#### NAME OF THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT

JEVTANA 60 mg concentrate and solvent for solution for infusion.

#### QUALITATIVE AND QUANTITATIVE COMPOSITION

One ml of concentrate contains 40 mg cabazitaxel.

One vial of 1.5 ml (nominal volume) of concentrate contains 60 mg cabazitaxel.

After initial dilution with the entire solvent, each ml of solution contains 10 mg cabazitaxel.

Note: Both the JEVTANA 60 mg/1.5 ml concentrate vial (fill volume: 73.2 mg of cabazitaxel/1.83 ml) and the solvent vial (fill volume: 5.67 ml) contain an overfill to compensate for liquid loss during preparation. This overfill ensures that after dilution with the **ENTIRE** contents of the accompanying solvent, there is solution containing 10 mg/ml cabazitaxel.

### Excipients with known effect:

One vial of solvent contains 573.3 mg of ethanol 96%.

For the full list of excipients, see section *List of Excipients*.

#### PHARMACEUTICAL FORM

Concentrate and solvent for solution for infusion (sterile concentrate).

The concentrate is a clear yellow to brownish-yellow oily solution.

The solvent is a clear and colourless solution.

#### **CLINICAL PARTICULARS**

#### Therapeutic Indications

JEVTANA in combination with prednisone or prednisolone is indicated for the treatment of adult patients with metastatic castration resistant prostate cancer previously treated with a docetaxel-containing regimen.

### **Posology and Method of Administration**

The use of JEVTANA should be confined to units specialised in the administration of cytotoxics and it should only be administered under the supervision of a physician experienced in the use of anticancer chemotherapy. Facilities and equipment for the treatment of serious hypersensitivity reactions like hypotension and bronchospasm must be available (see section *Special Warnings and Precautions for Use*).

#### Premedication

The recommended premedication regimen should be performed at least 30 minutes prior to each administration of JEVTANA with the following intravenous medicinal products to mitigate the risk and severity of hypersensitivity

- antihistamine (dexchlorpheniramine 5 mg or diphenhydramine 25 mg or equivalent),
- corticosteroid (dexamethasone 8 mg or equivalent), and
- H2 antagonist (ranitidine or equivalent) (see section *Special Warnings and Precautions for Use*).

Antiemetic prophylaxis is recommended and can be given orally or intravenously as needed.

Throughout the treatment, adequate hydration of the patient needs to be ensured, in order to prevent complications like renal failure.

## Posology

The recommended dose of JEVTANA is 25 mg/m<sup>2</sup> administered as a 1 hour intravenous infusion every 3 weeks in combination with oral prednisone or prednisolone 10 mg administered daily throughout treatment.

## Dose Adjustments

Dose modifications should be made if patients experience the following adverse reactions (Grades refer to Common Terminology Criteria for Adverse Events (CTCAE 4.0)):

**Table 1**: Recommended dose modifications for adverse reaction in patients treated with cabazitaxel

Adverse Reactions	Dose Modification
Prolonged grade ≥ 3 neutropenia (longer	Delay treatment until neutrophil count is >
than 1 week) despite appropriate treatment	1,500 cells/mm³, then reduce cabazitaxel
including G-CSF	dose from 25 mg/m <sup>2</sup> to 20 mg/m <sup>2</sup> .
Febrile neutropenia or neutropenic	Delay treatment until improvement or
infection	resolution, and until neutrophil count is >
	1,500 cells/mm³, then reduce cabazitaxel
	dose from 25 mg/m <sup>2</sup> to 20 mg/m <sup>2</sup> .
Grade $\geq 3$ diarrhoea or persisting diarrhoea	Delay treatment until improvement or
despite appropriate treatment, including	resolution, then reduce cabazitaxel dose
fluid and electrolytes replacement	from 25 mg/m <sup>2</sup> to 20 mg/m <sup>2</sup> .
Grade ≥ 2 peripheral neuropathy	Delay treatment until improvement, then
	reduce cabazitaxel dose from 25 mg/m <sup>2</sup> to
	20 mg/m <sup>2</sup> .

If patients continue to experience any of these reactions at  $20~\text{mg/m}^2$ , further dose reduction to  $15\text{mg/m}^2$  or discontinuation of JEVTANA may be considered. Data in patients below the  $20~\text{mg/m}^2$  dose are limited.

