Qualification of Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer Symptom Assessment Questionnaire (NSCLC-SAQ) – A Patient-Reported Outcome Instrument

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Referenced COA: Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer Symptom Assessment Questionnaire (NSCLC-SAQ)

Type of COA: Patient-Reported Outcome (PRO) Instrument

The Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER) has determined that the NSCLC-SAQ is qualified for exploratory use to measure symptoms of non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) in the context of use described below. Sponsors should engage the review division early and throughout drug development to discuss the use of NSCLC-SAQ to support labeling claims for their drug development programs.

Section I: COA Concept of Interest

The NSCLC-SAQ total score measures overall severity of the following NSCLC symptoms: cough, pain, dyspnea, fatigue, and appetite.

Section II: Context of Use

This qualification statement supports exploratory use of the NSCLC-SAQ as an instrument to measure overall symptom severity of NSCLC in drug development. Further evaluation is needed on the instrument's longitudinal measurement properties and the interpretation of clinically meaningful within-patient change in score. It is recommended that this information be obtained in early phase studies in drug development programs.

Sponsors seeking to use the NSCLC-SAQ in their drug development program should discuss early with the appropriate CDER review division.

A. Study population

The recommended target patient population is described as follows:

- Adults aged 18 years and older
- Diagnosis of Stage IIIB or IV NSCLC
- Treatment naïve (i.e., treatment naïve to current chemotherapy and not having received chemotherapy for the past 6 months from study enrollment)

- Treated (i.e., received chemotherapy in the last 6 months and recovered from any prior treatment related toxicities/adverse events to CTCAE v4.03 grade 1 or better)

B. Labeling or promotional claim(s) based on the COA

After the NSCLC-SAQ's longitudinal measurement properties and the interpretation of clinically meaningful within-patient change have been evaluated, the NSCLC-SAQ total score is intended to support labeling claims related to change in overall symptoms of NSCLC.

Section III: Interpretation of Change

Information to support threshold(s) for clinically meaningful within-patient change(s) in the NSCLC-SAQ total score is needed. CDER recommends that data to interpret clinically meaningful within-patient change in the NSCLC-SAQ total score be gathered and evaluated in early phase development prior to its use in confirmatory studies.

Section IV: Contact Information for Access to the Qualified COA

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For more information, please send email to: procadmin@c-path.org; Subject: NSCLC-SAQ Inquiry

Instructions for Use in a Regulatory Submission: Please reference DDT # 00009 in regulatory application.