to monitor patients over 65 years of age more frequently, especially for thrombocytopenia and gastrointestinal toxicity (see sections 4.4 and 4.8).

For patients >75 years of age, depending on the patient's general condition and concomitant diseases, an adjustment of the starting doses or schedule of the components of the combination regimen may be considered. Panobinostat may be started at a dose of 15 mg, and if tolerated in the first cycle escalated to 20 mg in the second cycle. Bortezomib may be started at 1.3 mg/m<sup>2</sup> once weekly on days 1 and 8, and dexamethasone at 20 mg on days 1 and 8.

#### *Paediatric population*

There is no relevant use of panobinostat in paediatric patients below the age of 18 years in the indication multiple myeloma (see section 5.2).

#### *Strong CYP3A4 inhibitors*

In patients who take concomitant medicinal products which are strong CYP3A and/or Pgp inhibitors, including, but not limited to, ketoconazole, itraconazole, voriconazole, ritonavir, saquinavir, telithromycin, posaconazole and nefazodone, the dose of panobinostat should be reduced to 10 mg (see section 4.5). If continuous treatment with a strong CYP3A4 inhibitor is required, a dose escalation from 10 mg to 15 mg panobinostat may be considered based on patient tolerability.

In patients with hepatic impairment receiving concomitant medicinal products which are strong CYP3A4 inhibitors, treatment with panobinostat should be avoided due to lack of experience and safety data in this patient population.

Strong CYP3A inhibitors should not be started in patients who have already received a reduced dose of panobinostat due to adverse events. If this is unavoidable, patients should be closely monitored and further dose reduction or discontinuation may be considered as clinically indicated (see section 4.5).

#### Method of administration

Farydak should be administered orally once daily on scheduled days only, at the same time each day. The capsules should be swallowed whole with water, with or without food (see section 5.2), and they should not be opened, crushed or chewed. If a dose is missed, it can be taken up to 12 hours after the specified dose time. If vomiting occurs the patient should not take an additional dose, but should take the next usual prescribed dose.

### **4.3 Contraindications**

Hypersensitivity to the active substance or to any of the excipients listed in section 6.1.  
Breast-feeding (see section 4.6).

### **4.4 Special warnings and precautions for use**

Panobinostat is used in combination treatment, therefore the prescribing information of bortezomib and dexamethasone should be consulted prior to initiation of treatment with panobinostat.

#### Decrease in blood cell count

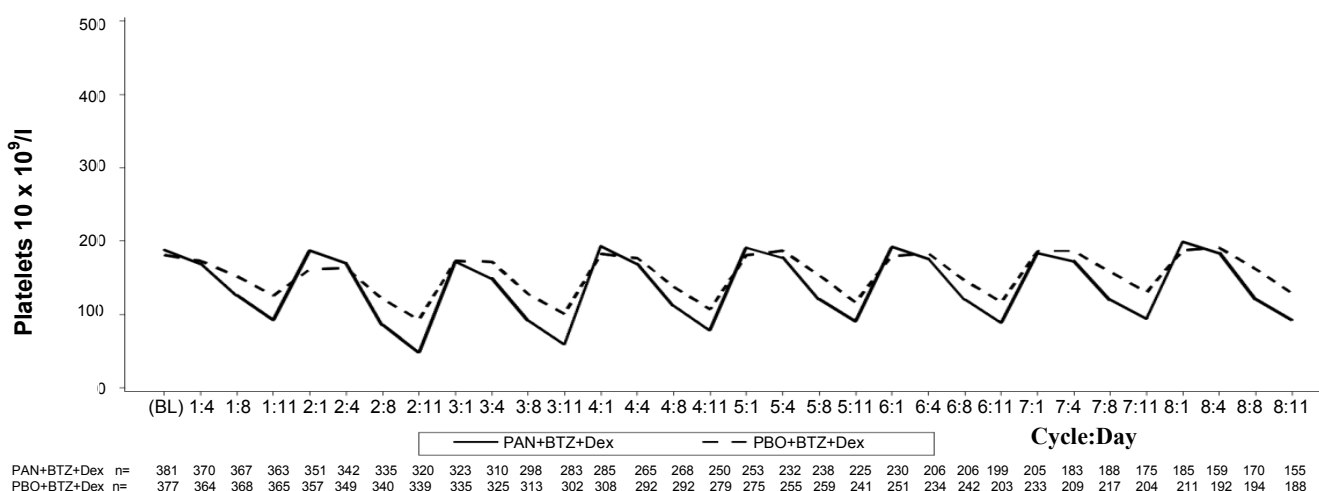
Haematological adverse drug reactions, including severe thrombocytopenia, neutropenia and anaemia (CTC grade 3 to 4) were reported in patients treated with panobinostat. Therefore a complete blood count must be performed before initiating therapy with panobinostat, with frequent monitoring during treatment (in particular before each injection of bortezomib as per bortezomib SmPC).

The platelet count should be  $\geq 100 \times 10^9/l$  and the absolute neutrophil count  $\geq 1.0 \times 10^9/l$  prior to initiation of treatment. Platelet count should be  $\geq 100 \times 10^9/l$  prior to initiating any cycle of treatment (see section 4.2).



In the phase III study, thrombocytopenia typically recovered to baseline by the start of the next 21-day cycle (see Figure 1). The median time to onset for grade 3 and 4 thrombocytopenia was one month and the median time to recovery was 12 days.

**Figure 1 Median platelet counts over time (Study D2308, Safety set, cycles 1-8)**



PAN=panobinostat  
BTZ= bortezomib  
Dex = dexamethasone

In patients with CTC grade 3 thrombocytopenia (platelet count  $<50 \times 10^9/l$  with bleeding) panobinostat may need to be temporarily withheld and/or the subsequent dose may need to be reduced. Platelet transfusions may be required as clinically indicated (see sections 4.2 and 4.8).

### Haemorrhage

Haemorrhage has been reported in patients during treatment with panobinostat. CTC grade 3 or 4 haemorrhage was reported in 4.2% of patients, including cases of gastrointestinal and pulmonary haemorrhage with fatal outcomes. Therefore, physicians and patients should be aware of the increased risk of thrombocytopenia and the potential for haemorrhage, especially in patients with coagulation disorders or in those who are receiving chronic anti-coagulation therapy.

### Infection

Localised and systemic infections, including pneumonia, other bacterial infections, invasive fungal infections such as aspergillosis or candidiasis, and viral infections including hepatitis B virus and herpes simplex, have been reported in patients taking panobinostat. Some of these infections (e.g. pneumonia) have been severe (e.g. leading to sepsis, or respiratory or multi-organ failure) and have had fatal outcomes (see section 4.8). Of note, whereas grade 3 and grade 4 neutropenia were observed in 28% and 7% of patients, respectively, febrile neutropenia was observed in 1% of patients (see section 4.8). Physicians and patients should be aware of the increased risk of infection with panobinostat.

Farydak treatment should not be initiated in patients with active infections. Pre-existing infections should be treated prior to initiation of the therapy. Patients should be monitored for signs and symptoms of infections during treatment with panobinostat; if a diagnosis of infection is made, appropriate anti-infective treatment should be instituted promptly and interruption or discontinuation of Farydak considered.

If a diagnosis of invasive systemic fungal infection is made, panobinostat should be discontinued and appropriate anti-fungal therapy instituted.

### Gastrointestinal disorders

Severe nausea, diarrhoea, constipation and vomiting, sometimes requiring the use of anti-emetic and anti-diarrhoeal medicinal products, have been reported in patients treated with Farydak (see section 4.8). Fluid and electrolyte blood levels, especially potassium, magnesium and phosphate, should be monitored periodically during therapy and corrected as clinically indicated to prevent potential dehydration and electrolyte disturbances (see section 4.2).

Prophylactic anti-emetics (e.g. prochlorperazine) may be considered at the discretion of the physician and in accordance with local medical practice. Anti-emetic medicinal products with a known risk of QT prolongation such as dolasetron, granisetron, ondansetron and tropisetron should be used with caution (see section 4.5).

At the first sign of abdominal cramping, loose stools or onset of diarrhoea, it is recommended that the patient be treated with anti-diarrhoeal medicinal product (e.g. loperamide) or any additional treatment in accordance with local treatment guidelines. Replacement intravenous fluids and electrolytes may be used as appropriate. Medicinal products with laxative properties should be used with caution because of the potential for exacerbation of diarrhoea. Patients should be advised to contact their physician to discuss the use of any laxative product.

### Electrocardiographic changes

Panobinostat may prolong cardiac ventricular repolarisation (QT interval).

No episodes of QTcF prolongation >500 msec were reported with the dose of 20 mg Farydak in the phase III clinical study, in combination with bortezomib and dexamethasone. Pooled clinical data from over 500 patients treated with panobinostat alone in multiple indications and at different dose levels have shown that the incidence of CTC grade 3 QTc prolongation (QTcF >500 msec) was approximately 1% overall and 5% or more at a dose of 60 mg or higher; no episodes of torsades de pointes were observed.

Additional analysis suggests that the risk of QTc prolongation does not increase over time (see section 4.2).

QTcF should be <480 msec prior to initiation of treatment with Farydak.

Appropriate monitoring of electrolytes (e.g. potassium, magnesium and phosphorus) and ECG should be performed at baseline and periodically during treatment, particularly in patients with severe gastrointestinal adverse drug reaction (see section 4.2).

Farydak should be used with caution in patients who already have or who are at significant risk of developing QTc prolongation. This includes patients:

- with long QT syndrome.
- with uncontrolled or significant cardiac disease, including recent myocardial infarction, congestive heart failure, unstable angina or clinically significant bradycardia.

Concomitant administration of medicinal products that are known to cause QTc prolongation should be used with caution (see section 4.5).

In case of concomitant use of agents that may increase panobinostat plasma concentrations, such as strong CYP3A4 inhibitors, dose adjustment is required (see sections 4.5 and 4.2).

