Swiss Summary of the Risk Management Plan (RMP)

for

Zinplava®

(Bezlotoxumab 1000mg)

Concentrate for solution for infusion

Version 3.0 (27-Sep-2023)

Marketing Authorisation Holder: MSD Merck Sharp & Dohme AG

The Risk Management Plan (RMP) is a comprehensive document submitted as part of the application dossier for market approval of a medicine. The RMP summary contains information on the medicine's safety profile and explains the measures that are taken in order to further investigate and follow the risks as well as to prevent or minimise them.

The RMP summary of Zinplava® is a concise document and does not claim to be exhaustive.
As the RMP is an international document, the summary might differ from the "Arzneimittelinformation / Information sur le médicament" approved and published in Switzerland, e.g. by mentioning risks occurring in populations or indications not included in the Swiss authorisation.

Please note that the reference document which is valid and relevant for the effective and safe use of Zinplava® in Switzerland is the "Arzneimittelinformation / Information sur le médicament" (see www.swissmedicinfo.ch) approved and authorized by Swissmedic.

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1 Elements for Summary Tables in the EPAR

1.1 Summary Table of Safety Concerns

Table 1 Summary of Safety Concerns

Important identified risks	None
Important potential risks	Impaired safety in patients with underlying Chronic Heart Failure (CHF) or with history of CHF
Missing information	None

1.2 Ongoing and Planned Studies in the Post-authorisation Pharmacovigilance Development Plan

There are no ongoing and planned additional pharmacovigilance studies/activities.

1.3 Summary of Post-authorisation Efficacy Development Plan

Not applicable.

1.4 Summary Table of Risk Minimisation Measures

Table 2 Summary of Safety Concerns and Risk Minimisation Activities

Safety Concern	Routine Risk Minimisation Measures	Additional Risk Minimisation Measures
Important Potential Risk: Impaired safety in patients with underlying CHF or with history of CHF	**Text in Local Swiss Labeling** **Warnings and Precautions** *Heart Failure* *Heart failure was reported more commonly in the two Phase 3 clinical trials in Zinplava-treated patients compared to placebo-treated patients. These adverse reactions occurred primarily in patients with underlying congestive heart failure (CHF). In patients with a history of CHF, 12.7% (15/118) of Zinplava-treated patients and 4.8% (5/104) of placebo-treated patients had the serious adverse reaction of heart failure during the 12-week study period (see Adverse Reactions). Additionally, in patients with a history of CHF, there were more deaths in Zinplava-treated patients, 19.5% (23/118) than in placebo-treated patients, 12.5% (13/104) during the 12-week study period. The causes of death varied and included cardiac failure, infections, and respiratory failure. In patients with a history of CHF, Zinplava should be reserved for use when the benefit outweighs the risk.* **Other Routine Risk Minimisation Measure(s)** Use of a CHF Specific Targeted Follow-Up Questionnaire	None

2 Elements for a Public Summary

2.1 Overview of Disease Epidemiology

Clostridium difficile infection (CDI), also known as *C. difficile* associated diarrhea (CDAD), is a type of infection caused by bacteria that affects the colon. *C. difficile* produces two exotoxins, toxin A and toxin B, that target the gut causing changes and disruption of the normal intestinal barrier that is essential for the gut to function normally. Antibiotic use disrupts the normal flora of the gut, leading to excessive growth of *C. difficile* and CDI. CDI can cause complications, including death (mortality). The death rate due to CDI ranges between 5 to 10 per 100 patients and increases with age. After treatment, CDI frequently recurs. One of the greatest challenges in managing CDI is to prevent its recurrence. For every 100 patients with CDI who are initially successfully treated, 15-35% will develop a recurrent infection. Among the clinical risk factors for recurrence of CDI are advanced age, having had a CDI in the past, and severity of the patient's underlying comorbidities.