## **Special Populations**

## Patients with Hepatic Impairment

Cabazitaxel is extensively metabolised by the liver. Patients with mild hepatic impairment (total bilirubin >1 to  $\leq$ 1.5 x Upper Limit of Normal (ULN) or Aspartate Aminotransferase (AST) >1.5 x ULN), should have cabazitaxel dose reduced to 20 mg/m<sup>2</sup>. Administration of cabazitaxel to patients with mild hepatic impairment should be undertaken with caution and close monitoring of safety.

In patients with moderate hepatic impairment (total bilirubin >1.5 to  $\leq$  3.0 x ULN), the maximum tolerated dose (MTD) was 15 mg/m<sup>2</sup>. If the treatment is envisaged in patients with moderate hepatic impairment the dose of cabazitaxel should not exceed 15 mg/m<sup>2</sup>. However, limited efficacy data are available at this dose.

Cabazitaxel should not be given to patients with severe hepatic impairment (total bilirubin >3 x ULN) (see sections *Contraindications, Special Warnings and Precautions for Use* and *Pharmacokinetic Properties*).

## Patients with Renal Impairment

Cabazitaxel is minimally excreted through the kidney. No dose adjustment is necessary in patients with renal impairment, not requiring hemodialysis. Patients presenting end stage renal disease (creatinine clearance ( $CL_{CR}$ < 15 mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>), by their condition and the limited amount of data available should be treated with caution and monitored carefully during treatment (see sections *Special Warnings and Precautions for Use* and *Pharmacokinetic Properties*).

### Elderly

No specific dose adjustment for the use of cabazitaxel in elderly patients is recommended (see also sections *Special Warnings and Precautions for Use, Undesirable Effects* and *Pharmacokinetic Properties*).

#### Concomitant Medicinal Products Use

Concomitant medicinal products that are strong inducers or strong inhibitors of CYP3A should be avoided. However, if patients require co-administration of a strong CYP3A inhibitor, a 25% cabazitaxel dose reduction should be considered (see sections Special Warnings and Precautions for Use and Interaction with Other Medicinal Products and Other Forms of Interaction).

### Paediatric Population

There is no relevant use of JEVTANA in the paediatric population.

The safety and the efficacy of JEVTANA in children and adolescents below 18 years of age have not been established.

#### Method of Administration

JEVTANA is for intravenous use.

For instructions on preparation and administration of the medicinal product, see section *Special Precautions for Disposal and Other Handling*.

PVC infusion containers and polyurethane infusion sets should not be used.

JEVTANA must not be mixed with any other medicinal products than those mentioned in section *Special Precautions for Disposal and Other Handling*.

#### **Contraindications**

- Hypersensitivity to cabazitaxel, to other taxanes, to polysorbate 80 or to any of the excipients listed in *List of Excipients*
- Neutrophil counts less than 1,500/mm<sup>3</sup>.
- Severe hepatic impairment (total bilirubin >3 x ULN).
- Concomitant vaccination with yellow fever vaccine (see section *Interaction with Other Medicinal Products and Other Forms of Interaction*).

## **Special Warnings and Precautions for Use**

## Hypersensitivity Reactions

All patients should be pre-medicated prior to the initiation of the infusion of cabazitaxel (see section *Posology and Method of Administration*).

Patients should be observed closely for hypersensitivity reactions especially during the first and second infusions. Hypersensitivity reactions may occur within a few minutes following the initiation of the infusion of cabazitaxel, thus facilities and equipment for the treatment of hypotension and bronchospasm should be available. Severe reactions can occur and may include generalized rash/erythema, hypotension and bronchospasm. Severe hypersensitivity reactions require immediate discontinuation of cabazitaxel and appropriate therapy. Patients with a hypersensitivity reaction must stop treatment with JEVTANA (see section *Contraindications*).

#### Bone marrow suppression

Bone marrow suppression manifested as neutropenia, anaemia, thrombocytopenia, or pancytopenia may occur (see "Risk of neutropenia" and "Anaemia" below).

#### Risk of Neutropenia

Patients treated with cabazitaxel may receive prophylactic G-CSF, as per American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) guidelines and/or current institutional guidelines, to reduce the risk or manage neutropenia complications (febrile neutropenia, prolonged neutropenia or neutropenic infection). Primary prophylaxis with G-CSF should be considered in patients with high-risk clinical features (age > 65 years, poor performance status, previous episodes of febrile neutropenia, extensive prior radiation ports, poor nutritional status, or other serious comorbidities) that predispose them to increased complications from prolonged neutropenia. The use of G-CSF has been shown to limit the incidence and severity of neutropenia.

