

**Food and Drug Administration  
Center for Drug Evaluation and Research  
Final Summary Minutes of the Medical Imaging Drugs Advisory Committee Meeting**

**Location:** All meeting participants were heard, viewed, captioned, and recorded for this advisory committee meeting via an online teleconferencing and/or video conferencing platform.

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These summary minutes for the March 5, 2024 meeting of the Medical Imaging Drugs Advisory Committee of the Food and Drug Administration were approved on 4/1/2024.

I certify that I attended the March 5, 2024 meeting of the Medical Imaging Drugs Advisory Committee (MIDAC) of the Food and Drug Administration and that these minutes accurately reflect what transpired.

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Jessica Seo, PharmD, MPH  
Acting Designated Federal Officer, MIDAC

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Henry D. Royal, MD  
Chairperson, MIDAC

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Advisory Committee Meeting  
March 5, 2024**

The Medical Imaging Drugs Advisory Committee (MIDAC) of the Food and Drug Administration, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, met on March 5, 2024. The meeting presentations were heard, viewed, captioned, and recorded through an online videoconferencing platform. Prior to the meeting, the members and temporary voting members were provided the briefing materials from the FDA and Lumicell, Inc. The meeting was called to order by Henry D. Royal, MD (Chairperson). The conflict of interest statement was read into the record by Jessica Seo, PharmD, MPH (Acting Designated Federal Officer). There were approximately 232 people online. There was a total of 10 Open Public Hearing (OPH) speaker presentations.

A verbatim transcript will be available, in most instances, at approximately ten to twelve weeks following the meeting date.

**Agenda:**

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**Attendance:**

**Medical Imaging Drugs Advisory Committee Members Present (Voting):** Kimberly E. Applegate, MD, MS, FACR; Wesley E. Bolch, PhD, FAAPM, FAIMBE; David B. Hackney, MD; Paula M. Jacobs, PhD; M. Elizabeth Oates, MD, FAAWR, FACR; Eben L. Rosenthal, MD; Henry D. Royal, MD (*Chairperson*); Chengjie Xiong, PhD;

**Medical Imaging Drugs Advisory Committee Members Not Present (Voting):** Peter Herscovitch, MD, FACP, FRCPC, FSNMMI; Steven M. Larson, MD; Rupa M. Sanghani, MD, FACC, FASNC;

**Acting Industry Representative to the Committee (Non-Voting):** P. LaMont Bryant, PhD (*Acting Industry Representative*)

**Temporary Members (Voting):** Harold J. Burstein, MD, PhD; Michael C. Dejos, PharmD, MBA; Mark Dykewicz, MD; Melissa Fisher (*Patient Representative*); Paul A. Greenberger, MD; Marie R. Griffin, MD, MPH; A. Marilyn Leitch, MD, FACS; Cynthia (Cindy) Pearson (*Acting Consumer Representative*); Andrea Richardson, MD, PhD; Steven J. Skates, PhD; Neil Vasan, MD, PhD

**FDA Participants (Non-Voting):** Charles Ganley, MD; Alex Gorovets, MD; Libero Marzella, MD, PhD; A. Alex Hofling, MD, PhD; Anil Rajpal, MD, MPH; Shane Masters, MD, PhD; Sue-Jane Wang, PhD; Miya Paterniti, MD; Rachel Bean, MD; Steven Bird, PhD, PharmD; Kate Gelperin, MD, MPH; Mallika Mundkur, MD MPH; Cynthia LaCivita, PharmD; Jessica Carr, PhD; Dorian M. Korz, MD; Colin Kejing Chen, PhD; Steven Nagel, MD FACS

**Acting Designated Federal Officer (Non-Voting):** Jessica Seo, PharmD, MPH

**Open Public Hearing Speakers Present:** Jay K. Harness, MD, FACS; Diane Bloom; Karen Maness (statement read by Jennifer Montes, MD); Donna-Lynn Dyess, MD, FACS; Donna Huie; Shawna C. Willey, MD, FACS; Patricia Clark, MD, FACS, FSSO; Roberto Diaz, MD, PhD; Jennifer Montes, MD; Irene L. Wapnir, MD (Evolve Pink)

*The agenda was as follows:*

Call to Order

**Henry Royal, MD**  
Chairperson, MIDAC

Introduction of Committee and Conflict of Interest Statement

**Jessica Seo, PharmD, MPH**  
Acting Designated Federal Officer, MIDAC

FDA Introductory Remarks

**A. Alex Hofling, MD, PhD**  
Deputy Division Director  
Division of Imaging and Radiation Medicine (DIRM)  
Office of Specialty Medicine (OSM)  
Office of New Drugs (OND), CDER, FDA

**APPLICANT PRESENTATIONS**

**Lumicell, Inc.**

Introduction

**Jorge Ferrer, PhD**  
Chief Scientific Officer  
Lumicell, Inc.

Unmet Need

**Kelly Hunt, MD, FACS, FSSO**  
Professor and Chair  
Department of Breast Surgical Oncology Division of Surgery  
MD Anderson Cancer Center  
President, Society of Surgical Oncologists

Pivotal Study CL0007 Efficacy Results

**E. Shelley Hwang, MD, MPH**  
Mary and Deryl Hart Distinguished Professor of Surgery  
Vice Chair of Research  
Department of Surgery  
Leader, Breast Cancer Disease Group  
Duke University and Duke Cancer Institute

