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Health Technology Evaluation

Vorasidenib for treating astrocytoma or oligodendroglioma with IDH1 or IDH2 mutations after surgery in people 12 years and over

Final scope

Remit/evaluation objective

To appraise the clinical and cost effectiveness of vorasidenib within its marketing authorisation for treating astrocytoma or oligodendroglioma with IDH1 or IDH2 mutations after surgery in people 12 years and over.

Background

Gliomas are the most common type of primary brain tumour. They develop from the glial stem cells that support the nerve cells of the brain and spinal cord. The 3 main types of glioma in adults are astrocytoma (IDH mutant), oligodendroglioma (IDH mutant) and glioblastoma (IDH wildtype). Astrocytomas can be categorised into grade 2, 3 or 4, depending on how quickly they are likely to grow, and oligodendrogliomas can be categorised into grade 2 or 3. IDH mutant means that there are mutations in the IDH (isocitrate dehydrogenase) gene.¹ There are 2 main types of IDH mutation that are found in gliomas. These are IDH1 and IDH2 mutations, which can be found in nearly 80% of grades 2 and 3 oligodendrogliomas and astrocytomas.²

There are around 12,700 new cases of brain tumour each year in the UK.³ In England, between 1995 and 2017, around 9% of brain tumours diagnosed were astrocytomas,⁴ and around 3% diagnosed were oligodendrogliomas.⁵ 10-year survival for people with a brain tumour is 11%.³

Treatment for glioma depends on the grade of the tumour, where the tumour is in the brain, if it is possible to remove the tumour with surgery, age and if symptoms are present. NICE's guideline on [Brain tumours \(primary\) and brain metastases in over 16s](#) recommends that low-grade glioma (grade 1 or 2) is usually treated with surgery if possible, which may achieve either complete or partial macroscopic resection of the tumour. After surgery, depending on age, whether there is residual tumour postoperatively, and the symptoms, people with low-grade oligodendroglioma or astrocytoma could be offered radiotherapy followed by up to 6 cycles of PCV chemotherapy (procarbazine, CCNU [lomustine] and vincristine), or active monitoring may be considered. Current treatment for children and young people with low-grade glioma also includes surgery, followed by systemic chemotherapy or radiotherapy at first relapse or progression.

The technology

Vorasidenib (Vorango, Servier Laboratories) does not currently have a marketing authorisation in the UK for treating astrocytoma or oligodendroglioma with IDH1 or IDH2 mutations. It has been studied in a clinical trial compared with placebo for people aged 12 and over with residual or recurrent grade 2 glioma with an IDH1 or IDH2 mutation who have undergone surgery as their only treatment.

Intervention(s)	Vorasidenib
Population(s)	People 12 years and over with astrocytoma or oligodendroglioma with IDH1 or IDH2 mutations, who have had surgery
Subgroups	If evidence allows, the following subgroups may be considered: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Astrocytoma • Oligodendroglioma • Type of surgery
Comparators	Established clinical management without vorasidenib.
Outcomes	The outcome measures to be considered include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • overall survival • progression-free survival • time to next intervention • tumour growth rate • response rates • adverse effects of treatment • health-related quality of life.
Economic analysis	<p>The reference case stipulates that the cost effectiveness of treatments should be expressed in terms of incremental cost per quality-adjusted life year.</p> <p>The reference case stipulates that the time horizon for estimating clinical and cost effectiveness should be sufficiently long to reflect any differences in costs or outcomes between the technologies being compared.</p> <p>Costs will be considered from an NHS and Personal Social Services perspective.</p> <p>The availability of any commercial arrangements for the intervention, comparator and subsequent treatment technologies will be taken into account.</p>
Other considerations	Guidance will only be issued in accordance with the marketing authorisation. Where the wording of the therapeutic indication does not include specific treatment combinations, guidance will be issued only in the context of the evidence that has underpinned the marketing authorisation granted by the regulator.
Related NICE recommendations	Related technology appraisals:

	<p>Dabrafenib with trametinib for treating BRAF V600E mutation-positive glioma in children and young people aged 1 year and over (2024) NICE technology appraisal guidance 977.</p> <p>Carmustine implants and temozolomide for the treatment of newly diagnosed high-grade glioma (2007) NICE technology appraisal guidance 121.</p> <p>Related NICE guidelines:</p> <p>Suspected neurological conditions: recognition and referral (2019, updated 2023) NICE guideline 127.</p> <p>Brain tumours (primary) and brain metastases in over 16s (2018, updated 2021) NICE guideline 99.</p> <p>Related interventional procedures:</p> <p>Photodynamic therapy for brain tumours (2009) NICE interventional procedures guidance 290.</p> <p>Related quality standards:</p> <p>Brain tumours (primary) and brain metastases in over 16s (2021) NICE quality standard 203.</p> <p>Suspected neurological conditions: recognition and referral (2021) NICE quality standard 198.</p>
<p>Related National Policy</p>	<p>The NHS Long Term Plan (2019) NHS Long Term Plan</p> <p>NHS England (2023) Manual for prescribed specialist services (2023/2024) Chapter 106. Specialist cancer services for children and young people.</p> <p>NHS England (2020) Temozolomide as adjuvant treatment for people with newly diagnosed anaplastic astrocytoma without 1p/19q codeletion following surgery and radiotherapy (Adults) NHS England Reference: 200203P</p> <p>NHS England (2013) 2013/14 NHS Standard Contract. For cancer: brain/central nervous system (adult) B13/S/a</p> <p>NHS England (2013) 2013/14 NHS Standard Contract for Cancer: Chemotherapy (Adult) B15/S/a</p> <p>NHS England (2013) 2013/14 NHS Standard Contract for Cancer: Chemotherapy (Children, Teenagers and Young Adults) B12/S/b</p> <p>NHS England (2013) 2013/14 NHS standard contract for nhs standard service specification template for cancer: chemotherapy (children, teenagers and young adults) B15/S/b</p>

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