NCCN Colon/Rectal Cancers Panel

Re: Request for review of clinical data and recommendation for yttrium-90 resin microspheres in the NCCN Clinical Practice Guidelines in Oncology® - Colon/Rectal Cancers

On behalf of Sirtex Medical Ltd, I respectfully request the NCCN Colon/Rectal Cancers Panel to review the enclosed publication on the randomized phase III study\(^1\) in support of the use of yttrium-90 resin microspheres in previously untreated patients with colorectal cancer with liver metastases plus or minus limited extrahepatic metastases.

**Suggested Changes:** We respectfully ask the NCCN Panel to consider the following:

Colon Cancer Guideline and Rectal Cancer Guideline:

- **“Principles of Radiation Therapy” COL-D, bullet 5 and REC-D, new bullet:** “Consider arterially directed embolization using yttrium-90 resin microspheres in select patients, with liver-only or liver predominant metastases. Addition of yttrium-90 resin microspheres to first-line FOLFOX or mFOLFOX with or without bevacizumab has been shown to improve liver-specific objective response and progression-free survival in a phase III randomized study.\(^1\) Administration of yttrium-90 resin microspheres should be performed by trained medical staff at designated sites.”

- **COL-7, new footnote** (beside “Systemic therapy”) and **REC-E, 1 of 9, new footnote** (beside “FOLFOX” and “FOLFOX + bevacizumab”): “Consider arterially-directed embolization using yttrium-90 resin microspheres in addition to FOLFOX or mFOLFOX with or without bevacizumab. See Principles of Radiation Therapy (COL-D/REC-D).”

**FDA Clearance:** SIR-Spheres® Y-90 resin microspheres was approved by the FDA under a premarket approval application in 2002. SIR-Spheres® Y-90 resin microspheres is indicated for the treatment of unresectable metastatic liver tumors from primary colorectal cancer with adjuvant intra-hepatic artery chemotherapy (IHAC) of FUDR (Flouxuridine).\(^2\)
Rationale: SIRFLOX was the largest phase III, randomized, multicenter trial to date on first-line hepatic-directed therapies in metastatic colorectal cancer.¹ A total of 530 chemotherapy-naïve patients with liver metastases plus or minus limited extrahepatic metastases were randomly assigned to receive either FOLFOX or modified FOLFOX6 plus selective internal radiation therapy (SIRT) using yttrium-90 resin microspheres, plus or minus bevacizumab.

The addition of SIRT to FOLFOX-based first-line chemotherapy significantly improved objective response rate (78.7% vs. 68.8%; P=0.042) and delayed disease progression (20.5 vs. 12.6 mo; HR, 0.69; 95% CI, 0.55-0.90; P=0.002) in the liver.¹ There is no significant difference in objective response or progression-free survival in any site between the 2 groups. Grade ≥3 adverse events, including recognized SIRT-related effects, were reported in 73.4% and 85.4% of patients in control versus SIRT. The safety profile observed was as expected and was consistent with previous studies.

Sincerely,

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References (enclosed):

2. SIR-Spheres® microspheres PI