

¹⁷⁷Lu-PSMA-617 for treating PSMA-positive hormone-relapsed metastatic prostate cancer after 2 or more therapies

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Technology appraisal committee B [12 January 2023]

2nd Committee Meeting (ACM2)

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¹⁷⁷Lu vipivotide tetraxetan is not recommended

Committee conclusions at ACM1

Committee noted high uncertainty in the cost effectiveness estimates caused by:

- **Clinical uncertainties:**

- No evidence comparing ¹⁷⁷Lu with radium-223 dichloride for people with symptomatic bone metastases only
- No clinical evidence when taxanes are medically unsuitable (population excluded from VISION trial)
- High levels of withdrawal from VISION
- High uncertainty in the network meta-analysis








- **Uncertainty in cost-effectiveness:**

- Cost of PSMA testing not included in the modelling
- Modelling cabazitaxel overall survival
- Uncertainty in utility estimates

Key issues

Impact on ICER:

Small 
 Large 
 Unknown 

Issue at ACM1	Resolved?	Committee	
PSMA testing	Partially	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PSMA imaging will be necessary to determine ¹⁷⁷Lu eligibility What % PSMA testing should be used in the model? SPECT, PET-CT or both? 	
Broadening population including people for whom taxanes are unsuitable	No further evidence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appropriate to consider whole marketing authorisation Should ¹⁷⁷Lu be considered for this population given there is no evidence for this population? 	
Excluding radium-223 as a comparator for people with bone metastases	No further evidence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May be relevant comparator; subgroup analysis comparison Should radium-223 be considered for this population given there is no evidence for this subgroup? 	
Company's NMA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fixed- vs. random effects model Studies included in the NMA 	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Using IPCW-adjusted estimates from VISION in NMA Exploring all studies in baseline-risk adjusted model Which NMA is best to model ¹⁷⁷Lu vs cabazitaxel? 	
Overall survival estimates for cabazitaxel in the model	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RWE on survival with cabazitaxel as reference group for absolute event estimates, applying hazard ratio from NMA for ¹⁷⁷Lu survival Is the updated company approach appropriate? 	
Cabazitaxel utility values	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Utilities are uncertain; account for withdrawals using IPCW Are utilities modelled appropriately? 	
Pre-medication and concomitant medication costs for cabazitaxel	Partially	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Using ERG's costs in the model to better reflect NHS practice Is the committee satisfied with G-CSF duration costs? 	

Abbreviations: ¹⁷⁷Lu: Lu vipivotide tetraxetan; G-CSF: granulocyte colony-stimulating factor; IPCW: inverse probability of censoring weighting; NMA: network meta-analysis; PET-CT: Positron emission tomography computerised tomography; PSMA: prostate-specific membrane antigen; rPFS: radiographic progression-free survival; SPECT: single-photon emission computerized tomography

Re-cap from 1st committee meeting

RECAP – Background

Metastatic hormone-relapsed prostate cancer associated with poor outcomes and low quality of life

Prostate cancer

- 45,885 new cases in England and Wales in 2019-20; 13% with metastatic disease at diagnosis

PSMA-positive

- Prostate cancers can express a transmembrane protein – prostate-specific membrane antigen (PSMA)
- PSMA expression is increased in poorly differentiated, metastatic, and hormone-relapsed prostate cancers

Prognosis

- 10-20% people with prostate cancer develop hormone-relapsed cancer after ~ 5 years of follow-up
- mCRPC is associated with significant negative impacts on health-related quality of life
- Prostate cancer mortality is associated with increasing age and metastatic disease
- Skeletal involvement in mCRPC is common – significant morbidity and mortality
- People with visceral metastases are likely to have worse prognosis than those with bone metastases alone

Unmet need:

- ¹⁷⁷Lu gives an option for people who have exhausted current therapies, especially with bone and soft tissue metastases
- ¹⁷⁷Lu can increase quality of life because it is precise, has a novel mechanism and can target lymph nodes

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Abbreviations: mCRPC: metastatic castration-resistant prostate cancer

RECAP – Lutetium-177 prostate-specific membrane antigen-617 (Pluvicto, Advanced Accelerator Applications)

Marketing authorisation	<p>“Adult patients with PSMA-positive mCRPC who have been treated with androgen receptor pathway inhibition and taxane-based chemotherapy or who are not medically suitable for taxanes”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• MHRA August 2022
Mechanism of action	<p>¹⁷⁷Lu binds to a protein called PSMA (prostate specific membrane antigen) that is found on the surface of prostate cancer cells. Radiation is emitted from ¹⁷⁷Lu causing prostate cancer cells to die</p>
Eligibility	<p>People should be identified by PSMA imaging</p>
Administration	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 7400 MBq intravenous injection, approximately every 6 weeks for up to a total of 6 doses• Monitoring before and after treatment needed• ¹⁷⁷Lu only used in special controlled areas in hospital, administration by people who are trained and qualified to use it safely
Price	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• List price: £20,000 per vial• Confidential simple patient access scheme discount is applicable

RECAP – Treatment pathway

Taxane

ARPI

Androgen deprivation therapy (ADT) continues despite hormone-relapsed; docetaxel can be offered twice; abiraterone OR enzalutamide once; so fewer options

	Hormone sensitive	Hormone relapsed		
Non-metastatic	<p>ADT</p> <p>Radical therapy-surgery or radiotherapy</p>	<p>Progression → ADT</p> <p>Enzalutamide + ADT in high risk (TA580)</p> <p>Darolutamide + ADT in high risk (TA660)</p> <p>Apalutamide + ADT in high risk (TA740)</p>		
Metastatic	<p>ADT (NG131)</p> <p>Docetaxel + ADT (NG131)</p> <p>Abiraterone + ADT in high risk (TA720)</p> <p>Apalutamide + ADT (TA741)</p> <p>Enzalutamide + ADT (TA712)</p>	<p>Chemotherapy 'not yet indicated'</p> <p>Abiraterone (TA387)</p> <p>Enzalutamide (TA377)</p> <p>Watchful waiting</p>	<p>Chemotherapy indicated</p> <p>Docetaxel (TA101) – Karnofsky performance score 60% or more</p> <p>Olaparib (no prior taxane) - ongoing</p>	<p>Post-docetaxel</p> <p>Abiraterone (TA259)</p> <p>Enzalutamide (TA316)</p> <p>Cabazitaxel (TA391)</p> <p>Radium-223* (TA412)</p> <p>Docetaxel re-treatment</p> <p>Olaparib (prior taxane) - Ongoing appraisal</p> <p>¹⁷⁷Lu vipivotide tetraxetan</p>