Neutropenia is the most common adverse reaction of cabazitaxel (see section *Undesirable Effects*). Monitoring of complete blood counts is essential on a weekly basis during cycle 1 and before each treatment cycle thereafter so that the dose can be adjusted, if needed.

The dose should be reduced in case of febrile neutropenia, or prolonged neutropenia despite appropriate treatment (see section *Posology and Method of Administration*).

Patients should be re-treated only when neutrophils recover to a level  $\geq 1,500/\text{mm}^3$  (see section *Contraindications*).

#### Gastrointestinal Disorders

Symptoms such as abdominal pain and tenderness, fever, persistent constipation, diarrhoea, with or without neutropenia, may be early manifestations of serious gastrointestinal toxicity and should be evaluated and treated promptly. Cabazitaxel treatment delay or discontinuation may be necessary.

### Risk of Nausea, Vomiting, Diarrhoea and Dehydration

If patients experience diarrhoea following administration of cabazitaxel they may be treated with commonly used anti-diarrhoeal medicinal products. Appropriate measures should be taken to re-hydrate patients. Diarrhoea can occur more frequently in patients that have received prior abdomino-pelvic radiation. Dehydration is more common in patients aged 65 or older. Appropriate measures should be taken to rehydrate patients and to monitor and correct serum electrolyte levels, particularly potassium. Treatment delay or dose reduction may be necessary for grade  $\geq 3$  diarrhoea (see section *Posology and Method of Administration*). If patients experience nausea or vomiting, they may be treated with commonly used anti-emetics.

### Risk of Serious Gastrointestinal Reactions

Gastrointestinal (GI) hemorrhage and perforation, ileus, colitis, including fatal outcome, have been reported in patients treated with cabazitaxel (see section *Undesirable Effects*). Caution is advised with treatment of patients most at risk of developing gastrointestinal complications: those with neutropenia, the elderly, concomitant use of NSAIDs, antiplatelet therapy or anti-coagulants, and patients with a prior history of pelvic radiotherapy or gastrointestinal disease, such as ulceration and GI bleeding.

#### Peripheral Neuropathy

Cases of peripheral neuropathy, peripheral sensory neuropathy (e.g., paraesthesias, dysaesthesias) and peripheral motor neuropathy have been observed in patients receiving cabazitaxel. Patients under treatment with cabazitaxel should be advised to inform their doctor prior to continuing treatment if symptoms of neuropathy such as pain, burning, tingling, numbness, or weakness develop. Physicians should assess for the presence or worsening of neuropathy before each treatment. Treatment should be delayed until improvement of symptoms. The dose of cabazitaxel should be reduced from 25 mg/m<sup>2</sup> to 20 mg/m<sup>2</sup> for persistent grade  $\geq$  2 peripheral neuropathy (see section *Posology and Method of Administration*).

#### Anaemia

Anaemia has been observed in patients receiving cabazitaxel (see section *Undesirable Effects*). Haemoglobin and haematocrit should be checked before treatment with cabazitaxel and if patients exhibit signs or symptoms of anaemia or blood loss. Caution is

recommended in patients with haemoglobin < 10 g/dl and appropriate measures should be taken as clinically indicated.

#### Risk of Renal Failure

Renal disorders have been reported in association with sepsis, severe dehydration due to diarrhoea, vomiting and obstructive uropathy. Renal failure including cases with fatal outcome has been observed. Appropriate measures should be taken to identify the cause and intensively treat the patients if this occurs.

Adequate hydration should be ensured throughout treatment with cabazitaxel. The patient should be advised to report any significant change in daily urinary volume immediately. Serum creatinine should be measured at baseline, with each blood count and whenever the patient reports a change in urinary output. Cabazitaxel treatment should be discontinued in case of any degradation of renal function to renal failure  $\geq$  CTCAE 4.0 Grade 3.

### Respiratory disorders

Interstitial pneumonia/pneumonitis and interstitial lung disease have been reported and may be associated with fatal outcome (see section *Undesirable Effects*). If new or worsening pulmonary symptoms develop, patients should be closely monitored, promptly investigated, and appropriately treated. Interruption of cabazitaxel therapy is recommended until diagnosis is available. Early use of supportive care measures may help improve the condition. The benefit of resuming cabazitaxel treatment must be carefully evaluated.

## Risk of Cardiac Arrhythmias

Cardiac arrhythmias have been reported, most commonly tachycardia and atrial fibrillation (see section *Undesirable Effects*).

