



## FDA Briefing Document Addendum for the Cardiovascular and Renal Drugs Advisory Committee (CRDAC)

**Meeting Date:** 12 February 2014

**NDA:** 204958

**Applicant:** The Medicines Company

**Drug:** Cangrelor Injection

**Proposed Indications:** **PCI** - Cangrelor is a P2Y<sub>12</sub> platelet inhibitor indicated for the reduction of thrombotic cardiovascular events (including stent thrombosis) in patients with coronary artery disease (CAD) undergoing percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI)

**Bridging** - Cangrelor is indicated to maintain P2Y<sub>12</sub> inhibition in patients with acute coronary syndromes (ACS) or patients with stents who are at increased risk for thrombotic events (such as stent thrombosis) when oral P2Y<sub>12</sub> therapy is interrupted due to surgery

**Title of Studies:** **PHOENIX** - A randomized, double-blind, parallel group, superiority study comparing cangrelor to clopidogrel in subjects who require PCI. The primary objective was to demonstrate that cangrelor reduces the risk of a composite of all-cause mortality, myocardial infarction, ischemia driven revascularization, and stent thrombosis compared to clopidogrel.

**BRIDGE** – A randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled study comparing administration of cangrelor to placebo in patients who had discontinued clopidogrel prior to coronary artery bypass grafting (CABG), attempting to maintain platelet inhibition until shortly before CABG. The primary efficacy endpoint was the proportion of subjects with P2Y<sub>12</sub> Reaction Units (PRU) < 240 measured by the VerifyNow P2Y<sub>12</sub> Test device during the entire period prior to CABG. The trial demonstrated that intravenous cangrelor at a dose of 0.75 µg/kg/min for several days consistently maintained platelet P2Y<sub>12</sub> inhibition at PRU < 240.

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### **DRAFT POINTS TO CONSIDER**

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The Advisory Committee will consider the approvability of cangrelor, an intravenous antagonist of the platelet P2Y<sub>12</sub> receptor, for two uses: (1) the reduction of thrombotic cardiovascular events (including stent thrombosis) in patients with coronary artery disease undergoing percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI) and (2) to maintain P2Y<sub>12</sub> inhibition in patients with acute coronary syndromes (ACS) or patients with stents who are at increased risk for thrombotic events (such as stent thrombosis) when oral P2Y<sub>12</sub> therapy is interrupted for surgery (the “bridging” indication). Cangrelor and clopidogrel have similar platelet antagonist activities. Cangrelor works promptly; clopidogrel’s action is more delayed. Cangrelor’s inhibitory activity disappears rapidly when it is stopped; in contrast, clopidogrel’s activity is prolonged after its discontinuation.

The applicant conducted three large outcome trials relevant to the PCI indication: CHAMPION PCI, CHAMPION PLATFORM, and CHAMPION PHOENIX. These differed in the population studied and the timing and precise nature of treatments. The CHAMPION PLATFORM trial compared cangrelor to placebo during PCI, and the CHAMPION PCI trial compared cangrelor to clopidogrel during PCI. The primary efficacy endpoint in both of these trials was the composite of all-cause mortality, myocardial infarction (MI), and ischemic driven revascularization (IDR) at 48 hours. These two trials failed to demonstrate superior efficacy against their respective control arms. Post-hoc analyses of these two trials generated a hypothesis that the efficacy of cangrelor was manifested during PCI, but this was masked by evolving pre-PCI biomarker MIs. The post-hoc analysis also noted that cangrelor appeared to be effective in reducing the incidence of stent thrombosis (ST). Consequently, the CHAMPION PHOENIX trial, comparing cangrelor to clopidogrel (loading dose either 300 mg or 600 mg), was designed to evaluate MIs and ST during PCI in subjects who did not have pre-PCI evolving biomarker MIs and had not been treated with oral P2Y<sub>12</sub> inhibitor therapy for at least 7 days prior to randomization. The primary endpoint in PHOENIX was the composite of all-cause mortality, MI, IDR, and ST at 48 hours post-PCI. In this trial, the MI component of the primary endpoint was based on the Universal Definition of MI (UDMI). PHOENIX did show superior efficacy of the cangrelor regimen compared to the clopidogrel regimen by the applicant’s adjudicated endpoint (odds ratio 0.78; 95% confidence interval 0.66-0.93, p=0.005). All three trials showed increased bleeding rates with the cangrelor regimen.