### Hepatotoxicity

Hepatic dysfunction, primarily mild transient elevations in aminotransferases and total bilirubin, has been reported in patients during treatment with panobinostat.

Liver function should be monitored prior to treatment and regularly during treatment. If results of liver function tests show abnormalities according to the NCI-CTEP classification, dose adjustments for patients with mild and moderate hepatic impairment are recommended and the patient should be followed until values return to normal or pre-treatment levels. Panobinostat should not be administered in patients with severe hepatic impairment due to lack of experience and safety data in this population. Adjustment of bortezomib dose should also be considered (see bortezomib SmPC and Table 6).

### Elderly population

It is recommended to monitor patients over 65 years of age more frequently, especially for thrombocytopenia and gastrointestinal toxicity (see section 4.8 and section 4.2).

For patients >75 years of age, depending on the patient's general condition and concomitant diseases, an adjustment of the starting doses or schedule of the components of the combination regimen may be considered (see section 4.2).

### Strong CYP3A4 inducers

Strong inducers may reduce the efficacy of panobinostat, therefore the concomitant use of strong CYP3A4 inducers including, but not limited to, carbamazepine, phenobarbital, phenytoin, rifabutin, rifampicin and St. John's Wort (*Hypericum perforatum*), should be avoided (see section 4.5).

### Women of childbearing potential

Women of childbearing potential taking panobinostat in combination with bortezomib and dexamethasone must use highly effective contraception for three months after stopping treatment (see sections 4.5 and 4.6 and bortezomib and dexamethasone SmPC). Women using hormonal contraceptives should additionally use a barrier method of contraception.

### Hypothyroidism

Hypothyroidism events were reported in 8 of 381 patients treated with panobinostat + bortezomib + dexamethasone in Study D2308, of whom 2 required treatment. Thyroid and pituitary function should be monitored by measuring hormone levels (e.g. free T4 and TSH) as clinically indicated (see section 4.2).

## **4.5 Interaction with other medicinal products and other forms of interaction**

Farydak metabolism is through both non-CYP and CYP mediated routes. Approximately 40% of panobinostat is metabolised through CYP3A4. Metabolism via CYP2D6 and 2C19 was minor. Therefore, medicinal products that can influence CYP3A4 enzyme activity may alter the pharmacokinetics of panobinostat. Panobinostat is a P-gp substrate.

### Agents that may increase panobinostat plasma concentrations

Co-administration of a single 20 mg panobinostat dose with ketoconazole, a strong CYP3A inhibitor, increased the  $C_{max}$  and AUC of panobinostat by 1.6- and 1.8-fold, respectively, compared to when panobinostat was given alone.

In patients who take concomitant medicinal products which are strong CYP3A and/or Pgp inhibitors, including, but not limited to, ketoconazole, itraconazole, voriconazole, ritonavir, saquinavir, telithromycin, posaconazole and nefazodone, the dose of panobinostat should be reduced (see section 4.2).

Patients should be instructed to avoid star fruit, grapefruit, grapefruit juice, pomegranates and pomegranate juice, as these are known to inhibit cytochrome P450 3A enzymes and may increase the bioavailability of panobinostat.

#### Agents that are predicted to decrease panobinostat concentrations

The panobinostat fraction metabolised through CYP3A4 is approximately 40%. In clinical studies in multiple myeloma, the exposure of panobinostat was decreased by approximately 20% by the concomitant use of dexamethasone, which is a dose-dependent mild/moderate CYP3A4 inducer. Strong inducers are expected to have greater effects, and may reduce the efficacy of panobinostat, therefore the concomitant use of strong CYP3A4 inducers including, but not limited to, carbamazepine, phenobarbital, phenytoin, rifabutin, rifampicin and St. John's Wort (*Hypericum perforatum*), should be avoided.

#### Agents whose plasma concentrations may be increased by panobinostat

Panobinostat increased the  $C_{max}$  and the AUC of dextromethorphan (a substrate of CYP2D6) by 1.8- and 1.6-fold, respectively, and it cannot be excluded that the effect may be larger on a more sensitive CYP2D6 substrate. Avoid panobinostat use in patients who are taking CYP2D6 substrates with a narrow therapeutic index (including, but not limited to, pimozide). When Farydak is co-administered with sensitive CYP2D6 substrates (e.g. atomoxetine, dextromethorphan, metoprolol, nebivolol, perphenazine and pimozide), dose titrate individual CYP2D6 substrates based on tolerability and frequently monitor patients for adverse reactions.

#### Agents whose plasma exposure can be decreased by panobinostat

##### Hormonal contraceptives

It is currently unknown whether panobinostat may reduce the effectiveness of hormonal contraceptives. In addition, when panobinostat is administered together with dexamethasone, which is known to be a weak to moderate inducer of CYP3A4 as well as other enzymes and transporters, the risk for reduced efficacy of contraceptives needs to be considered. Women using hormonal contraceptives should additionally use a barrier method of contraception.

No data is available that can be used to exclude the risk that panobinostat could be a weak inducer of the enzyme CYP3A4 in the gastrointestinal tract. This could potentially lead to slightly decreased exposure to sensitive CYP3A4 substrates.

#### Anticipated pharmacodynamic interactions

##### Prolongation of QT interval

Based on preclinical and clinical data, panobinostat has the potential to prolong the QT interval. Concomitant use of anti-arrhythmic medicinal products (including, but not limited to, amiodarone, disopyramide, procainamide, quinidine and sotalol) and other substances that are known to prolong the QT interval (including, but not limited to, chloroquine, halofantrine, clarithromycin, methadone, moxifloxacin, bepridil and pimozide) is not recommended. Anti-emetic medicinal products with a known risk of QT prolongation such as dolasetron, granisetron, ondansetron and tropisetron should be used with caution (see section 4.4).

## 4.6 Fertility, pregnancy and lactation

### Women of child-bearing potential/Contraception in males and females

Based on findings in animals, the likelihood of panobinostat increasing the risk of both foetal death and developmental skeletal abnormalities when administered to pregnant women is predicted to be high. Women of child-bearing potential should have a pregnancy test prior to the initiation of treatment with Farydak and must use a highly effective method of contraception during treatment and for three months after the last dose of Farydak. Women using hormonal contraceptives should additionally use a barrier method of contraception.

Due to its cytostatic/cytotoxic mode of action, panobinostat can influence the quality of sperm formed during treatment. Sexually active men taking Farydak and their female partners should use a highly effective method of contraception during the man's treatment and for six months after his last dose of Farydak.

When panobinostat is administered together with dexamethasone, which is known to be a weak to moderate inducer of CYP3A4 as well as other enzymes and transporters, the risk for reduced efficacy of hormonal contraceptives needs to be considered. In addition, it is currently unknown whether panobinostat may reduce the effectiveness of hormonal contraceptives, and therefore women using hormonal contraceptives should additionally use a barrier method of contraception.

### Pregnancy

There are no clinical studies on the use of Farydak in pregnant patients. Studies in animals have shown reproductive and embryo-foetal toxicity (see section 5.3). Given panobinostat's cytostatic/cytotoxic mode of action, the potential risk to the foetus is high. Farydak should only be used during pregnancy if the expected benefits outweigh the potential risks to the foetus. If it is used during pregnancy or if the patient becomes pregnant while using it, the patient must be informed of the potential risk to the foetus.

### Breast-feeding

It is unknown whether panobinostat is excreted in human milk. Given its cytostatic/cytotoxic mode of action, breast-feeding is contraindicated during Farydak treatment (see section 4.3).

### Fertility

Based on non-clinical findings, male fertility may be compromised by treatment with Farydak (see section 5.3).

## 4.7 Effects on ability to drive and use machines

Farydak may have a minor influence on the ability to drive and use machines. Dizziness may occur following administration of Farydak (see section 4.8).

## 4.8 Undesirable effects

### Summary of the safety profile

The safety data of panobinostat have been assessed from a total of 451 patients with multiple myeloma treated with panobinostat in combination with bortezomib and dexamethasone and from a total of 278 patients treated with panobinostat as a single agent.

The safety data reported below are based on the phase III clinical study (Panorama 1) in 381 patients with multiple myeloma treated with 20 mg panobinostat once a day three times per week, on a 2 weeks on and 1 week off dosing regimen in combination with bortezomib and dexamethasone.

The median duration of exposure in the study was 5.0 months. 15.7% of patients were exposed to study treatment for  $\geq 48$  weeks.

The most common non-haematological adverse reactions were diarrhoea, fatigue, nausea and vomiting.

Treatment-emergent haematological toxicities included thrombocytopenia, anaemia, neutropenia and lymphopenia.

QTcF  $>480$  and  $<500$  msec was recorded in 1.3% of patients and change from baseline of  $>60$  msec was observed in 0.8% of patients. No patient had an absolute QTcF  $>500$  msec.

Cardiac events (most frequently atrial fibrillation, tachycardia, palpitation and sinus tachycardia) were reported in 17.6% of panobinostat + bortezomib + dexamethasone-treated patients versus 9.8% of placebo + bortezomib + dexamethasone-treated patients and syncope events were reported in 6.0% versus 2.4%, respectively.

Discontinuation due to adverse events, regardless of causality, was observed in 36.2% of patients. The most common adverse events (AEs) leading to treatment discontinuation were diarrhoea (4.5%), asthenia and fatigue (2.9% each) and pneumonia (1.3%).

On-treatment deaths not due to the study indication (multiple myeloma) were reported in 6.8% of panobinostat + bortezomib + dexamethasone-treated patients versus 3.2% of placebo + bortezomib + dexamethasone-treated patients.