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*Radium-223: For symptomatic bone metastases and no known visceral metastases

Clinical effectiveness evidence

- ^{177}Lu vipivotide tetraxetan vs standard of care
- ^{177}Lu vipivotide tetraxetan vs cabazitaxel

RECAP – Clinical trial evidence: VISION

VISION informs key evidence for ¹⁷⁷Lu vs standard care but concern with risk of bias

Design	International, multi-centre, phase 3 RCT, prospective, open-label including UK sites – FDA approved education measure implemented mid-trial to reduce withdrawal rates
Population	mCRPC, progressed after treatment with ≥ 1 ARPI and 1 or 2 taxane regimens
Intervention	¹⁷⁷ Lu vipivotide tetraxetan plus standard of care
Comparator	Standard of care
Duration	Final data-cut: January 2021; median follow-up: 20.9 months
Primary outcome	Overall survival; radiographic progression-free survival
Key 2^o outcomes	Time to first symptomatic skeletal event; adverse events; health related quality of life
Other 2^o outcomes	Overall response rate; disease control rate; duration of response

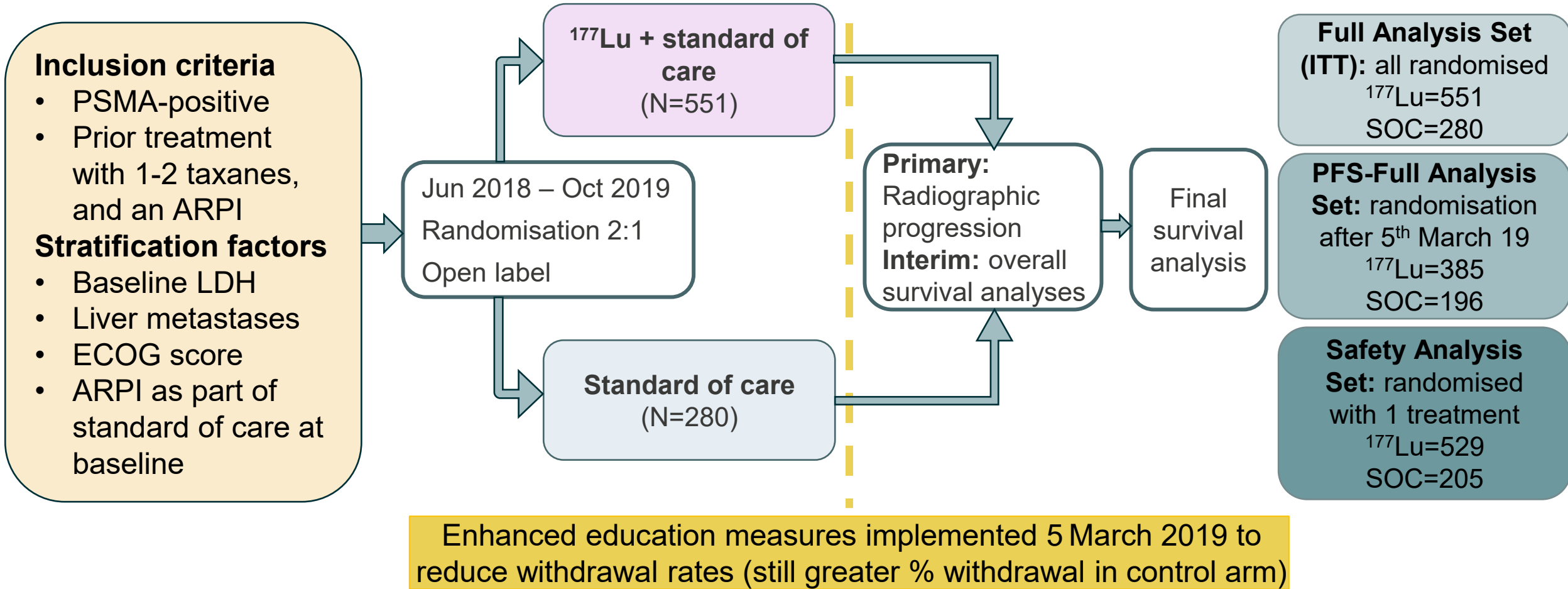
ERG: Company use LDH as control for tumour burden but ERG concerned it is not a robust prognostic marker and not routinely collected for people with mCRPC in NHS

- Imbalances between arms due to withdrawals – even after education measure intervention
- Open-label trial – result in risk of bias as may affect some outcomes (not overall survival)

Clinical experts: In VISION people could have 2 androgen receptor targeted agents but NICE approval is 1 – likely benefits of ¹⁷⁷Lu in NHS setting could be more than in VISION

RECAP – VISION study design

Phase 3, open-label, randomised controlled trial; completed January 2021



RECAP – VISION primary outcome results: Overall survival and radiographic progression-free survival

	Full analysis set (ITT population)		PFS Full Analysis Set (after withdrawal intervention)	
	¹⁷⁷ Lu + SOC (N=551)	SOC (N=280)	¹⁷⁷ Lu + SOC (N=385)	SOC (N=196)
Primary endpoint: overall survival – Jan 2021				
Events, n (%)	343 (62.3)	187 (66.8)	██████	██████
Median, months (95% CI)	15.3 ██████	11.3 ██████	██████	██████
Hazard ratio (95% CI)	0.62 (0.52, 0.74)		██████	
Alternative primary endpoint: radiographic progression-free survival – Jan 2021				
Events, n (%)			254 (66)	93 (47.4)
Median, months (99.2% CI)			8.7 ██████	3.4 ██████
Hazard ratio (99.2% CI)			0.40 (0.29, 0.57)	

Clinical effectiveness evidence

- ^{177}Lu vipivotide tetraxetan vs standard of care
- ^{177}Lu vipivotide tetraxetan vs cabazitaxel

RECAP – Cabazitaxel direct evidence: TheraP phase 2 trial

TheraP not included in model and not powered for OS; ERG assess high risk of bias