#### Elderly

Elderly people (≥ 65 years of age) may be more likely to experience certain adverse reactions including neutropenia and febrile neutropenia (see section *Undesirable Effects*).

#### Patients with Liver Impairment

Treatment with JEVTANA is contraindicated in patients with severe hepatic impairment (total bilirubin  $> 3 \times \text{ULN}$ ) (see sections *Contraindications* and *Pharmacokinetic Properties*). Dose should be reduced for patients with mild (total bilirubin >1 to  $\le 1.5 \times \text{ULN}$ ) or AST  $> 1.5 \times \text{ULN}$ ), hepatic impairment (see sections *Posology and Method of Administration* and *Pharmacokinetic Properties*).

#### Interactions

Co-administration with strong CYP3A inhibitors should be avoided since they may increase the plasma concentrations of cabazitaxel (see sections *Posology and Method of Administration* and *Interaction with Other Medicinal Products and Other Forms of Interaction*). If co-administration with a strong CYP3A inhibitor cannot be avoided, close

monitoring for toxicity and a cabazitaxel dose reduction should be considered (see sections *Posology and Method of Administration* and *Interaction with Other Medicinal Products and Other Forms of Interaction*).

Co-administration with strong CYP3A inducers should be avoided since they may decrease plasma concentrations of cabazitaxel (see sections *Posology and Method of Administration* and *Interaction with Other Medicinal Products and Other Forms of Interaction*).

## Excipients

This medicine contains 573 mg of alcohol (ethanol) in each solvent vial. The amount in the dose of this medicine is equivalent to less than 11 ml beer or 5 ml wine.

The small amount of alcohol in this medicine will not have any noticeable effects. However, special precaution needs to be taken in high-risk groups such as patients with liver disease, epilepsy and patients with the history of alcoholism.

### Contraception measure

Men should use contraceptive measures during treatment and for 4 months after cessation of treatment with cabazitaxel (see section *Fertility, Pregnancy and Lactation*).

#### Interaction with Other Medicinal Products and Other Forms of Interaction

*In vitro* studies have shown that cabazitaxel is mainly metabolised through CYP3A (80% to 90%) (see section *Pharmacokinetic Properties*).

#### CYP3A Inhibitors

Repeated administration of ketoconazole (400 mg once daily), a strong CYP3A inhibitor, resulted in a 20% decrease in cabazitaxel clearance corresponding to a 25% increase in AUC. Therefore concomitant administration of strong CYP3A inhibitors (e.g., ketoconazole, itraconazole, clarithromycin, indinavir, nefazodone, nelfinavir, ritonavir, saquinavir, telithromycin, voriconazole) should be avoided as an increase of plasma concentrations of cabazitaxel may occur (see sections *Posology and Method of Administration* and *Special Warnings and Precautions for Use*).

Concomitant administration of aprepitant, a moderate CYP3A inhibitor, had no effect on cabazitaxel clearance.

## CYP3A Inducers

Repeated administration of rifampin (600 mg once daily), a strong CYP3A inducer, resulted in an increase in cabazitaxel clearance of 21% corresponding to a decrease in AUC of 17%.

Therefore concomitant administration of strong CYP3A inducers (e.g., phenytoin, carbamazepine, rifampin, rifabutin, rifapentin, phenobarbital) should be avoided as a decrease of plasma concentrations of cabazitaxel may occur (see sections *Posology and Method of Administration* and *Special Warnings and Precautions for Use*). In addition, patients should also refrain from taking St. John's Wort.

#### OATP1B1

In vitro, cabazitaxel has also been shown to inhibit the transport proteins of the Organic Anion Transport Polypeptides OATP1B1. The risk of interaction with OATP1B1 substrates (e.g., statins, valsartan, repaglinide) is possible, notably during the infusion duration (1 hour) and up to 20 minutes after the end of the infusion. A time interval of 12 hours is recommended before the infusion and at least 3 hours after the end of infusion before administering the OATP1B1 substrates.

#### Vaccinations

Administration of live or live-attenuated vaccines in patients immunocompromised by chemotherapeutic agents, may result in serious or fatal infections. Vaccination with a live attenuated vaccine should be avoided in patients receiving cabazitaxel. Killed or inactivated vaccines may be administered; however, the response to such vaccines may be diminished.

### Fertility, Pregnancy and Lactation

## Contraception measure

Due to the genotoxic risk of cabazitaxel (see section 5.3), men should use effective method of contraception during treatment and for 4 months after cessation of treatment with cabazitaxel.