#### Tabulated list of adverse drug reactions from clinical studies

Adverse drug reactions from the phase III study (Panorama 1) are shown in Table 7. Adverse drug reactions are listed according to system organ classes in MedDRA. Within each system organ class, the adverse drug reactions are ranked by frequency, with the most frequent reactions first. Within each frequency grouping, adverse drug reactions are presented in order of decreasing seriousness. In addition, the corresponding frequency category for each adverse drug reaction is based on the following convention (CIOMS III): very common ( $\geq 1/10$ ); common ( $\geq 1/100$  to  $<1/10$ ); uncommon ( $\geq 1/1,000$  to  $<1/100$ ); rare ( $\geq 1/10,000$  to  $<1/1,000$ ); very rare ( $<1/10,000$ ); and not known (cannot be estimated from available data).

Table 7 includes adverse drug reactions that occur due to the addition of panobinostat to the bortezomib and dexamethasone combination. The frequency category reflects the combination of all the medicinal products i.e. panobinostat + bortezomib + dexamethasone. For adverse drug reactions that are related to bortezomib or dexamethasone treatment, please refer to the relevant SmPC.

**Table 7 Panobinostat adverse drug reactions observed in multiple myeloma patients in the phase III study**

System Organ Class	Frequency	Adverse reaction
Infections and infestations	Very common	Upper respiratory tract infection, pneumonia
	Common	Septic shock, urinary tract infection, viral infection, oral herpes, <i>Clostridium difficile</i> colitis, otitis media, cellulitis, sepsis, gastroenteritis, lower respiratory tract infection, candidiasis
	Uncommon	Pneumonia fungal, hepatitis B, aspergillosis
Blood and lymphatic system disorders <sup>a</sup>	Very common	Pancytopenia, thrombocytopenia, anaemia, leukopenia, neutropenia, lymphopenia
Endocrine disorders	Common	Hypothyroidism

Metabolism and nutrition disorders	Very common	Decreased appetite, hypophosphataemia <sup>a</sup> , hyponatraemia <sup>a</sup> , hypokalaemia <sup>a</sup>
	Common	Hyperglycaemia, dehydration, hypoalbuminaemia, fluid retention, hyperuricaemia, hypocalcaemia, hypomagnesaemia
Psychiatric disorders	Very common	Insomnia
Nervous system disorders	Very common	Dizziness, headache
	Common	Haemorrhage intracranial, syncope, tremor, dysgeusia
Eye disorders	Common	Conjunctival haemorrhage
Cardiac disorders	Common	Bradycardia, atrial fibrillation, sinus tachycardia, tachycardia, palpitation
	Uncommon	Myocardial infarction
Vascular disorders	Very common	Hypotension
	Common	Hypertension, haematoma, orthostatic hypotension
	Uncommon	Shock haemorrhagic
Respiratory, thoracic and mediastinal disorders	Very common	Cough, dyspnoea
	Common	Respiratory failure, rales, wheezing, epistaxis
	Uncommon	Pulmonary haemorrhage, haemoptysis
Gastrointestinal disorders	Very common	Diarrhoea, nausea, vomiting, abdominal pain, dyspepsia
	Common	Gastrointestinal haemorrhage, haematochezia, gastritis, cheilitis, abdominal distension, dry mouth, flatulence
	Uncommon	Colitis, haematemesis, gastrointestinal pain
Hepatobiliary disorders	Common	Hepatic function abnormal, hyperbilirubinaemia <sup>a</sup>
Skin and subcutaneous disorders	Common	Skin lesions, rash, erythema
	Uncommon	Petechiae
Musculoskeletal and connective tissue disorders	Common	Joint swelling
Renal and urinary disorders	Common	Renal failure, haematuria, urinary incontinence
General disorders and administration site conditions	Very common	Fatigue, oedema peripheral, pyrexia, asthenia
	Common	Chills, malaise
Investigations	Very common	Weight decreased
	Common	Blood urea increased, glomerular filtration rate decreased, blood alkaline phosphatase increased, electrocardiogram QT prolonged, blood creatinine increased <sup>a</sup> , SGPT alanine transaminase (ALT) increased <sup>a</sup> , SGOT aspartate transaminase (AST) increased <sup>a</sup>

<sup>a</sup> Frequency is based on laboratory values

#### Description of selected adverse drug reactions

##### Gastrointestinal

Gastrointestinal toxicity, primarily diarrhoea, nausea and vomiting, is among the most frequently reported adverse reactions. However, treatment discontinuation due to these reactions was reported in a relatively small proportion of patients, with diarrhoea at 4.5% and nausea and vomiting at 0.5% each. Patients should be advised to contact their physician if severe gastrointestinal toxicity occurs and dose adjustment or discontinuation may be required (see section 4.4).

### Thrombocytopenia

Due to the nature of multiple myeloma and the known haematotoxicity for panobinostat and its combination agent bortezomib, thrombocytopenia, often severe, has been frequently observed. CTC grade 3 or 4 thrombocytopenia occurred in 256 patients, with a median onset time of one month. However, thrombocytopenia is reversible (median time to recovery of 12 days) and can usually be managed by dose adjustment and interruption with or without platelet transfusion (see section 4.4). 33.3% patients in the panobinostat + bortezomib + dexamethasone arm and 10.3% patients in the placebo + bortezomib + dexamethasone arm received platelet transfusions during treatment.

Thrombocytopenia rarely leads to treatment discontinuation (1.6% of patients). Most patients with thrombocytopenia did not experience haemorrhage. 20.7% of patients experienced haemorrhage, most frequently epistaxis (4.7%), haematoma (2.6%), and conjunctival haemorrhage (2.1%). CTC grade 3 or 4 haemorrhage was reported in 4.2% of patients, mostly commonly involving gastrointestinal haemorrhage. Five patients (1.3%) died of events associated with haemorrhage. Amongst the patients who died of haemorrhage, one patient had thrombocytopenia grade 4, three patients had thrombocytopenia grade 3 and 1 patient had thrombocytopenia grade 1.

### Neutropenia

Neutropenia was frequently reported on the basis of laboratory findings determined during the study (all grades: 75%). Most newly occurring severe neutropenia was grade 3 (28%), with considerably fewer cases of grade 4 (6.6%). While many patients developed neutropenia, febrile neutropenia only occurred in a fraction of treated patients (1.0%, both for CTC all grades and for grades 3 and 4). Patients with neutropenia are prone to infection, mostly upper respiratory tract infection or pneumonia. Only 0.3% of the patients were discontinued from the treatment due to neutropenia.

### Fatigue and asthenia

Fatigue and asthenia were reported in 41.2% and 22.0% of patients, respectively. CTC grade 3 fatigue was reported in 15.7% of the patients, and grade 4 in 1.3%. Grade 3 asthenia was observed in 9.4% of the patients, with no patients experiencing asthenia at CTC grade 4. The treatment was discontinued in 2.9% of patients due to fatigue and asthenia.

### Infections

Relapsed or refractory multiple myeloma patients are at risk of infections. Potential contributing factors may include prior history of chemotherapy, stem cell transplant, the nature of the disease and neutropenia or lymphopenia associated with Farydak treatment. The most frequently reported infections include upper respiratory tract infection, pneumonia and nasopharyngitis. Fatalities involving either pneumonia or sepsis were reported. Treatment discontinuation due to infections was reported in 5% of patients.

### QT prolongation and ECG abnormalities

QTc prolongation was observed and was mostly mild in degree: QTcF interval >450 msec and ≤480 msec was reported in 10.8% of patients, with maximum increase from baseline >30 msec and ≤60 msec in 14.5% of patients. QTcF >500 msec was not reported in any patient.

ECG (electrocardiogram) abnormalities have been reported in patients treated with panobinostat + bortezomib + dexamethasone, mainly involving ST-T depression (21.7%) and T wave changes (39.6%). Regardless of events chronology, syncope was reported in 9% of patients with ST-T depression and 7.2% of patients with T wave change and 4.9% of patients with neither of these ECG abnormalities. Likewise ischaemic heart disease (including myocardial infarction and ischaemia) were reported in 4.5% of patients with ST-T depression and 4.8% of patients with T wave change and 2.7% of patients with neither of these ECG abnormalities.



## Special populations

### Elderly population

The incidence of deaths not related to study indication was 8.8% in patients  $\geq 65$  years of age compared to 5.4% in patients  $< 65$  years of age.

Adverse reactions leading to permanent discontinuation occurred in 30%, 44% and 47% of patients aged  $< 65$  years, 65-75 years and  $\geq 75$  years, respectively. Grade 3-4 events more frequently observed in patients included the following (percentages presented for patients  $< 65$  years, 65-75 years and  $\geq 75$  years of age, respectively): thrombocytopenia (60%, 74%, and 91%), anaemia (16%, 17% and 29%), diarrhoea (21%, 27% and 47%), and fatigue (18%, 28% and 47%).

### Reporting of suspected adverse reactions

Reporting suspected adverse reactions after authorisation of the medicinal product is important. It allows continued monitoring of the benefit/risk balance of the medicinal product. Healthcare professionals are asked to report any suspected adverse reactions via [the national reporting system](#) listed in [Appendix V](#).

## **4.9 Overdose**

Limited experience with overdose has been reported during clinical studies. Adverse reactions observed were consistent with the safety profile, with events primarily involving haematological and gastrointestinal disorders such as thrombocytopenia, pancytopenia, diarrhoea, nausea, vomiting and anorexia. Cardiac monitoring and assessment of electrolytes and platelet counts should be undertaken and supportive care given as necessary in the event of overdose. It is not known whether panobinostat is dialysable.

## **5. PHARMACOLOGICAL PROPERTIES**

### **5.1 Pharmacodynamic properties**

Pharmacotherapeutic group: Other antineoplastic agents, ATC code: L01XX42

#### Mechanism of action

Farydak is a histone deacetylase (HDAC) inhibitor that inhibits the enzymatic activity of HDACs at nanomolar concentrations. HDACs catalyse the removal of acetyl groups from the lysine residues of histones and some non-histone proteins. Inhibition of HDAC activity results in increased acetylation of histone proteins, an epigenetic alteration that results in a relaxing of chromatin, leading to transcriptional activation. *In vitro*, panobinostat caused the accumulation of acetylated histones and other proteins, inducing cell cycle arrest and/or apoptosis of some transformed cells. Increased levels of acetylated histones were observed in xenografts from mice that were treated with panobinostat. Panobinostat shows more cytotoxicity towards tumour cells compared to normal cells.