**APPLICANT PRESENTATIONS (CONT.)**

Safety

**Peter Blumencranz, MD, FACS**  
Medical Director  
BayCare Oncology Service Line Health System  
Medical Director  
The Comprehensive Breast Care Center of Tampa Bay

Allergic Reactions and Hypersensitivity

**Tanya Laidlaw, MD, FAACAP**  
Director of Translational Research, Division of Allergy  
and Clinical Immunology  
Chief, Section of Clinical and Translational Sciences  
Division of Allergy and Clinical Immunology  
Brigham and Women's Hospital  
Associate Professor  
Harvard Medical School

Risk Mitigation Strategies

**Jorge Ferrer, PhD**

Clinical Perspective

**Barbara Smith, MD, PhD**  
Director, Breast Program  
Massachusetts General Hospital  
Massachusetts General Hospital Trustees Chair in Breast  
Surgery  
Professor of Surgery  
Harvard Medical School

Clarifying Questions to the Applicant

**BREAK**

**FDA PRESENTATIONS**

Clinical Overview

**Shane Masters, MD, PhD**  
Clinical Team Leader  
DIRM, OSM, OND, CDER, FDA

Statistical Designs and Review of Efficacy  
Results

**Sue-Jane Wang, PhD**  
Deputy Division Director  
Division of Biometrics 1  
Office of Biostatistics  
Office of Translational Sciences  
CDER, FDA

Risk Management Considerations

**Anil Rajpal, MD, MPH**  
Deputy Division Director for Safety  
DIRM, OSM, OND, CDER, FDA

**FDA PRESENTATIONS (CONT.)**

Clarifying Questions to FDA

**LUNCH**

**OPEN PUBLIC HEARING**

Charge to the Committee

**A. Alex Hofling, MD, PhD**

Questions to the Committee/Committee  
Discussion

**BREAK**

Questions to the Committee/Committee  
Discussion (cont.)

**ADJOURNMENT**

***Questions to the Committee:***

1. **DISCUSSION:** Discuss whether the observed performance of pegulicianine for patient-level detection of residual cancer, tissue-level sensitivity, and tissue-level specificity provide sufficient evidence of effectiveness.

***Committee Discussion:** The Committee members were in general agreement that there was a modest overall benefit observed with use of pegulicianine, as it met its prespecified endpoints for patient-level detection of residual cancer and tissue-level specificity, but did not meet its tissue-level sensitivity goal. Some members pointed out that even small improvements can be valuable to patients with cancer, and acknowledged that while pegulicianine shows promise, it was not considered a “home run” or a “magical” solution, but rather an incremental benefit that is an important step forward in breast cancer diagnostics. Other members agreed there is a potential to observe better performance of pegulicianine with increased use and improved proficiency and technique among surgeons. One member stressed the need to consider the impact on individual patients and their families when evaluating the effectiveness of medical interventions. Another member expressed concern with setting a precedent for use of tissue-level metrics to support effectiveness. Other members raised concerns regarding the significance of the observed benefits, with emphasis on the relatively small number of patients who avoided a second surgery. Please see the transcript for details of the Committee’s discussion.*

2. **DISCUSSION:** Discuss the risk of serious hypersensitivity reactions associated with pegulicianine and the adequacy of risk mitigation and assessment strategies under consideration.

*In discussing the risk of serious hypersensitivity reactions associated with pegulicianine and the adequacy of risk mitigation and assessment strategies under consideration, Committee members were in overall agreement that adverse reactions are a concern. However, the majority of participants voiced that given the pre-surgical setting in which the patients would be administered the drug, the risk of hypersensitivity reactions is manageable and does not outweigh incremental benefits associated with pegulicianine. One member raised concerns about the number of serious adverse reactions observed in the trial relative to the number of patients benefiting from the treatment, and there was general agreement that additional safety data collection through a post-marketing study would be valuable to better understand the incidence of adverse reactions. Most committee members did not support the implementation of a Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategy (REMS), considering it unnecessary for this particular drug. Suggestions for risk mitigation included labeling recommendations for monitoring of patients during and after infusion and immediate access to medical care in case of adverse reactions. The possibility of pretreatment with antihistamines was discussed, with one member suggesting it could be considered based on individual patient factors and clinical judgment. Please see the transcript for details of the Committee's discussion.*

3. **VOTE:** Do the benefits of pegulicianine outweigh its risks?
- If yes, describe the clinically meaningful benefit and the risk mitigation measures that are recommended.
  - If no, provide recommendations for additional data and/or analyses that may support a positive benefit/risk assessment of pegulicianine.

**Vote Result:**      Yes: 16                      No: 2                      Abstain: 1

***Committee Discussion:***

*The majority of Committee members voted "Yes" on whether the benefits of pegulicianine outweigh its risks. Many members cited the incremental benefits of pegulicianine in detection of residual cancer, as well as the manageable nature of the associated risks, such as hypersensitivity reactions. Suggestions for risk mitigation and assessment included labeling recommendations for monitoring, a post-marketing safety study, and enhanced pharmacovigilance. Some participants expressed concerns about the small absolute benefit and recommended clear patient-level information to set realistic expectations for patients who choose to undergo lumpectomy using pegulicianine.*

*Two Committee members voted "No," with one member acknowledging that while pegulicianine appears to detect residual cancer, the clinical utility of pegulicianine is still*

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*questionable without clear evidence of improved patient outcomes. Both Committee members, in addition to the one abstention, advocated for randomized trials to assess the effectiveness of pegulicanine in reducing reoperations.*

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The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:05pm ET.