TheraP multicentre, open-label, Phase 2, randomised controlled trial

Population	mCRPC progressed after prior docetaxel and ARPI
Intervention	¹⁷⁷ Lu vipivotide tetraxetan (N=99) – dose 6.0-8.5 GBq
Comparator	Cabazitaxel (N=101)
Outcomes	Primary: PSA response (reduction of PSA ≥50% from baseline) Secondary: rPFS; response rates; pain; prognostic biomarkers
Duration	Median follow-up 18.4 months
Pre-treatment withdrawals	16% (16/101) for cabazitaxel; 1% (1/99) for ¹⁷⁷ Lu

¹⁷⁷ Lu vs cabazitaxel	Results
PSA response	66% vs 37% (95% CI: 16-42%)
rPFS	HR: 0.64 (95% CI: 0.46, 0.88)
*OS (restricted mean to 36 months)	19.1 vs 19.6 (95% CI: -3.7, 2.7)
Adverse events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ¹⁷⁷Lu: More Grade 1-2 (54% vs 40%); Cabazitaxel: More Grade 3-4 (53% vs 33%)

Company: TheraP not included in NMA or model because:

- Differences in diagnostic process, ¹⁷⁷Lu production/dose, and patient stratification
- Not powered for OS

ERG: High-risk of bias

- Imbalances and missing data between arms – leading to high risk of bias in at least 1 domain
- Open-label trial – can affect outcomes

*OS is from extended follow-up (Hofman et al., 2022, Journal of Clinical Oncology)

RECAP – Cabazitaxel real-world evidence

RWE comparable to VISION but OS for cabazitaxel shorter than SOC in VISION

Company did retrospective RWE study which combined data from major UK databases, identifying people with mCRPC 2009-18 (population most likely aligned with post-ARPI, post-taxane population)

- Datasets: NCR, SACT, Hospital Episode Statistics, Diagnostic Imaging Dataset and Radiotherapy Dataset
- Study assessed characteristics, current standard of care, clinical outcomes and healthcare resource usage
- Comparison then made with the VISION patient population

Baseline characteristics	RWE Cabazitaxel (N=██████)	VISION (FAS) (N=831)
Median age*, years	██████	██████
White British† %	██████	██████
ECOG ≤1, n (%)	██████	██████
Bone metastases, n (%)	██████	██████

*RWE reported age at diagnosis, not cabazitaxel initiation

†VISION did not specify 'British'

Results: (no rPFS results)

- Median OS cabazitaxel: ██████
- Restricted mean OS: ██████

Company: Median OS for cabazitaxel in RWE shorter than median OS in SOC arm of VISION (██████ vs 11.3 months)

- People have enhanced monitoring with more visits to healthcare professionals and imaging, so may have longer OS compared to real-world

ERG: Argument of enhanced care in clinical trials applies equally to both treatment arms in VISION

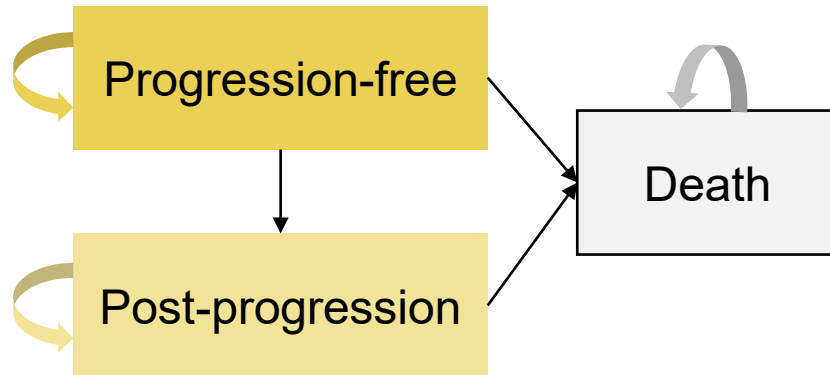
- PSWA analyses from company post TE, results in similar OS estimates but prognostic factors may not be included

RECAP – Company’s model structure – cost utility analysis

Partitioned survival model for ¹⁷⁷Lu compared with cabazitaxel and standard of care

Model structure:

- Partitioned survival model; 3 health states



Intervention	¹⁷⁷ Lu vipivotide tetraxetan
Comparators	Cabazitaxel, standard of care
Cabazitaxel OS	Real-world evidence
Mean age	█ years
Cycle length	Weekly. No half-cycle correction
Time horizon	10 years
Utilities	EQ-5D-5L mapped to 3L
Price year	Unit costs: 2019/2020 prices; Drug costs: 2021
Discount rate	3.5% per year for cost and health effects
Treatment costs	¹⁷⁷ Lu from VISION; cabazitaxel from CARD

ERG: Company present 1 cost-effectiveness analysis covering all patients in ¹⁷⁷Lu indication; only relevant comparator differs across subgroups:

- When further taxane treatment is possible (cabazitaxel)
- When further taxane treatment after docetaxel is not possible (standard of care)
- When taxane treatment is medically unsuitable (standard of care)

Company's model overview

¹⁷⁷Lu affects:

Costs

- Increasing treatment costs compared with cabazitaxel & standard of care
- For standard of care – some costs offset by reduced concomitant treatments use (depends on company assumption of concomitant treatment costs for standard care only)

QALYs

- Increasing pre- and post-progression-free survival compared with cabazitaxel and standard of care
- Post-progression increase vs cabazitaxel depends on company using RWE for cabazitaxel survival

Assumptions with greatest ICER effect

¹⁷⁷Lu vs cabazitaxel

- RWE or NMA used to model cabazitaxel OS
- Evidence directly comparing ¹⁷⁷Lu and cabazitaxel from TheraP in NMA for rPFS
- Evidence used in NMA to compare cabazitaxel and ARPI subgroup
- Utilities used for pre- and post-progression health states & cumulative incidence of SSE from trials rather than extrapolating time-to-first SSE data
- G-CSF use during cabazitaxel treatment

¹⁷⁷Lu vs standard of care

- Costs for concomitant treatments during ¹⁷⁷Lu treatment in VISION
- Utilities for pre- and post-progression health states & cumulative incidence of SSE from trials rather than extrapolating time-to-first SSE data