#### Pharmacodynamic effects

Treatment of tumour cells with panobinostat resulted in a dose-dependent increase in acetylation of histones H3 and H4 both *in vitro* and in xenograft animal pre-clinical models, demonstrating target inhibition. In addition, increased expression of the tumour suppressor gene p21CDKN1A (cyclin dependent kinase inhibitor 1/p21) gene, a key mediator of G1 arrest and differentiation, was triggered with panobinostat exposure.

## Clinical efficacy and safety

### *Clinical efficacy in patients with relapsed and relapsed and refractory multiple myeloma (Study D2308 – Panorama 1)*

The efficacy and safety of panobinostat in combination with bortezomib and dexamethasone were evaluated in a randomised, double-blind, placebo-controlled, multicentre phase III study in patients with relapsed or relapsed and refractory multiple myeloma who had received 1-3 prior lines of therapies.

Patients received panobinostat (20 mg taken orally once a day, three times per week, on a 2 weeks on and 1 week off dosing regimen), in combination with bortezomib (1.3 mg/m<sup>2</sup> injected intravenously) and dexamethasone (20 mg). Treatment was administered for a maximum of 16 cycles (see Tables 1 and 2).

A total of 768 patients were randomised in a 1:1 ratio to either the panobinostat + bortezomib + dexamethasone (n=387) or the placebo + bortezomib + dexamethasone (n=381) arm, stratified by prior use of bortezomib [Yes (n=336 (43.8%)), No (n=432 (56.3%))] and number of prior lines of anti-myeloma therapy [1 prior line (n=352 (45.8%)), 2 to 3 prior lines (n=416 (54.2%))]. Demographics and baseline disease characteristics were balanced and comparable between the study arms.

The median age was 63 years, range 28-84; 42.1% of patients were older than 65 years. A total of 53.0% of patients were male. Caucasians comprised 65.0% of the study population, Asians 30.2% and blacks 2.9%. ECOG performance status was 0-1 in 93% of patients. The median number of prior therapies was 1.0. More than half (57.2%) of the patients had undergone prior stem cell transplantation and 62.8% of the patients were relapsed after previous anti-neoplastic therapies (e.g. melphalan 79.6%, dexamethasone 81.1%, thalidomide 51.2%, cyclophosphamide 45.3%, bortezomib 43.0%, combined bortezomib and dexamethasone 37.8%, lenalidomide 20.4%). More than one third (35.8%) of the patients were relapsed and refractory to prior treatment.

The median duration of follow-up was 28.75 months in the panobinostat + bortezomib + dexamethasone arm and 29.04 months in the placebo + bortezomib + dexamethasone arm.

The primary endpoint was progression free survival (PFS) as per modified European Bone Marrow Transplant Group (mEBMT) criteria and as assessed by the investigator. In the overall patient population PFS based on the full analysis set (FAS) was statistically significantly different between the treatment arms (stratified Log-rank test  $p < 0.0001$ , with an estimated 37% risk reduction in the panobinostat + bortezomib + dexamethasone arm compared to the placebo + bortezomib + dexamethasone arm (Hazard ratio: 0.63 (95% CI: 0.52, 0.76)). The median PFS (95% CI) was 12.0 months (10.3, 12.9) and 8.1 months (7.6, 9.2), respectively.

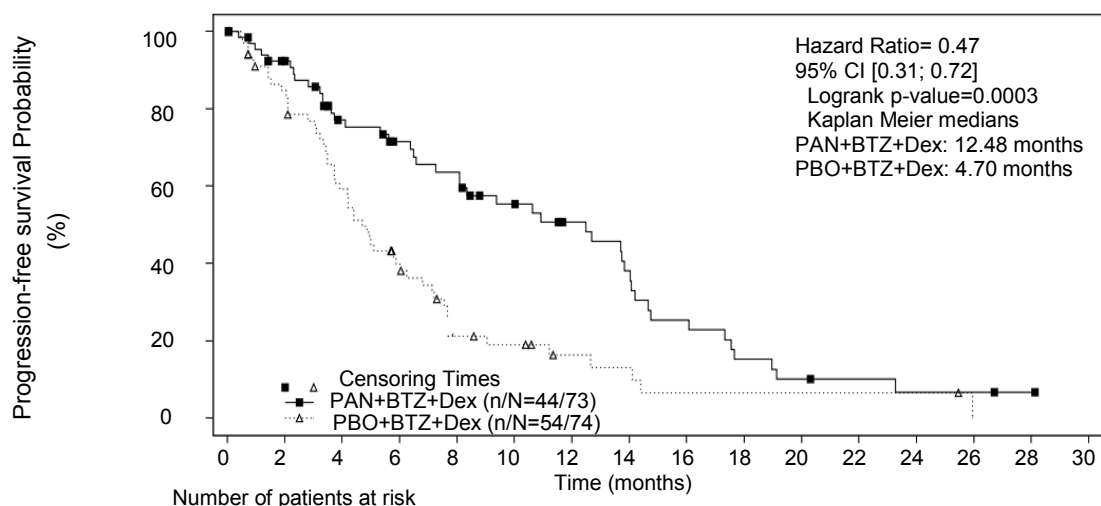
Overall survival (OS) was the key secondary endpoint. OS was not statistically significantly different between the two treatment groups. The median OS was 40.3 months in the panobinostat + bortezomib + dexamethasone arm and 35.8 months in the placebo + bortezomib + dexamethasone arm (Hazard ratio: 0.94 (95% CI: 0.78, 1.14)).

Out of the pre-specified subgroup of patients with prior treatment with bortezomib and an immunomodulatory agent (N=193), 76% of patients had received at least two prior regimens. In this subset of patients (N=147), the median duration of treatment was 4.5 months in the panobinostat + bortezomib + dexamethasone arm and 4.8 months in the placebo + bortezomib + dexamethasone arm. The median PFS (95% CI) was 12.5 months (7.26, 14.03) in the panobinostat + bortezomib + dexamethasone arm and 4.7 months (3.71, 6.05) in the placebo + bortezomib + and dexamethasone arm [HR: 0.47 (0.31, 0.72)]. These patients had a median of 3 prior therapies. Efficacy results are summarised in Table 8 and the Kaplan-Meier curves for PFS are provided in Figure 2.

**Table 8: Progression-free survival in patients who received at least two prior regimens including bortezomib and an immunomodulating agent**

	<b>Farydak bortezomib and dexamethasone N=73</b>	<b>Placebo bortezomib and dexamethasone N=74</b>
Progression-free survival		
Median, months [95% CI]	12.5 [7.26, 14.03]	4.7 [3.71, 6.05]
Hazard ratio [95% CI] <sup>1</sup>	0.47 (0.31, 0.72)	
<sup>1</sup> Hazard ratio obtained from stratified Cox model		

**Figure 2: Kaplan-Meier plot of progression-free survival in patients with multiple myeloma who received at least two prior regimens including bortezomib and an immunomodulatory agent**



Time (months)	0	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	26	28	30
PAN+BTZ+Dex	73	57	42	36	32	25	20	15	10	6	4	3	2	2	1	0
PBO+BTZ+Dex	74	54	37	23	11	9	5	4	2	2	2	2	2	0	0	0

PAN= panobinostat  
PBO= placebo  
BTZ= bortezomib  
Dex = dexamethasone

In the subgroup of patients who had received at least two prior regimens including bortezomib and an immunomodulatory agent (n=147), the overall response rate using modified EBMT criteria was 59% in the panobinostat + bortezomib + dexamethasone arm and 39% in the placebo + bortezomib + dexamethasone arm. Response rates are summarised in Table 9.

**Table 9: Response rates in patients with multiple myeloma who received at least two prior regimens including bortezomib and an immunomodulatory agent**

	<b>Farydak bortezomib and dexamethasone N=73</b>	<b>Placebo bortezomib and dexamethasone N=74</b>
Overall response [95% CI]	43 (59%) (46.8, 70.3)	29 (39%) (28, 51.2)
Complete response	6 (8%)	0
Near complete response	10 (14%)	6 (8%)
Partial response	27 (37%)	23 (31%)

*Clinical efficacy in patients with bortezomib-refractory multiple myeloma (Study DUS71 – Panorama 2)*

Study DUS71 was a two-stage, single-arm, open-label multicentre phase II study of oral panobinostat (20 mg) in combination with bortezomib (1.3 mg/m<sup>2</sup>) and dexamethasone (20 mg) in 55 patients with relapsed and refractory multiple myeloma, who were bortezomib-refractory and had received at least two prior lines of therapy. Patients had to be exposed to an IMiD (lenalidomide or thalidomide). Refractoriness to bortezomib was defined as disease progression on or within 60 days of the last bortezomib-containing line of therapy.

The primary endpoint of the study was to assess overall response rate (ORR) after 8 cycles of therapy as per mEBMT criteria.

Patients were heavily pre-treated and had received multiple prior regimens (median: 4; range: 2-11). All 55 patients were previously treated with bortezomib and at least one IMiD (lenalidomide: 98.2%, thalidomide: 69.1%). The majority of patients had received prior transplant (63.6%).

The median duration of exposure to study treatment was 4.6 months (range: 0.1-24.1 months). Patients achieved an ORR ( $\geq$ PR (partial response)) of 34.5% and 52.7% ( $\geq$ MR (minimal response)). The median time to response was 1.4 months and the median duration of response was 6.0 months. The median OS was 17.5 months.

Paediatric population

The European Medicines Agency has waived the obligation to submit the results of studies within all subsets of the paediatric population in multiple myeloma (see section 4.2 for information on paediatric use).