## Pregnancy

There are no data from the use of cabazitaxel in pregnant women. Studies in animals have shown reproductive toxicity at maternotoxic doses (see section *Preclinical Safety Data*) and that cabazitaxel crosses the placenta barrier (see section *Preclinical Safety Data*). As with other cytotoxic medicinal products, cabazitaxel may cause foetal harm in exposed pregnant women.

Cabazitaxel is not indicated for use in women.

## Breast-feeding

Available pharmacokinetics data in animals have shown excretion of cabazitaxel and its metabolites in milk (see section *Preclinical Safety Data*).

#### Fertility

Animal studies showed that cabazitaxel affected reproductive system in male rats and dogs without any functional effect on fertility (see section *Preclinical Safety Data*). Nevertheless, considering the pharmacological activity of taxanes, their genotoxic potential by an aneugenic mechanism and effect of several compounds of this class on fertility in animal studies, effect on male fertility could not be excluded in human.

Men being treated with cabazitaxel are advised to seek advice on conservation of sperm prior to treatment.

## **Effects on Ability to Drive and Use Machines**

Cabazitaxel has a moderate influence on the ability to drive and use machines as it may cause fatigue and dizziness. Patients should be advised not to drive or use machines if they experience these adverse reactions during treatment.

#### **Undesirable Effects**

## Summary of Safety Profile

The safety of JEVTANA in combination with prednisone or prednisolone was evaluated in 3 randomized, open label, controlled studies (TROPIC, PROSELICA and CARD), totaling 1092 patients with metastatic castration resistant prostate cancer who were treated with 25 mg/m² cabazitaxel once every three weeks. Patients received a median of 6 to 7 cycles of cabazitaxel.

The incidences from the pooled analysis of these 3 trials are presented below and in the tabulated list.

The most common all grades adverse reactions were anaemia (99.0%), leukopenia (93.0%), neutropenia (87.9%), thrombocytopenia (41.1%), diarrhoea (42.1%), fatigue (25.0%) and asthenia (15.4%). The most common grade  $\geq 3$  adverse reactions occurring in at least 5% of patients were neutropenia (73.1%), leukopenia (59.5%), anaemia (12.0%), febrile neutropenia (8.0%) and diarrhoea (4.7%).

Discontinuation of treatment due to adverse reactions occurred with similar frequencies across the 3 studies (18.3% in TROPIC, 19.5% in PROSELICA and 19.8% in CARD) in patients receiving cabazitaxel. The most common adverse reactions (> 1.0%) leading to cabazitaxel discontinuation were haematuria, fatigue and neutropenia.

#### Tabulated List of Adverse Reactions

Adverse reactions are listed in table 2 according to MedDRA system organ class and frequency categories. Within each frequency grouping, adverse reactions are presented in order of decreasing seriousness. Intensity of the adverse reactions is graded according to CTCAE 4.0 (grade  $\geq 3 = G \geq 3$ ). Frequencies are based on all grades and defined as: very common ( $\geq 1/10$ ), common ( $\geq 1/100$ ) to < 1/10); uncommon ( $\geq 1/1000$ ); rare ( $\geq 1/10,000$ ) to < 1/1,000); very rare (< 1/10,000); not known (cannot be estimated from the available data).

**Table 2**: Reported adverse reactions and haematological abnormalities with cabazitaxel in combination with prednisone or prednisolone from pooled analysis (n=1092)

System Organ Class	Adverse Reaction	All Grades n (%)		Grade ≥3 n (%)	
		Very	Common	Uncommon	
		Common			
Infections and	Neutropenic		48 (4.4)		42 (3.8)
infestations	infection/sepsis*				
	Septic shock			10 (0.9)	10 (0.9)
	Sepsis		13 (1.2)		13 (1.2)