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Abbreviations: ¹⁷⁷Lu: Lu vipivotide tetraxetan; ARPI: androgen receptor pathway inhibitor; G-CSF: granulocyte colony-stimulating factor; NMA: network meta-analysis; OS: overall survival; RWE: real world evidence; SSE: symptomatic skeletal event

ACD consultation responses

ACD consultation responses

NICE received consultation responses from:

- **Company: Advanced Accelerator Applications**
 - Responded to committee conclusions, new base case, increased patient access scheme discount
- **Stakeholders:**
 - Bayer
 - British Nuclear Medicine Society
 - Prostate Cancer Research
 - Prostate Cancer UK
 - TACKLE
 - UK MRT Consortium
- **Web comments**

PSMA testing (1)

PSMA testing should be included in economic modelling

ACM1: Diagnostic resources to identify PSMA-positive were not included in company or ERG model

ACD: Variability in clinical practice and access to PSMA PET-CT scans. Not standard but necessary for ¹⁷⁷Lu eligibility

- PSMA test costs should be included; scenarios for up to 75% of people having PET-CT/SPECT scans
- Costs should reflect proportion of PSMA-positive cancer in relevant population to account for PSMA-negative cancer

Consultation:

Company: Update base case to include PSMA testing costs for 25% of people in ¹⁷⁷Lu arm

- Consider excluding PSMA testing better reflects current and near-future NHS practice.
- PSMA scans assumed SPECT, as a weighted average of NHS Reference Costs commonly used in NHS
- Cost of PSMA testing adjusted proportionally to rate of PSMA positivity (from VISION)
- Scenario for 100% people having PSMA testing costs – limited impact

ERG: Update base case assuming 100% have PSMA testing

- Company's PSMA testing impact may be underestimated because it does not use PET-CT scans (generally more expensive)
- Scenario where 25% have PSMA testing

PSMA testing (2)

Summary ACD responses: stakeholders and web comments

Stakeholders

- **BNMS:** Need to reduce geographical inequality and improve infrastructure to deliver this treatment and diagnostic test
- **Prostate Cancer Research:** Limited access to PSMA imaging – provision of access to targeted treatments e.g. ¹⁷⁷Lu could be a driver for service improvement
- **TACKLE:** Patients report difficulty in accessing PSMA scanning and PET scanning in general – but improvement
 - Eligibility for ¹⁷⁷Lu can be done by SPECT – clinical experts indicate more widely available
- **UK MRT Consortium:** IR(ME)R and CQC report PSMA treatment dosimetry is necessary and accounted for on costings and recommendations

Web comments

- Cost for imaging and patient dosimetry should be included (required to meet IR(ME)R and ARSAC recommendations) – unnecessary treatments will be avoided
- Screening and post-therapy imaging should be used to optimise selection and monitor response
- Combining PSMA imaging with other molecular imaging agents e.g. FDG-PET should be considered
- Evidence that PSMA testing is better than choline and other alternatives

Exclusion of radium-223 as a comparator (1)

Is Radium-223 a relevant comparator for mCRPC with bone, but no visceral metastases?

ACM1: Company and ERG disagree whether radium-223 is a relevant comparator

- **Company** didn't consider radium-223 relevant comparator/limited comparability with ^{177}Lu (small subgroup of symptomatic bone metastases but no visceral); used to treat bone pain (vs. tumour/metastases for ^{177}Lu); limited OS benefit
- No suitable evidence for radium-223 in post ARPI, post-taxane setting → prevents indirect comparison
- **ERG**: minority have radium-223 in post-ARPI and taxane setting but lack of comparative evidence

ACD: Considered radium-223 as comparator for people with bone metastases

- Radium-223 has different mechanism of action to ^{177}Lu , palliative treatment for bone pain
- Acknowledge lack of evidence for ^{177}Lu vs. radium-223 but not reason to exclude as a comparator
- Radium-223 may be a relevant comparator for some people but limited information available about the size of the relevant population → **Committee wanted to see comparative evidence for this group**

Consultation: No additional analysis of ^{177}Lu vs radium-223

- **Company** reiterate radium comparator for small subgroup (RWE ■ of all mCRPC had radium-223; ■ had prior ARPI + taxane). Audit data 80% had radium at 1st or 2nd line – earlier in treatment pathway
- **ERG** maintain radium-223 relevant in people with bone metastases / no visceral metastases with no new evidence from company

Exclusion of radium-223 as a comparator (2)

Summary ACD responses: Stakeholders and web comment

Comments

Bayer (manufacturer of radium-223)

- Estimate approx. **30% of people with mCRPC would be eligible for radium-223** – substantial
- Radium-223 is not just ‘palliative’ – improves survival and targets underlying mechanism of condition
- Overall survival in ALSYMPCA trial (radium-223 vs. placebo) shows significant improvement
- Indirect treatment comparison between radium-223 and ¹⁷⁷Lu with ALSYMPCA should be explored
- Symptomatic bone metastases (for radium-223 eligibility) is broader than bone pain and includes:
 - *Hypercalcaemia*
 - *Pathological fracture*
 - *Newly or increased fatigue/generalised weakness*
 - *Impaired mobility*
 - *Anaemia, neutropenia, thrombocytopenia*
 - *Pain and discomfort; back pain (spinal cord compression)*
 - *Reduced activity of daily living or sleep disturbance because of pain*
- **BNMS:** Radium-223 should **not be considered a comparator** – ALSYMPCA and VISION populations are different; ¹⁷⁷Lu and radium-223 are different – sequential treatments possible until direct evidence
- **PCUK:** Limited comparability with ¹⁷⁷Lu , e.g. 21% ineligible for radium-223 in VISION (visceral metastases). A subgroup analysis with statistically powered evidence difficult because small sample size
- **Prostate Cancer Research:** Radium-223 may be a comparator for some, but no evidence – not consider
- **TACKLE:** ¹⁷⁷Lu can be used at all metastases sites – ‘superior’ mode of action
- **Web:** More use of ¹⁷⁷Lu will mean less use of radium-223 and cabazitaxel

Population for whom taxanes are unsuitable (1)

Subgroup that would benefit from added treatment option but no evidence of efficacy

ACM1: Company include people for whom taxanes are unsuitable in MA; ERG acknowledge VISION not representative of this subgroup