## 5.2 Pharmacokinetic properties

### Absorption

Panobinostat is rapidly and almost completely absorbed with  $T_{\max}$  reached within 2 hours of oral administration in patients with advanced cancer. The absolute oral bioavailability of panobinostat was approximately 21%. After oral administration, panobinostat pharmacokinetics appear to be linear in the dose range 10-30 mg, but AUC increases less than proportionally with dose at higher doses.

Overall panobinostat exposure and inter-patient variability remained unchanged with or without food, whereas  $C_{\max}$  was reduced by <45% and  $T_{\max}$  prolonged by 1 to 2.5 hours with food (i.e. both normal and high-fat breakfasts). Since food did not alter overall bioavailability (AUC), panobinostat can be administered regardless of food in cancer patients.

### Distribution

Panobinostat is moderately (approximately 90%) bound to human plasma proteins. Its fraction in the erythrocyte is 0.60 *in vitro*, independent of the concentration. The volume of distribution of panobinostat at steady state ( $V_{ss}$ ) is approximately 1,000 litres based on final parameter estimates in the population pharmacokinetic analysis.

### Biotransformation

Panobinostat is extensively metabolised, and a large fraction of the dose is metabolised before reaching the systemic circulation. Pertinent metabolic pathways involved in the biotransformation of panobinostat are reduction, hydrolysis, oxidation and glucuronidation processes. Oxidative metabolism of panobinostat played a less prominent role, with approximately 40% of the dose eliminated by this pathway. Cytochrome P450 3A4 (CYP3A4) is the main oxidation enzyme, with potential minor involvement of CYP2D6 and 2C19.

Panobinostat represented 6 to 9% of the drug-related exposure in plasma. The parent substance is deemed to be responsible for the overall pharmacological activity of panobinostat.

### Elimination

After a single oral dose of [ $^{14}\text{C}$ ] panobinostat in patients, 29 to 51% of administered radioactivity is excreted in the urine and 44 to 77% in the faeces. Unchanged panobinostat accounted for <2.5% of the dose in urine and <3.5% of the dose in faeces. The remainders are metabolites. Apparent panobinostat renal clearance ( $CL_{R/F}$ ) was found to range from 2.4 to 5.5 l/h. Panobinostat has a terminal elimination half-life of approximately 37 hours based on final parameters estimate in the population PK analysis.

### Special populations

#### Paediatric population

Panobinostat was not evaluated in multiple myeloma patients under 18 years of age.

#### Elderly population

In the phase III clinical study 162 out of 387 patients were aged 65 years or over. Plasma exposure of panobinostat in patients aged 65 years or younger was similar to those older than 65 years in the pooling of single-agent panobinostat studies between the dose range of 10 mg and 80 mg.

### Patients with hepatic impairment

The effect of hepatic impairment on the pharmacokinetics of panobinostat was evaluated in a phase I study, in 24 patients with solid tumours and with varying degrees of hepatic impairment. Mild and moderate hepatic impairment as per NCI-CTEP classification increased panobinostat plasma exposure by 43% and 105%, respectively. No pharmacokinetic data are available for patients with severe hepatic impairment.

### Patients with renal impairment

The effect of renal impairment on the pharmacokinetics of panobinostat was assessed in a phase I study in 37 patients with advanced solid tumours with varying degrees of renal function. Mild, moderate and severe renal impairment based on baseline urinary creatinine clearance did not increase the panobinostat plasma exposure in mild, moderate and severe groups.

## **5.3 Preclinical safety data**

### Repeated dose toxicity studies

The primary target organs of toxicity following administration of panobinostat in rats and dogs were identified as the erythropoietic, myelopoietic and lymphatic systems. The thyroid changes including hormones in dogs (decrease triiodothyronine (T3)) and rats (decrease in triiodothyronine (T3), tetraiodothyronine (T4) (males) and thyroid stimulating hormone (TSH)) were observed at exposures corresponding to 0.07-2.2 of the human AUC observed clinically.

### Carcinogenesis and mutagenesis

Carcinogenicity studies have not been performed with panobinostat. Panobinostat has demonstrated mutagenic potential in the Ames assay, endo-reduplication effects in human peripheral blood lymphocytes *in vitro*, and DNA damage in an *in vivo* COMET study in mouse lymphoma L5178Y cells, that are attributed to the pharmacological mode of action.

### Reproduction toxicity

An increase in early resorptions was observed in female rats (doses  $\geq 30$  mg/kg). Prostatic atrophy accompanied by reduced secretory granules, testicular degeneration, oligospermia and increased epididymal debris were observed in dogs at exposures corresponding to 0.41-0.69 of the human clinical AUC and not fully reversible after a 4 week recovery period.

Based on animal data, the likelihood of panobinostat increasing the risk of foetal death and developmental skeletal abnormalities is predicted to be high. Embryo foetal lethality and increases in skeletal anomalies (extra sternabrae, extra ribs, increases in minor skeletal variations, delayed ossification and variations of the sternabrae) were seen above exposures corresponding to 0.25 of the human clinical AUC.

The effects of panobinostat on labour and post-natal growth and maturation were not evaluated in animal studies.

## **6. PHARMACEUTICAL PARTICULARS**

### **6.1 List of excipients**

#### Capsule content

Magnesium stearate  
Mannitol  
Microcrystalline cellulose  
Pregelatinised starch (maize)

#### Capsule shell

##### Farydak 10 mg hard capsules

Gelatin  
Titanium dioxide (E171)  
Brilliant blue FCF (E133)  
Iron oxide, yellow (E172)

##### Farydak 15 mg hard capsules

Gelatin  
Titanium dioxide (E171)  
Iron oxide, yellow (E172)  
Iron oxide, red (E172)

##### Farydak 20 mg hard capsules

Gelatin  
Titanium dioxide (E171)  
Iron oxide, red (E172)

#### Printing ink

Iron oxide, black (E172)  
Propylene glycol (E1520)  
Shellac glaze

### **6.2 Incompatibilities**

Not applicable.

### **6.3 Shelf life**

4 years.

### **6.4 Special precautions for storage**

Do not store above 30°C.  
Store in the original package in order to protect from moisture.

### **6.5 Nature and contents of container**

PVC/PCTFE/Alu blister containing 6 capsules.

Packs containing 6, 12 or 24 capsules.

Not all pack sizes may be marketed.

#### **6.6 Special precautions for disposal**

Any unused medicinal product or waste material should be disposed of in accordance with local requirements.

#### **7. MARKETING AUTHORISATION HOLDER**

Novartis Europharm Limited  
Frimley Business Park  
Camberley GU16 7SR  
United Kingdom

#### **8. MARKETING AUTHORISATION NUMBER(S)**

Farydak 10 mg hard capsules  
EU/1/15/1023/001-003

Farydak 15 mg hard capsules  
EU/1/15/1023/004-006

Farydak 20 mg hard capsules  
EU/1/15/1023/007-009

#### **9. DATE OF FIRST AUTHORISATION/RENEWAL OF THE AUTHORISATION**

28 August 2015

#### **10. DATE OF REVISION OF THE TEXT**

Detailed information on this medicinal product is available on the website of the European Medicines Agency <http://www.ema.europa.eu>



## **ANNEX II**

- A. MANUFACTURER RESPONSIBLE FOR BATCH RELEASE**
- B. CONDITIONS OR RESTRICTIONS REGARDING SUPPLY AND USE**
- C. OTHER CONDITIONS AND REQUIREMENTS OF THE MARKETING AUTHORISATION**
- D. CONDITIONS OR RESTRICTIONS WITH REGARD TO THE SAFE AND EFFECTIVE USE OF THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT**

## **A. MANUFACTURER RESPONSIBLE FOR BATCH RELEASE**

### Name and address of the manufacturer responsible for batch release

Novartis Pharma GmbH  
Roonstrasse 25  
90429 Nuremberg  
Germany

## **B. CONDITIONS OR RESTRICTIONS REGARDING SUPPLY AND USE**

Medicinal product subject to restricted medical prescription (see Annex I: Summary of Product Characteristics, section 4.2).

## **C. OTHER CONDITIONS AND REQUIREMENTS OF THE MARKETING AUTHORISATION**

### **• Periodic Safety Update Reports**

The marketing authorisation holder shall submit the first periodic safety update report for this product within 6 months following authorisation. Subsequently, the marketing authorisation holder shall submit periodic safety update reports for this product in accordance with the requirements set out in the list of Union reference dates (EURD list) provided for under Article 107c(7) of Directive 2001/83/EC and published on the European medicines web-portal.

## **D. CONDITIONS OR RESTRICTIONS WITH REGARD TO THE SAFE AND EFFECTIVE USE OF THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT**

### **• Risk Management Plan (RMP)**

The MAH shall perform the required pharmacovigilance activities and interventions detailed in the agreed RMP presented in Module 1.8.2 of the Marketing Authorisation and any agreed subsequent updates of the RMP.

An updated RMP should be submitted:

- At the request of the European Medicines Agency;
- Whenever the risk management system is modified, especially as the result of new information being received that may lead to a significant change to the benefit/risk profile or as the result of an important (pharmacovigilance or risk minimisation) milestone being reached.

### **• Additional risk minimisation measures**

Prior to launch of Farydak in each Member State the Marketing Authorisation Holder (MAH) must agree about the content and format of the educational programme, including communication media, distribution modalities, and any other aspects of the programme, with the National Competent Authority.

The educational programme is aimed to address the risk of medication error.

The MAH shall ensure that in each Member State where Farydak is marketed, all patients/carers who are expected to use Farydak have access to/are provided with the following educational package:

- Patient information pack

**The patient information pack** should contain:

- Patient information leaflet
- A patient compliance card
- **The patient compliance card** shall contain instructions on the following key messages:
  - How to become familiar with the compliance card: this section provides a general overview of the compliance card and its purpose.
  - How to use the compliance card: this section provides a general overview on how to use the compliance card.
  - How to take medication according to the prescription: this section provides guidance on how to fill in the compliance card.
  - Recommendation to bring compliance card to each visit: this section reminds the patient to bring the compliance card to the HCP at each visit.
  - A table describing the treatment regimen for each day of the cycle with space for the patient to note what medication they took.