The applicant submitted one pharmacodynamic study specifically supporting the bridging indication: the BRIDGE trial. The BRIDGE trial demonstrated that a cangrelor infusion could maintain platelet inhibition similar to that achieved with clopidogrel. BRIDGE was too small (210 subjects) to assess an efficacy benefit.

#### Regarding the PCI indication

1. Concern with the CHAMPION study results does not relate primarily to whether the study demonstrated the effect claimed, but to whether the results suggest an actual benefit in any defined population. In particular, the review team questions whether CHAMPION studies demonstrated anything beyond that delaying clopidogrel administration is disadvantageous. In PLATFORM, where clopidogrel administration was delayed until after PCI, deaths and stent thrombosis were significantly greater in the clopidogrel arm. The efficacy endpoints in all three trials appear to correlate with the timing of clopidogrel administration relative to start of PCI. In PHOENIX, earlier administration of clopidogrel is associated with better efficacy. Given the reasons for using cangrelor and the recognized delayed effect of clopidogrel, the question is whether such delayed use of clopidogrel is reasonable. It will be important to look at current recommendations about when to start clopidogrel.

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2. The review team notes the discrepant results for different types of MI. The primary endpoint rate at 48 hours in the stable angina subgroup of PHOENIX was about 6 percent. The results of the PHOENIX trial were driven by Type 4a MI (primarily small increases in biomarker) and intraprocedural stent thrombosis.
3. The review team questions to whom the PCI results apply. The results were driven by subjects presenting with stable angina while the clinical need is greatest in STEMI.

Regarding the Bridging Indication

4. The review team questions whether the demonstrated effect on the surrogate is persuasive support for the bridging indication. The BRIDGE study used platelet activity units measured using VerifyNow<sup>®</sup>, although the applicant has also studied cangrelor using other platelet aggregation inhibition assays.
5. A critical question is whether available data adequately define the risks and benefits in the bridging indication. BRIDGE had more bleeds in the cangrelor group than in the placebo group pre-CABG (about 2% vs. 1% for GUSTO severe/life-threatening bleeds and 10% vs. 4% for GUSTO moderate bleeds.) On the other hand, BRIDGE had fewer ischemic events (death/MI/ischemia driven revascularization/stroke) in the cangrelor group than in the placebo group pre-CABG (about 3% vs. 4%).



## DIVISION OF CARDIOVASCULAR AND RENAL PRODUCTS

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**Drug:** Cangrelor  
**Applicant:** The Medicines Company  
**Proposed Indication:** PCI

Cangrelor for injection is an intravenous (IV) P2Y<sub>12</sub> platelet inhibitor indicated for the reduction of thrombotic cardiovascular events (including stent thrombosis) in patients with coronary artery disease (CAD) undergoing percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI) [see *Clinical Studies* (14.1)]. In CHAMPION PHOENIX, cangrelor significantly reduced (relative risk reduction [RRR] 22%) the primary composite endpoint of all-cause mortality, myocardial infarction (MI), ischemia driven revascularization (IDR), and stent thrombosis (ST) compared to clopidogrel [see *Clinical Studies* (14.1)].

### Bridging

Cangrelor for injection) is indicated to maintain P2Y<sub>12</sub> inhibition in patients with acute coronary syndromes (ACS) or patients with stents who are at increased risk for thrombotic events (such as stent thrombosis) when oral P2Y<sub>12</sub> therapy is interrupted due to surgery [see *Clinical Studies* (14.2)].

**Subject:** Addenda to the *Benefit-risk of Cangrelor Review*, the *Clinical Review*, the *Statistical Review*, the *Clinical Pharmacology Review*, and *The Ethicalness of the Cangrelor Development Program Review*

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    - Stent Thrombosis: taken from Cutlip, D, et al., 2007, Clinical Endpoint in Coronary Stent Trials, Circulation, 115: 2344-2351, Table 6
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