Company: High unmet need, no treatment options for this subgroup; 42% eligible for ^{177}Lu at 2nd line

- Performance status; comorbidities; patient choice; all reasons why taxanes may be medically unsuitable
- Lack of clinical evidence in this group but no reason for different ^{177}Lu efficacy and safety
- Potential to explore managed access routes: PSMAfore RCT (no taxanes in past 12 months)
- **ERG:** Company modelling uses evidence from trials where people with mCRPC have had both ARPIs and taxanes and no evidence of similar efficacy in this population

ACD: Appropriate to consider whole MA including when taxanes are medically unsuitable

- People for whom taxanes are medically unsuitable would be able to have ^{177}Lu (but worse prognosis)
- Request scenario analyses: same relative treatment effect as wider population /higher baseline risk (worse overall survival)

Consultation: No additional analysis for subgroup for whom taxanes are medically unsuitable

- **Company:** Consider base case generalisable for this subgroup – prognosis may be better than having docetaxel too
- **ERG:** Maintain view on uncertainty on relative treatment effects of ^{177}Lu for this subgroup – no evidence to support same benefit as in VISION (at least 1 taxane)

Population for whom taxanes are unsuitable (2)

Summary ACD responses: stakeholders and web comments

Stakeholders

- **BNMS:** This subpopulation has an unmet need – ^{177}Lu would address this and reduce inequality
 - People with non-painful bone metastases after chemotherapy (if tolerable) would have no treatment options → overall inequality in mCRPC patient care – can be perceived discriminatory
- **PCUK:** Statistically powered data when taxanes are medically unsuitable for a taxane-based chemotherapy population is limited
 - Small subset of mCRPC and unlikely well represented in clinical trials – VISION not designed for this either
 - People without bone metastases only would have no alternative treatment options – only small number of people with bone metastases eligible for radium-223
- **Prostate Cancer Research:** Give further consideration to benefits of ^{177}Lu vs SOC, given for 42%, taxanes may not be suitable
- **TACKLE:** Pleased committee recognised all patient needs irrespective of prior taxane treatment – potential equality issue otherwise
- **UK MRT:** Myelosuppression with cabazitaxel is dose limiting – not seen with ^{177}Lu or febrile neutropenia needing hospital admission; gastro-intestinal toxicity/fatigue with cabazitaxel negligible with ^{177}Lu

Web comments

- Unmet need - no real comparator (especially when taxanes unsuitable), unless suitable for radium-223

RECAP – Studies included in the network meta-analysis

Company and ERG have different preferences for inclusion/exclusion of TROPIC, COU-AA-301, AFFIRM, Sun et al., 2016 and TheraP trials in network meta-analysis

	Company NMA	ERG NMA	Study Population (all mCRPC)	Intervention (per arm)	Prior ARPI?	N
TROPIC	✓		Refractory to hormone therapy and previous treatment with docetaxel	Mitoxantrone + prednisone vs. cabazitaxel + prednisone	No	755
COU-AA-301	✓		Previous docetaxel treatment	Abiraterone + prednisone/prednisolone vs. placebo + prednisone/prednisolone	No	1195
AFFIRM	✓		Previous docetaxel treatment	Enzalutamide vs. placebo	No	1199
Sun et al. 2016	✓		≥ 18 years old	Abiraterone + prednisone vs. placebo + prednisone	No	214
CARD	✓	✓	Progressive and previously treated with 3 or more cycles of docetaxel	Cabazitaxel vs. enzalutamide or abiraterone + prednisone	1	255
VISION	✓	✓	Pre-treated with taxane regimens - subpopulation of patients who received ARPI as part of SOC	¹⁷⁷ Lu vipivotide tetraxetan + SOC vs. SOC	1 or more	831
TheraP		✓	Pre-treated with taxane regimens	¹⁷⁷ Lu vipivotide tetraxetan vs. cabazitaxel	1 or 2	200

ACD: Use adjusted estimates from VISION (inverse probability of censoring weighting analysis)

- Explore using a baseline risk-adjusted network meta-analysis including all the studies
- Prefer including TheraP direct evidence

Post ACM1: Network meta-analysis (1)

Company updated fixed-effects NMA; ERG prefer random-effects

Company: Updated network meta-analysis using fixed-effect model in base case but prefer results from PSW RWE study for cabazitaxel

- Updated fixed effects NMA: For OS using IPCW-adjusted VISION data; for rPFS using interval imputed VISION data and TheraP (and scenario analysis excluding TheraP)
- Baseline risk-adjusted NMA for OS and rPFS to account for heterogeneity between trials did not improve model fit (no improvement in residual deviance and no significant reduction in DIC)
- PSW RWE study for cabazitaxel preferred because potential bias in treatment effect from heterogenous CARD and VISION in NMA

Company VISION OS and rPFS outcomes adjusted for informative censoring in updated NMA

ERG's additional NMA including company adjustments

ARPI subgroup		Hazard ratio (95% CI)
Overall survival	No adjustment	██████████
	IPCW	██████████
rPFS	No adjustment	██████████
	Interval imputation	██████████

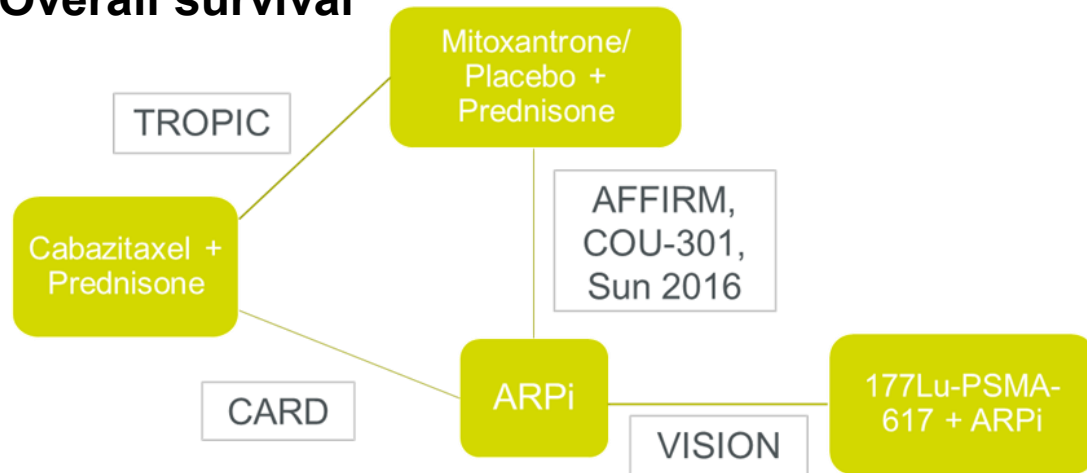
Direct evidence to inform cabazitaxel vs ARPI	
Overall survival	1.00 (0.44 to 2.24)
rPFS	0.77 (0.47 to 1.20)