**ANNEX III**  
**LABELLING AND PACKAGE LEAFLET**

## **A. LABELLING**

**PARTICULARS TO APPEAR ON THE OUTER PACKAGING**

**CARTON**

**1. NAME OF THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT**

Farydak 10 mg hard capsules  
panobinostat

**2. STATEMENT OF ACTIVE SUBSTANCE(S)**

Each hard capsule contains panobinostat lactate anhydrous equivalent to 10 mg panobinostat.

**3. LIST OF EXCIPIENTS**

**4. PHARMACEUTICAL FORM AND CONTENTS**

Hard capsule

6 capsules  
12 capsules  
24 capsules

**5. METHOD AND ROUTE(S) OF ADMINISTRATION**

Read the package leaflet before use.  
Oral use

**6. SPECIAL WARNING THAT THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT MUST BE STORED OUT OF THE SIGHT AND REACH OF CHILDREN**

Keep out of the sight and reach of children.

**7. OTHER SPECIAL WARNING(S), IF NECESSARY**

**8. EXPIRY DATE**

EXP

**9. SPECIAL STORAGE CONDITIONS**

Do not store above 30°C.  
Store in the original package in order to protect from moisture.

**10. SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS FOR DISPOSAL OF UNUSED MEDICINAL PRODUCTS OR WASTE MATERIALS DERIVED FROM SUCH MEDICINAL PRODUCTS, IF APPROPRIATE**

**11. NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE MARKETING AUTHORISATION HOLDER**

Novartis Europharm Limited  
Frimley Business Park  
Camberley GU16 7SR  
United Kingdom

**12. MARKETING AUTHORISATION NUMBER(S)**

EU/1/15/1023/001	6 capsules
EU/1/15/1023/002	12 capsules
EU/1/15/1023/003	24 capsules

**13. BATCH NUMBER**

Lot

**14. GENERAL CLASSIFICATION FOR SUPPLY**

**15. INSTRUCTIONS ON USE**

**16. INFORMATION IN BRAILLE**

Farydak 10 mg

**MINIMUM PARTICULARS TO APPEAR ON BLISTERS OR STRIPS**

**BLISTERS**

**1. NAME OF THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT**

Farydak 10 mg capsules  
panobinostat

**2. NAME OF THE MARKETING AUTHORISATION HOLDER**

Novartis Europharm Limited

**3. EXPIRY DATE**

EXP

**4. BATCH NUMBER**

Lot

**5. OTHER**

Week 1  
Week 2  
Week 3  
Day 1  
Day 2  
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Day 17  
Day 18  
Day 19  
Day 20  
Day 21



**PARTICULARS TO APPEAR ON THE OUTER PACKAGING**

**CARTON**

**1. NAME OF THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT**

Farydak 15 mg hard capsules  
panobinostat

**2. STATEMENT OF ACTIVE SUBSTANCE(S)**

Each hard capsule contains panobinostat lactate anhydrous equivalent to 15 mg panobinostat.

**3. LIST OF EXCIPIENTS**

**4. PHARMACEUTICAL FORM AND CONTENTS**

Hard capsule

6 capsules  
12 capsules  
24 capsules

**5. METHOD AND ROUTE(S) OF ADMINISTRATION**

Read the package leaflet before use.  
Oral use

**6. SPECIAL WARNING THAT THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT MUST BE STORED OUT OF THE SIGHT AND REACH OF CHILDREN**

Keep out of the sight and reach of children.

**7. OTHER SPECIAL WARNING(S), IF NECESSARY**

**8. EXPIRY DATE**

EXP

**9. SPECIAL STORAGE CONDITIONS**

Do not store above 30°C.  
Store in the original package in order to protect from moisture.

**10. SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS FOR DISPOSAL OF UNUSED MEDICINAL PRODUCTS OR WASTE MATERIALS DERIVED FROM SUCH MEDICINAL PRODUCTS, IF APPROPRIATE**

**11. NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE MARKETING AUTHORISATION HOLDER**

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Camberley GU16 7SR  
United Kingdom

**12. MARKETING AUTHORISATION NUMBER(S)**

EU/1/15/1023/004	6 capsules
EU/1/15/1023/005	12 capsules
EU/1/15/1023/006	24 capsules

**13. BATCH NUMBER**

Lot

**14. GENERAL CLASSIFICATION FOR SUPPLY**

**15. INSTRUCTIONS ON USE**

**16. INFORMATION IN BRAILLE**

Farydak 15 mg

**MINIMUM PARTICULARS TO APPEAR ON BLISTERS OR STRIPS**

**BLISTERS**

**1. NAME OF THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT**

Farydak 15 mg capsules  
panobinostat

**2. NAME OF THE MARKETING AUTHORISATION HOLDER**

Novartis Europharm Limited

**3. EXPIRY DATE**

EXP

**4. BATCH NUMBER**

Lot

**5. OTHER**

Week 1  
Week 2  
Week 3  
Day 1  
Day 2  
Day 3  
Day 4  
Day 5  
Day 6  
Day 7  
Day 8  
Day 9  
Day 10  
Day 11  
Day 12  
Day 13  
Day 14  
Day 15  
Day 16  
Day 17  
Day 18  
Day 19  
Day 20  
Day 21

**PARTICULARS TO APPEAR ON THE OUTER PACKAGING**

**CARTON**

**1. NAME OF THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT**

Farydak 20 mg hard capsules  
panobinostat

**2. STATEMENT OF ACTIVE SUBSTANCE(S)**

Each hard capsule contains panobinostat lactate anhydrous equivalent to 20 mg panobinostat.

**3. LIST OF EXCIPIENTS**

**4. PHARMACEUTICAL FORM AND CONTENTS**

Hard capsule

6 capsules  
12 capsules  
24 capsules

**5. METHOD AND ROUTE(S) OF ADMINISTRATION**

Read the package leaflet before use.  
Oral use

**6. SPECIAL WARNING THAT THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT MUST BE STORED OUT OF THE SIGHT AND REACH OF CHILDREN**

Keep out of the sight and reach of children.

**7. OTHER SPECIAL WARNING(S), IF NECESSARY**

**8. EXPIRY DATE**

EXP

**9. SPECIAL STORAGE CONDITIONS**

Do not store above 30°C.  
Store in the original package in order to protect from moisture.

**10. SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS FOR DISPOSAL OF UNUSED MEDICINAL PRODUCTS OR WASTE MATERIALS DERIVED FROM SUCH MEDICINAL PRODUCTS, IF APPROPRIATE**

**11. NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE MARKETING AUTHORISATION HOLDER**

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**12. MARKETING AUTHORISATION NUMBER(S)**

EU/1/15/1023/007	6 capsules
EU/1/15/1023/008	12 capsules
EU/1/15/1023/009	24 capsules

**13. BATCH NUMBER**

Lot

**14. GENERAL CLASSIFICATION FOR SUPPLY**

**15. INSTRUCTIONS ON USE**

**16. INFORMATION IN BRAILLE**

Farydak 20 mg

**MINIMUM PARTICULARS TO APPEAR ON BLISTERS OR STRIPS**

**BLISTERS**

**1. NAME OF THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT**

Farydak 20 mg capsules  
panobinostat

**2. NAME OF THE MARKETING AUTHORISATION HOLDER**

Novartis Europharm Limited

**3. EXPIRY DATE**

EXP

**4. BATCH NUMBER**

Lot

**5. OTHER**

Week 1  
Week 2  
Week 3  
Day 1  
Day 2  
Day 3  
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## **B. PACKAGE LEAFLET**

## **Package leaflet: Information for the patient**

**Farydak 10 mg hard capsules**  
**Farydak 15 mg hard capsules**  
**Farydak 20 mg hard capsules**  
panobinostat

▼ This medicine is subject to additional monitoring. This will allow quick identification of new safety information. You can help by reporting any side effects you may get. See the end of section 4 for how to report side effects.

**Read all of this leaflet carefully before you start taking this medicine because it contains important information for you.**

- Keep this leaflet. You may need to read it again.
- If you have any further questions, ask your doctor, pharmacist or nurse.
- This medicine has been prescribed for you only. Do not pass it on to others. It may harm them, even if their signs of illness are the same as yours.
- If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor, pharmacist or nurse. This includes any possible side effects not listed in this leaflet. See section 4.

### **What is in this leaflet**

1. What Farydak is and what it is used for
2. What you need to know before you take Farydak
3. How to take Farydak
4. Possible side effects
5. How to store Farydak
6. Contents of the pack and other information

#### **1. What Farydak is and what it is used for**

##### **What Farydak is**

Farydak is an anti-cancer medicine that contains the active substance panobinostat, which belongs to a group of medicines called pan-deacetylase inhibitors.

##### **What Farydak is used for**

Farydak is used to treat adult patients with a rare type of blood cancer called multiple myeloma. Multiple myeloma is a disorder of plasma cells (a type of blood cell) that grow out of control in the bone marrow.

Farydak blocks the growth of cancerous plasma cells and reduces the number of cancer cells.

Farydak is always used together with two other medicines: bortezomib and dexamethasone.

If you have any questions about how Farydak works or why you have been given it, ask your doctor or pharmacist.



## **2. What you need to know before you take Farydak**

### **Do not take Farydak:**

- if you are allergic to panobinostat or any of the other ingredients of this medicine (listed in section 6).
- if you are breast-feeding

### **Warnings and precautions**

Follow all your doctor's instructions carefully.