2.2 Summary of Treatment Benefits

Bezlotoxumab is a fully human monoclonal antibody that binds and neutralizes *C. difficile* toxin B. In the two main studies, the medicine has been shown to be effective in the prevention of CDI recurrence relative to placebo in patients receiving concomitant standard of care (SoC) antibiotic therapy for the treatment of CDI. The two main studies included a total of 1563 adult patients with CDI who were receiving concomitant SoC antibiotics to treat CDI. The 1563 patients were then randomly assigned to receive either a single infusion of bezlotoxumab or an infusion without bezlotoxumab (placebo). All patients were observed for 12 weeks. At the end of the 12-week period 16.5% of patients treated with bezlotoxumab compared to 26.6% of patients treated with placebo experienced a recurrence of CDI. Bezlotoxumab significantly prevented CDI from recurring.

2.3 Unknowns Relating to Treatment Benefits

Bezlotoxumab is indicated for the prevention of recurrence of *Clostridium difficile* infection in adult and paediatric patients 1 year of age and older at high risk for recurrence of CDI. Bezlotoxumab has been studied in male and female patients 1 to 100 years of age and in patients with renal and hepatic impairment. Bezlotoxumab has not been studied in pregnant or breastfeeding women.

2.4 Summary of Safety Concerns

Important Identified Risks

Table 3 Summary of Important Identified Risks

Risk	What is Known	Preventability
None		

Important Potential Risks

Table 4 Summary of Important Potential Risks

Risks	What is Known
Impaired safety in patients with underlying CHF or with history of CHF	Heart failure was reported more commonly in the two Phase 3 clinical trials in Zinplava-treated patients compared to placebo-treated patients. These adverse reactions occurred primarily in patients with underlying congestive heart failure (CHF). In patients with a history of CHF, 12.7% (15/118) of Zinplava-treated patients and 4.8% (5/104) of placebo-treated patients had the serious adverse reaction of heart failure during the 12-week study period (see Adverse Reactions). Additionally, in patients with a history of CHF, there were more deaths in Zinplava-treated patients, 19.5% (23/118) than in placebo-treated patients, 12.5% (13/104) during the 12-week study period. The causes of death varied and included cardiac failure, infections, and respiratory failure.

Missing Information

Table 5 Summary of Missing Information

Missing Information	What is Known
None	None

2.5 Summary of Risk Minimisation Measures by Safety Concern

All medicines have a Summary of Product Characteristics (SmPC) which provides physicians, pharmacists and other health care professionals with details on how to use the medicine, the risks and recommendations for minimizing them. The measures in these documents are known as routine risk minimisation measures.

The current Information for Professionals for Zinplava can be found on www.swissmedicinfo.ch.

This medicine has no additional risk minimisation measures.

2.6 Planned Post-authorisation Development Plan

2.6.1 List of Studies in Post-authorisation Development Plan

There are no studies in the post-authorisation development plan.

2.6.2 Studies which are a Condition of the Marketing Authorisation

Not applicable

2.7 Summary of Changes to the Risk Management Plan Over Time

This is version 3.0 and the third RMP summary for bezlotoxumab.

Table 6 Major Changes to the Risk Management Plan

RMP Version	Date	Safety Concerns	Comment
1.5	22-NOV-2016 (at the time of authorisation)	Important identified risks None Important potential risks Infusion-related Reactions Including Hypersensitivity and Anaphylactic Reactions Potential for Immunogenicity Potential Lack of Efficacy if Bezlotoxumab is Administered Off-label as Monotherapy Impaired safety in patients with underlying CHF or with history of CHF Missing information Exposure in patients <18 years of age Exposure in pregnancy/lactation Long Term Safety Repeated Administration of Bezlotoxumab	Initial Version
2.2	14-DEC-2020	Important identified risks None Important potential risks Potential for Immunogenicity Impaired safety in patients with underlying CHF or with history of CHF Missing information Exposure in patients 1 year to <18 years of age	Updated Version
3.0	27-Sep-2023	Important identified risks None Important potential risks Impaired safety in patients with underlying CHF or with history of CHF Missing information None	Updated Version