ERG: Prefer random-effects NMA with trials for ARPI experienced people (CARD, VISION, TheraP)

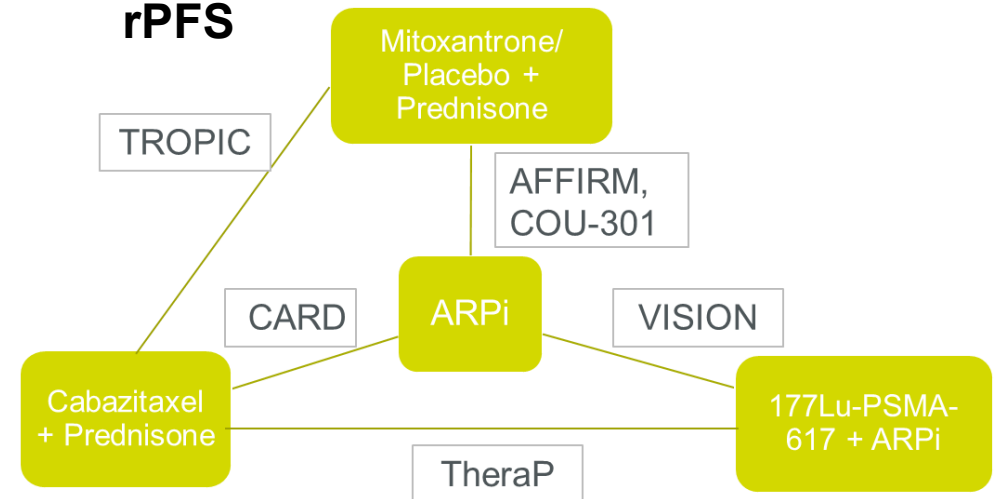
- Company include trials where people are ARPI naïve → less generalisable to current practice
- Prefer random-effects model with informative prior due to heterogeneity

Post ACM1: Company Network meta-analysis (2)

Overall survival



rPFS



ERG:

- Updated NMA results with adjusted OS and rPFS data from VISION used to inform OS and rPFS for cabazitaxel in updated base case
- Statistically significant difference in consistency test between direct (CARD) and indirect evidence (TROPIC, COU-AA-301, AFFIRM, Sun et al.) for cabazitaxel and ARPi comparison – may be because of ARPi naïve population in indirect evidence
- Prefer NMA including trials with ARPi experienced people (CARD, VISION and TheraP).

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Abbreviations: OS: overall survival; rPFS: radiographic progression-free survival; NMA: network meta-analysis

Post ACM1: Company's updated network meta-analysis (3)

Company's updated NMA with adjusted VISION data

		Hazard ratio of ¹⁷⁷ Lu vs:					
		Cabazitaxel		ARPI		Mitoxantrone /placebo	
Overall survival	Fixed effects		██████		██████		██████
	Random effects		██████		██████		██████
	DuMouchel priors		██████		██████		██████
rPFS (with TheraP)	Fixed effects		██████		██████		██████
	Random effects		██████		██████		██████
	DuMouchel priors		██████		██████		██████
rPFS (no TheraP)	Fixed effects		██████		██████		██████
	Random effects		██████		██████		██████
	DuMouchel priors		██████		██████		██████

ERG:

- Maintains that it is more appropriate to use a random effects model with informative prior, given heterogeneity among studies
- Company's NMA is less generalisable to current practice (using trials with ARPI naïve populations) where most have ARPI before cabazitaxel – and ¹⁷⁷Lu marketing authorisation

Cabazitaxel overall survival estimates

Overall survival for cabazitaxel based on network meta-analysis

ACM1: Company's naïve comparison between ¹⁷⁷Lu and cabazitaxel OS estimate from RWE increased uncertainty and potential bias – mean OS for cabazitaxel lower than SOC in VISION

- **ERG** concerns with company's comparison lacking face validity and appropriateness of prognostic covariates used in PSWA (adjusting baseline characteristics between VISION and RWE)

ACD: Appropriate to use RWE to estimate survival for people having cabazitaxel but relative treatment effect compared with ¹⁷⁷Lu should come from re-analysed NMA

Scenario: Cabazitaxel RWE as reference OS estimate and deriving OS for ¹⁷⁷Lu with NMA hazard ratio

Company: Targeted literature review for clinically important prognostic variables affecting survival (~25)

- 13 important prognostic factors – 9 not adjusted for because not available from RWE and VISION
- ACD suggested scenario introduces inconsistencies between source of OS and rPFS
- Address uncertainty in relative effect of ¹⁷⁷Lu vs cabazitaxel: cabazitaxel OS based on NMA, and scenario for PSW RWE analysis

ERG: Unchanged view on robustness of company's PSW RWE analysis

- Company's focused search (rather than sensitive search) associated with limitations
- Unanchored ITC should adjust prognostic factors **and treatment effect modifiers** – no justification for whether appropriate effect modifiers were adjusted for
- ACD suggested scenario analysis likely better reflects true survival in current practice – company's scenario for cabazitaxel OS from RWE subject to same inconsistencies as ACD scenario

Key issue: Cabazitaxel utility values (1)

Company: Prefer Treatment dependent utilities from VISION and TA391

Health state utility	¹⁷⁷ Lu	SOC	Cabazitaxel
Progression-free	██████	██████	██████
Progressed disease	██████	██████	0.627

ERG: Prefer company’s scenario using treatment-independent utilities for pre- and post-progression

- **Scenario:** Treatment-dependent utility assuming utility for cabazitaxel is average between utility for ¹⁷⁷Lu vipivotide tetraxetan and utility for SOC