Talk to your doctor or pharmacist before taking Farydak:

- if you have liver problems or have ever had liver disease.
- if you have heart or heartbeat problems, such as irregular heartbeat or a condition called long QT syndrome.
- if you have a bacterial, viral or fungal infection.
- if you have gastrointestinal problems such as diarrhoea, nausea or vomiting.
- if you have blood clotting problems (coagulation disorder).

Tell your doctor or pharmacist straight away during treatment with Farydak:

- if you notice any signs of a gastrointestinal problem.
- if you notice any signs of a liver problem.
- if you notice any signs of an infection.
- if you notice any signs of a heart problem.

The list of associated symptoms is provided in section 4, Possible side effects.

Your doctor may need to change your dose, temporarily stop or completely stop your treatment with Farydak in case you experience side effects.

### **Monitoring during your treatment with Farydak**

You will have regular blood tests during treatment with Farydak. These are to:

- check how well your liver is working (by measuring your blood levels of bilirubin and transaminase, which are substances made by the liver).
- check the amounts of certain cells of your blood (white blood cells, red blood cells, platelets).
- check the amount of electrolytes (such as potassium, magnesium, phosphate) in your body.
- check how well your thyroid and pituitary gland are working (by measuring your blood levels of thyroid hormones).

Your heart rate will also be checked using a machine that measures the electrical activity of the heart (called an ECG).

### **Children and adolescents**

Farydak is not to be used in children or adolescents under 18 years of age.

### **Other medicines and Farydak**

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking, have recently taken or might take any other medicines, including medicines obtained without a prescription, such as vitamins or herbal supplements, because they might interact with Farydak.

In particular tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking any of the following medicines:

- medicines used to treat infections, including fungal infections (such as ketoconazole, itraconazole, voriconazole or posaconazole) and some bacterial infections (such as antibiotics like clarithromycin or telithromycin). Medicines used to treat tuberculosis, such as rifabutin or rifampicin.
- medicines used to stop seizures or fits (anti-epileptics such as carbamazepine, phenphenazine, phenobarbital or phenytoin).
- medicines used to treat HIV, such as ritonavir or saquinavir.
- medicines used to treat depression, such as nefazodone.
- St. John's wort, a herbal medicine used to treat depression.
- medicines to prevent blood clotting called anti-coagulants, such as warfarin or heparin.
- medicines used to treat cough, such as dextromethorphan.
- medicines used to treat irregular heartbeat, such as amiodarone, disopyramide, procainamide, quinidine, propafenone or sotalol.
- medicines that may have an unwanted effect on the heart (called QT prolongation), such as chloroquine, halofantrine, methadone, moxifloxacin, bepridil or pimozide.
- medicines used to treat hypertension, such as metoprolol or nebivolol.
- medicines used to treat severe mental health problems, such as risperidone.
- medicines used to treat breast cancer, such as tamoxifen.
- medicines used to treat nausea and vomiting such as dolasetron, granisetron, ondansetron or tropisetron; these may also have an unwanted effect on the heart (QT prolongation).
- atomoxetine, a medicine used to treat attention deficit hyperactivity disorder.

These medicines should be used with care or may need to be avoided during your treatment with Farydak. If you are taking any of these medicines, your doctor might prescribe a different medicine for you during your treatment with Farydak.

Ask your doctor or pharmacist if you are not sure whether your medicine is one of the medicines listed above.

During Farydak treatment, you should also tell your doctor or your pharmacist if you are prescribed another medicine that you have not already been taking.

### **Farydak with food and drink**

**You should not eat star fruit, pomegranate or grapefruit or drink pomegranate or grapefruit juice** during your treatment with Farydak, as they may increase the amount of the medicine that passes into your blood.

### **Pregnancy and breast-feeding**

Due to the potential risk of death or malformation to the foetus, Farydak should not be taken during:

- **Pregnancy**

Farydak should not be taken during pregnancy, unless the potential benefit to the mother is greater than the potential risk to the baby. If you are pregnant, think you might be pregnant or plan to become pregnant, ask your doctor for advice. Your doctor will discuss with you the possible risks of taking Farydak during pregnancy.

- **Breast-feeding**

You should not take Farydak if you are breast-feeding.

### Contraception for women and men

Due to the potential risk of death or malformation to the foetus, you should use the following methods of contraception while taking Farydak:

- For women taking Farydak

If you are a sexually active woman, you should have a pregnancy test before starting Farydak treatment and you must use a highly effective method of contraception during treatment with Farydak. You must also use this for three months after you have stopped taking Farydak. Your doctor will discuss with you which is the best method for you to use. If you use a hormonal contraceptive you must also use a barrier method of contraception (such as condom or diaphragm) in addition.

- For men taking Farydak

If you are a sexually active man, you should use condoms during treatment with Farydak. You should also do this for six months after you have stopped taking Farydak. If your partner is able to become pregnant she should also use a highly effective method of contraception during your treatment and for six months after. Tell your doctor straight away if your partner becomes pregnant while you are taking Farydak or during the six months following your treatment with Farydak.

### Driving and using machines

Farydak may have a minor influence on the ability to drive and use machines. If you feel dizzy while taking this medicine, do not drive a vehicle or use any tools or machines.

## 3. How to take Farydak

Always take this medicine exactly as your doctor has told you. Check with your doctor or your pharmacist if you are not sure.

### How much to take

- Farydak is taken over 21 days (2 weeks on and 1 week off) – this is called a treatment cycle.
- You do not take the medicine every day.
- Based on the recommendation of your doctor, the dose of Farydak is either 20 mg or 15 mg or 10 mg, to be taken once a day on days 1, 3, 5, 8, 10 and 12 of the 21-day cycle.
- Do not take Farydak in Week 3.
- After Week 3 you start a new cycle again as shown in Tables 1 and 2 below.  
Please refer to Table 1 for cycles 1 to 8 and Table 2 for cycles 9-16.

**Table 1 Recommended schedule for taking Farydak in combination with bortezomib and dexamethasone (cycles 1-8)**

Cycles 1-8 (3-week cycles)	Week 1 Days						Week 2 Days						Week 3
Farydak	1		3		5		8		10		12		Rest period
Bortezomib	1			4			8			11			Rest period
Dexamethasone	1	2		4	5		8	9		11	12		Rest period

**Table 2 Recommended schedule for taking Farydak in combination with bortezomib and dexamethasone (cycles 9-16).**

Cycles 9-16 (3-week cycles)	Week 1 Days						Week 2 Days						Week 3
<b>Farydak</b>	1		3		5		8		10		12		Rest period
<b>Bortezomib</b>	1						8						Rest period
<b>Dexamethasone</b>	1	2					8	9					Rest period

Your doctor will tell you exactly how many capsules of Farydak you need to take. Do not change the dose without talking to your doctor.

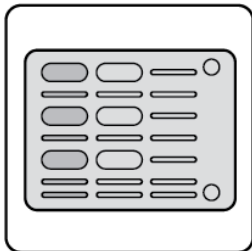
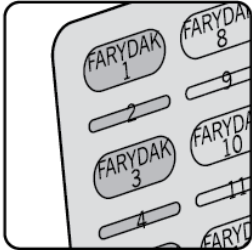
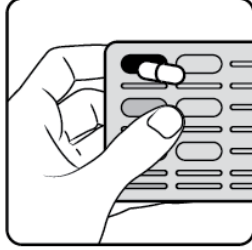
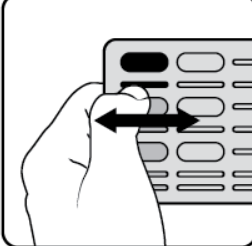
Take Farydak once a day at the same time each day only on the scheduled days.

#### Taking this medicine

- Swallow the capsules whole with a glass of water.
- The medicine can be taken with or without food.
- Do not chew or crush the capsules.

If you have to vomit after you swallow the Farydak capsules, do not take any more capsules until your next scheduled dose.

#### How to use the Farydak blister

	One Farydak blister = 3 weeks = 1 cycle
	The days of the cycle are numbered on the blister. Take Farydak on days 1, 3 and 5 and on days 8, 10 and 12.
	Push the Farydak capsule through the pocket on days 1, 3 and 5 of week 1 and days 8, 10 and 12 of week 2.
	On days when you do not have to take Farydak, including the rest period in week 3, scratch the relevant empty cavities with your finger nail to help you keep track of your medication schedule.

### **How long to take Farydak**

Keep taking Farydak for as long as your doctor tells you. This is a long-term treatment with 16 cycles (48 weeks). Your doctor will monitor your condition to see if the treatment is working. If you have questions about how long to take Farydak, talk to your doctor or pharmacist.

### **If you take more Farydak than you should**

If you accidentally take more capsules than you should, or if someone else accidentally takes your medicine, talk to a doctor or go to a hospital straight away. Take the pack and this leaflet with you. You may need medical treatment.

### **If you forget to take Farydak**

- If it is less than 12 hours since you should have taken the medicine, take the missed dose as soon as you remember. Then continue taking the medicine as normal.
- If it is more than 12 hours since you should have taken the medicine, skip the missed dose. Then continue taking the medicine as normal.

Do not take a double dose to make up for a forgotten dose.

Never take a missed dose of Farydak on one of the “off” days when no Farydak dose is planned.

Tell your doctor about all the doses that you have missed during any 21-day cycle of treatment.

If you have any further questions on the use of this medicine, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

## **4. Possible side effects**

Like all medicines, this medicine can cause side effects, although not everybody gets them.

### **Some side effects could be serious**

**STOP taking Farydak and seek medical help immediately if you experience any of the following:**

- difficulty in breathing or swallowing, swelling of the face, lips, tongue or throat, severe itching of the skin, with a red rash or raised bumps (potential signs of an allergic reaction)
- severe headache, feeling weak or paralysis of limbs or face, difficulty speaking, sudden loss of consciousness (potential signs of nervous system problems such as bleeding or swelling in the skull or brain)
- fast breathing, feeling dizzy
- sudden and crushing chest pain, feeling tired, irregular heartbeat (potential signs of a heart attack)
- coughing up blood, oozing of bloody fluid from the nose (signs of bleeding in the lungs)
- vomiting blood, black or bloody stools, passage of fresh blood through the anus, usually in or with stools (signs of gastrointestinal bleeding)
- difficulty in breathing with blueness around the mouth, which could lead to loss of consciousness (sign of serious lung problems)
- fever, chest pain, increased heart rate, decreased blood pressure, shortness of breath or rapid breathing (signs of blood poisoning, which is also known as sepsis)
- chest pain or discomfort, changes in heartbeat (faster or slower), palpitations, light-headedness, fainting, dizziness, blue discolouration of your lips, shortness of breath, swelling of lower limbs or skin (signs of heart problems)

**Tell a doctor or a pharmacist straight away if you notice any of these side effects:**

- stomach or abdominal pain, nausea, diarrhoea, vomiting, black or bloody stools, constipation, heartburn, swelling or bloating of the abdomen (signs of a gastrointestinal problem)
- new or worsening symptoms such as cough with or without mucus, fever, difficult or painful breathing, wheezing, pain in chest when breathing, shortness of breath or, difficulty breathing, pain or burning feeling when passing urine, exaggerated sense of needing to pass urine, blood in urine (signs of an infection in the lungs or urinary tract)
- fever, sore throat, or mouth ulcers due to infections (signs of a low level of white blood cells)
- sudden bleeding or bruising underneath the skin (signs of low level of blood platelets)
- diarrhoea, abdominal pain, fever (signs of an inflamed colon)
- light-headedness, particularly when standing up (a sign of low blood pressure)
- feeling thirsty, low urine output, weight loss, dry flushed skin, irritability (signs of dehydration)
- swollen ankles (a sign of a low level of albumin in the blood which is known as hypoalbuminaemia)
- feeling tired, itching, yellowing of the skin and whites of the eyes, nausea or vomiting, loss of appetite, pain on the right side of your stomach, dark or brown urine, bleeding or bruising more easily than normal (signs of a liver problem)
- severely decreased urine output, swelling of the legs (signs of a kidney problem)
- muscle weakness, muscle spasms, unusual heartbeat (signs of changes in the level of potassium in the blood)

**Other possible side effects**

If any of the side effects below becomes severe, tell your doctor, or your pharmacist.

**Very common (may affect more than 1 in 10 people)**

- feeling tired (fatigue), pale skin. These could be signs of a low level of red blood cells.
- decreased appetite or weight loss
- difficulty falling or staying asleep (insomnia)
- headache
- feeling dizzy, tired or weak
- vomiting, nausea, upset stomach, indigestion
- swelling of the legs or arms
- reduced blood level of phosphate or sodium

**Common (may affect up to 1 in 10 people)**

- rash of small fluid-filled blisters, appearing on reddened skin, mouth or gums (signs of a potentially severe viral infection)
- inflamed ear, nose bleed or bleeding in the white of the eye, bruising, inflamed skin caused by infection (rash, red skin, which is also known as erythema)
- abdominal pain, diarrhoea, swelling or bloating of the abdomen (signs of inflamed stomach lining)
- oral thrush (yeast infection of the mouth)
- feeling thirsty, high urine output, increased appetite with weight loss (signs of a high level of sugar in the blood)
- fast weight gain, swelling of hands, ankles, feet or face (signs of water retention)
- reduced level of calcium in the blood, sometimes leading to cramps
- uncontrolled shaking of the body
- palpitations
- clicking, rattling or crackling noise made by the lungs when breathing
- cracked, chapped lips
- dry mouth or changes to your sense of taste
- flatulence
- joint pain or inflammation
- blood in urine (a sign of a kidney problem)
- being unable to control the flow of urine because of loss of or weak bladder control
- chills

- weight gain, feeling tired, hair loss, muscle weakness, feeling cold (signs of an underactive thyroid gland, which is known as hypothyroidism)
- generally feeling unwell
- increased blood level of uric acid
- reduced blood level of magnesium
- increased blood level of the waste product creatinine
- increased blood levels of the liver enzymes alanine aminotransferase (ALT), aspartate aminotransferase (AST) or alkaline phosphatase (ALP).

#### **Uncommon (may affect up to 1 in 100 people)**

- red or purple, flat pinhead spots under the skin

#### **Reporting of side effects**

If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor, pharmacist or nurse. This includes any possible side effects not listed in this leaflet. You can also report side effects directly via the national reporting system listed in [Appendix V](#). By reporting side effects you can help provide more information on the safety of this medicine.

### **5. How to store Farydak**

- Keep this medicine out of the sight and reach of children.
- Do not take this medicine after the expiry date, which is stated on the carton and blister foil.
- Do not store above 30°C.
- Store in the original package in order to protect from moisture.
- Do not take this medicine if you notice any damage to the packaging or if there are any signs of tampering.
- Do not throw away any medicines via wastewater. Ask your pharmacist how to throw away medicines you no longer use. These measures will help to protect the environment.

### **6. Contents of the pack and other information**

#### **What Farydak contains**

- The active substance of Farydak is panobinostat.
- Each Farydak 10 mg hard capsule contains 10 mg panobinostat. The other ingredients are: magnesium stearate, mannitol, microcrystalline cellulose, pregelatinised starch, gelatin, titanium dioxide (E171), brilliant blue FCF (E133), yellow iron oxide (E172), black iron oxide (E172), propylene glycol (E1520), shellac glaze.
- Each Farydak 15 mg hard capsule contains 15 mg panobinostat. The other ingredients are: magnesium stearate, mannitol, microcrystalline cellulose, pregelatinised starch, gelatin, titanium dioxide (E171), yellow iron oxide (E172), red iron oxide (E172), black iron oxide (E172), propylene glycol (E1520), shellac glaze.
- Each Farydak 20 mg hard capsule contains 20 mg panobinostat. The other ingredients are: magnesium stearate, mannitol, microcrystalline cellulose, pregelatinised starch, gelatin, titanium dioxide (E171), red iron oxide (E172), black iron oxide (E172), propylene glycol (E1520), shellac glaze.

### **What Farydak looks like and contents of the pack**

Farydak 10 mg hard capsules are light green opaque capsules (15.6–16.2 mm) containing white to almost white powder, with radial marking “LBH 10 mg” in black ink on the cap and two radial bands in black ink on the body, provided in blisters.

Farydak 15 mg hard capsules are orange opaque capsules (19.1–19.7 mm) containing white to almost white powder, with radial marking “LBH 15 mg” in black ink on the cap and two radial bands in black ink on the body, provided in blisters.

Farydak 20 mg hard capsules are red opaque capsules (19.1–19.7 mm) containing white to almost white powder, with radial marking “LBH 20 mg” in black ink on the cap and two radial bands in black ink on the body, provided in blisters.

The following pack sizes are available: blister packs containing 6, 12 or 24 capsules.

Not all pack sizes may be marketed.

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#### **ANNEX IV**

#### **SCIENTIFIC CONCLUSIONS AND GROUNDS FOR THE VARIATION TO THE TERMS OF THE MARKETING AUTHORISATION**

## Scientific conclusions

Taking into account the PRAC Assessment Report on the PSUR for panobinostat, the scientific conclusions of CHMP are as follows:

From the available post-marketing data, the causal association between panobinostat and constipation is unclear. However the association between bortezomib and constipation is well established. From the post-marketing data it is not possible to definitively assign causality between panobinostat and peripheral neuropathy at this time.

The reason for changing the panobinostat Summary of Product Characteristics (SmPC) section 4.8 (Undesirable effects) is to include a statement to clarify that the data presented are the most commonly reported adverse effects attributable to panobinostat alone.

The current panobinostat SmPC section 4.8 (Undesirable effects), the second paragraph states: *“The safety data reported below are based on the phase III clinical study (Panorama 1) in 381 patients with multiple myeloma treated with 20 mg panobinostat once a day three times per week, on a 2 weeks on and 1 week off dosing regimen in combination with bortezomib and dexamethasone.”*

This implies that the adverse effects shown in Table 7 of the SmPC are for panobinostat in combination with bortezomib and dexamethasone. However section 5.1 states that the Panorama 1 study compared two treatment arms 1) panobinostat + bortezomib + dexamethasone and 2) placebo + bortezomib + dexamethasone. The safety data analyses of the Panorama 1 study are likely to identify the most commonly reported adverse effects attributable to panobinostat rather than to the overall combination including bortezomib and dexamethasone and therefore, there is potential for misinterpretation by prescribers/healthcare professionals in the post-marketing settings.

The Marketing Authorisation Holder confirmed that Table 7 in section 4.8 of the Panobinostat SmPC shows adverse drug reactions (ADRs) for Panobinostat i.e. ADRs that occurred more frequently in the three treatment arm (panobinostat + bortezomib + dexamethasone ) than in the treatment arm (bortezomib + dexamethasone + placebo) in the PANORAMA I study. Therefore the ADRs constipation and peripheral neuropathy for which causal association with panobinostat was not suspected but that are known to occur with bortezomib were not included in Table 7. In order to minimise the potential for confusion about the adverse effects data shown in section 4.8 (Undesirable effects) in particular, Table 7 of the panobinostat SmPC, a statement has now been added above Table 7 to clarify that the data presented are the most commonly reported adverse effect attributable to panobinostat alone.

Therefore, in view of the data presented in the reviewed PSUR, the PRAC considered that changes to the product information of the medicinal product containing panobinostat were warranted.

The CHMP agrees with the scientific conclusions made by the PRAC.

## Grounds for the variation to the terms of the marketing authorisation

On the basis of the scientific conclusions for panobinostat the CHMP is of the opinion that the benefit-risk balance of the medicinal product containing panobinostat is unchanged subject to the proposed changes to the product information.

The CHMP recommends that the terms of the marketing authorisation should be varied.