	Company			ERG-preferred			Company updated (TE)			ERG exploratory			Company updated (ACD)		
	¹⁷⁷ Lu	SOC	CBZ	¹⁷⁷ Lu	SOC	CBZ	¹⁷⁷ Lu	SOC	CBZ	¹⁷⁷ Lu	SOC	CBZ	¹⁷⁷ Lu	SOC	CBZ
Utility															
Pre-progression	██████	██████	██████	██████	██████	██████	██████	██████	██████	██████	██████	██████	██████	██████	██████
Post-progression	██████	██████	0.63	██████	██████	██████	██████	██████	0.63	██████	██████	██████	██████	██████	██████
QALY losses (one-off)															
Due to AE	-	-	-	██████	██████	██████	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Due to SSEs	-	-	-	██████	██████	██████	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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Abbreviations: ¹⁷⁷Lu: lutetium-177 vipivotide tetraxetan; CBZ: cabazitaxel; SOC: standard of care; TE: technical engagement

Key issue: Cabazitaxel utility values (2)

Company use treatment-dependent; ERG prefer treatment-independent utilities

ACD: Consider possibility to adjust for withdrawal in HRQoL results – applying IPCW – meaningful difference in results would reduce uncertainty of using treatment-dependent utilities

- Scenario analyses to address uncertainty in utilities; but treatment-independent utilities had higher face validity across treatments

Company: Not feasible to adjust for withdrawal using IPCW; use treatment-dependent utilities

- 3 sources of missing data in EQ-5D (dropouts, missed assessments, death) – unaware how to address
- To address uncertainties with treatment-dependent utilities: updated base case in line with ERG exploratory analysis where cabazitaxel utilities assumed average utilities for cabazitaxel and ¹⁷⁷Lu
- No further analyses using treatment-independent utilities which does not account for psychological burden of chemotherapy and treatment burden with cabazitaxel

ERG: Unchanged preference for treatment-independent utilities with QALY losses due to AE/SSEs

- No detail around attempted IPCW from company; no analyses using treatment-independent utilities
- Company's updated approach for cabazitaxel utilities not consistent with ERG exploratory analysis – used utilities at technical engagement stage (associated with informative censoring)
- Scenario analysis: treatment-dependent utilities and assuming average of utilities for ¹⁷⁷Lu and SOC for cabazitaxel pre- and post-progression health states

Key issue: Cabazitaxel pre-/concomitant medication costs (G-CSF)

Updated Company and ERG base case; company include additional costs for adverse events

ACM1:

Company: 7-9 days G-CSF use more appropriate – updated base case using 9 days

ERG: 5 days preferred approach but agree with risks associated with fewer days of G-CSF e.g. neutropenic sepsis → Did exploratory analysis using 7 days treatment

ACD: 7 days of G-CSF treatment should have been used because this is the maximum commissioned by the NHS and would account for variations in clinical practice

Consultation:

Company: Updated base case to 7-day prophylactic treatment per 21-day cabazitaxel cycle

- Include costs for adverse events of neutropenic sepsis and febrile neutropenia from CARD (14 days G-CSF) to account for increased incidence of neutropenia-related adverse events using cabazitaxel
 - RWE (cabazitaxel in NHS): █████% febrile neutropenia compared with 3.2% in CARD (grade 3 or 4)
 - No data on actual prophylactic G-CSF use in RWE
- **ERG:** Note company use incidence of neutropenic sepsis and febrile neutropenia from VISION (¹⁷⁷Lu) and CARD (cabazitaxel)
- Accept company approach in line with committee preferences including adverse event costs (small impact on costs/QALYs)

End-of-life

1. *Treatment is indicated for patients with a short life expectancy, normally less than 24 months*
2. *Sufficient evidence to indicate the treatment has the prospect of offering an extension to life, normally a mean value of at least added 3 months, compared with current NHS treatment*

Committee should be satisfied that:

- *Estimates of the extension to life are sufficiently robust and can be shown or reasonably inferred from either progression-free survival or overall survival*
- *Assumptions used in the reference case economic modelling are plausible, objective and robust*

ACD: ^{177}Lu meets end-of-life criteria compared with standard care but comparison with cabazitaxel is uncertain

- Committee did not see preferred estimates of ^{177}Lu compared with cabazitaxel
- No evidence on comparison of ^{177}Lu with radium-223

Summary of company and ERG base case assumptions

Assumption	Company	ERG
Model errors	Corrected some programming errors	All programming errors corrected
Cabazitaxel pre/concomitant-medication costs	Not updated	Costs preferred by committee (ERG costs)
G-CSF treatment duration	7 days with additional adverse events costs	7 days
Utility values	Treatment-specific (no AE or SSEs) and cabazitaxel utilities assumed average between ¹⁷⁷ Lu and SOC	Treatment-independent and decrements for AE and SSEs
Cabazitaxel rPFS and overall survival HR estimates	Fixed effects NMA using TROPIC, COU-AA301, AFFIRM, Sun et al., CARD, TheraP, VISION (adjusted overall survival and rPFS)	Random-effects NMA using CARD, TheraP, VISION
PSMA test costs	25% people having test (SPECT not PET-CT)	100% having test (either PET-CT or SPECT)

The ICERs are all above the level normally considered an effective use of NHS resources with or without end of life (comparator PAS discounts apply)

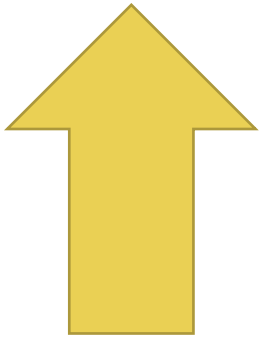
Cost-effectiveness results

All ICERs are reported in PART 2 slides because they include confidential comparator PAS and CMU discounts

Summary

- The company and ERG ICERs are **higher** than would usually be considered an effective use of NHS resources, when confidential discounts are taken into account
- ERG's ICERs are **higher** than the company's:
 - ERG prefer a random effects network meta-analysis using direct evidence for relative effect of cabazitaxel and ARPI (VISION, CARD, TheraP trial)
 - Using treatment-independent utility decrements for adverse events and symptomatic skeletal events
 - Unit cost of PSMA testing for 100% of patients

Company's scenario analyses and ERG's exploratory analyses



Company scenario analyses increasing ICER:

- Random-effects network meta-analysis to inform cabazitaxel overall survival and rPFS
- Random-effects network meta-analysis with DuMouchel priors
- SPECT-CT PSMA scans for 100% patient population



Company scenario analyses decreasing ICER:

- Real-world evidence propensity score weighting study to inform cabazitaxel overall survival estimate
- Network meta-analysis excluding TheraP from rPFS network








ERG exploratory analyses decreasing ICER:

- Treatment-dependent utility assuming utility for cabazitaxel is average between utility for ¹⁷⁷Lu and utility for standard of care
- PSMA test costs for 25% patient population

Key issues

Impact on ICER:

Small 
 Large 
 Unknown 

Issue at ACM1	Resolved?	Committee	
PSMA testing	Partially	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PSMA imaging will be necessary to determine ¹⁷⁷Lu eligibility What % PSMA testing should be used in the model? SPECT, PET-CT or both? 	
Broadening population including people for whom taxanes are unsuitable	No further evidence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appropriate to consider whole marketing authorisation Should ¹⁷⁷Lu be considered for this population given there is no evidence for this population? 	
Excluding radium-223 as a comparator for people with bone metastases	No further evidence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May be relevant comparator; subgroup analysis comparison Should radium-223 be considered for this population given there is no evidence for this subgroup? 	
Company's NMA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fixed- vs. random effects model Studies included in the NMA 	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Using IPCW-adjusted estimates from VISION in NMA Exploring all studies in baseline-risk adjusted model Which NMA is best to model ¹⁷⁷Lu vs cabazitaxel? 	
Overall survival estimates for cabazitaxel in the model	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RWE on survival with cabazitaxel as reference group for absolute event estimates, applying hazard ratio from NMA for ¹⁷⁷Lu survival Is the updated company approach appropriate? 	
Cabazitaxel utility values	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Utilities are uncertain; account for withdrawals using IPCW Are utilities modelled appropriately? 	
Pre-medication and concomitant medication costs for cabazitaxel	Partially	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Using ERG's costs in the model to better reflect NHS practice Is the committee satisfied with G-CSF duration costs? 	

Abbreviations: ¹⁷⁷Lu: Lu vipivotide tetraxetan; G-CSF: granulocyte colony-stimulating factor; IPCW: inverse probability of censoring weighting; NMA: network meta-analysis; PET-CT: Positron emission tomography computerised tomography; PSMA: prostate-specific membrane antigen; rPFS: radiographic progression-free survival; SPECT: single-photon emission computerized tomography

Thank you.

Back-up slides

RECAP – VISION baseline characteristics

Characteristic		Full analysis set (N=831)		PFS-full analysis set (N=581)	
		¹⁷⁷ Lu + SOC (N=551)	SOC (N=280)	¹⁷⁷ Lu + SOC (N=385)	SOC (N=196)
Site of disease, n (%)	Lymph node	274 (49.7)	141 (50.4)	193 (50.1)	99 (50.5)
	Bone	504 (91.5)	256 (91.4)	351 (91.2)	179 (91.3)
	Lung	49 (8.9)	28 (10)	35 (9.1)	20 (10.2)
	Liver	63 (11.4)	38 (13.6)	47 (12.2)	26 (13.3)
Previous ARPI regimen, n (%)	1	298 (54.1)	128 (45.7)	213 (55.3)	98 (50)
	2	213 (38.7)	128 (45.7)	150 (39)	86 (43.9)
	>2	40 (7.3)	24 (8.6)	22 (5.7)	12 (6.1)
Previous taxane therapy regimen, n (%)	1	325 (59)	156 (55.7)	207 (53.8)	102 (52)
	2	220 (39.9)	122 (43.6)	173 (44.9)	92 (46.9)

Summary of ACD response: stakeholder and web comments (1)

Recommendation is disappointing

- Overall disappointment: fewer options available for people who have exhausted options – unmet need
- ¹⁷⁷Lu shows clinical effectiveness – improved OS and better HRQoL
- “As a patient expert, I am very concerned at the committee’s decision...this treatment has been successfully employed in Germany and Australia”
- “...It would be a tragedy for patients with advanced prostate cancer if this innovative therapy was not made available to NHS patients. It would also be a travesty for our healthcare system that it would be available to those who could afford it.”

¹⁷⁷Lu is innovative

- VISION is the first Phase 3 study showing value of targeted medicine for large population with mCRPC
- ¹⁷⁷Lu is a novel and transformative therapy that improve survival and quality of life, if approved
- ‘Theranostics’ in treatment pathway is increasingly important strategy

Adverse events

- “I am much stronger and I feel much calmer and more relaxed...Other than occasional dry mouth...my experience...has been extraordinary...”
- “Side-effects are minimal enabling me to continue my work and bike riding. I will be taking part in the stage 2 of the Tour de France”
- “I have been able to lead a full and active life for the past year with no additional treatment...¹⁷⁷Lu is a breakthrough therapy capable of lengthening and enhancing the lives...”

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Abbreviations: ¹⁷⁷Lu: Lu vipivotide tetraxetan; HRQoL: health-related quality of life; mCRPC: metastatic castration-resistant prostate cancer

Summary of ACD response: stakeholder and web comments (2)

Costs

- Costs associated with cabazitaxel not sufficiently considered – Side effects neutropenia, febrile neutropenia, sepsis significantly less frequent in people having G-CSF → highly relevant to consider
- Service delivery cost should be fully considered – can be resource intensive compared with other radiotherapeutics
 - 390 people per year predicted eligible for PSMA-labelled treatment by 2029 in their region
 - Extrapolation to UK population: 7,800 people per year with up to 46,800 administrations
 - Total cost to NHS may be up to £1bn per year
- Ancillary costs include: nuclear medicine infrastructure, extra imaging costs, capacity, extra clinical space, lists, staff training and recruitment – administration costs does not cover this

Other

- TheraP is more relevant than implied – improve PSA50 response compared with cabazitaxel
- Consider including post-therapy SPECT/CT imaging to identify people with low uptake in TheraP
- Consider mCRPC as ‘particularly aggressive’ in men of African background and diagnosed late
- Helpful to compare RWE on best supportive care vs trial arm best supportive care