	Cellulitis			8 (0.7)	3 (0.3)
	Urinary tract		103 (9.4)		19 (1.7)
	infection				
	Influenza		22 (2.0)		0
	Cystitis		22 (2.0)		2 (0.2)
	Upper respiratory		23 (2.1)		0
	tract infection				
	Herpes zoster		14 (1.3)		0
	Candidiasis		11 (1.0)		1 (<0.1)
Blood and	Neutropenia <sup>a*</sup>	950 (87.9)			790
lymphatic					(73.1)
system	Anaemia <sup>a</sup>	1073			130
disorders		(99.0)			(12.0)
	Leukopenia <sup>a</sup>	1008			645
		(93.0)			(59.5)
	Thrombocytopenia <sup>a</sup>	478 (44.1)			44 (4.1)
	Febrile neutropenia		87 (8.0)		87 (8.0)
Immune system	Hypersensitivity			7 (0.6)	0
disorders					
Metabolism and	Decreased appetite	192 (17.6)			11 (1.0)
nutrition	Dehydration		27 (2.5)		11 (1.0)
disorders	Hyperglycemia		11 (1.0)		7 (0.6)
	Hypokalemia			8 (0.7)	2 (0.2)
Psychiatric	Insomnia		45 (4.1)		0
disorders	Anxiety		13 (1.2)		0
	Confusional state		12 (1.1)		2 (0.2)
Nervous system	Dysgeusia		64 (5.9)		0
disorders	Taste disorder		56 (5.1)		0
	Neuropathy		40 (3.7)		2 (0.2)
	peripheral				
	Peripheral sensory		89 (8.2)		6 (0.5)
	neuropathy				
	Polyneuropathy			9 (0.8)	2 (0.2)
	Dizziness		63 (5.8)		0
	Headache		56 (5.1)		1 (<0.1)
	Paraesthesia		46 (4.2)		0
	Lethargy		15 (1.4)		1 (<0.1)
	Hypoaesthesia		18 (1.6)		1 (<0.1)
	Sciatica			9 (0.8)	1 (<0.1)
Eye disorders	Conjunctivitis		11 (1.0)		0
	Lacrimation		22 (2.0)		0
	increased				
Ear and	Tinnitus			7 (0.6)	0
labyrinth	Vertigo		15 (1.4)		1 (<0.1)
disorders					

Cardiac	Atrial fibrillation		14 (1.3)		5 (0.5)
disorders*	Tachycardia		11 (1.0)		1 (<0.1)
Vascular	Hypotension		38 (3.5)		5 (0.5)
disorders	Deep vein		12 (1.1)		9 (0.8)
	thrombosis		()		
	Hypertension		29 (2.7)		12 (1.1)
	Orthostatic			6 (0.5)	1 (<0.1)
	hypotension				
	Hot flush		23 (2.1)		1 (<0.1)
	Flushing			9 (0.8)	0
Respiratory,	Dyspnoea		97 (8.9)		9 (0.8)
thoracic and	Cough		79 (7.2)		0
mediastinal	Oropharyngeal		26 (2.4)		1 (<
disorders	pain				0.1)
	Pneumonia		26 (2.4)		16 (1.5)
	Pulmonary		30 (2.7)		23 (2.1)
	embolism				
Gastrointestinal	Diarrhoea	460 (42.1)			51 (4.7)
disorders	Nausea	347 (31.8)			14 (1.3)
	Vomiting	207 (19.0)			14 (1.3)
	Constipation	202 (18.5)			8 (0.7)
	Abdominal pain		105 (9.6)		15 (1.4)
	Dyspepsia		53 (4.9)		0
	Abdominal pain		46 (4.2)		1 (<
	upper				0.1)
	Haemorrhoids		22 (2.0)		0
	Gastroesophageal		26 (2.4)		1 (<
	reflux disease				0.1)
	Rectal		14 (1.3)		4 (0.4)
,	haemorrhage				
,	Dry mouth		19 (1.7)		2 (0.2)
	Abdominal		14 (1.3)		1 (<
	distension				0.1)
	Stomatitis		46 (4.2)		2 (0.2)
	Ileus*			7 (0.6)	5 (0.5)
,	Gastritis			10 (0.9)	
	Colitis*			10 (0.9)	5 (0.5)
	Gastrointestinal			3 (0.3)	1 (<0.1)
	perforation				
	Gastrointestinal			2 (0.2)	1 (<0.1)
G1 :	haemorrhage		00 (7.5)		
Skin and	Alopecia		80 (7.3)		0
subcutaneous	Dry skin		23 (2.1)	0 (0.7)	0
tissue disorders	Erythema		10 (1.0)	8 (0.7)	0
	Nail disorder		18 (1.6)		0

Musculoskeletal	Back pain	166 (15.2)			24 (2.2)
and connective	Arthralgia		88 (8.1)		9 (0.8)
tissue disorders	Pain in extremity		76 (7.0)		9 (0.8)
	Muscle spasms		51 (4.7)		0
	Myalgia		40 (3.7)		2 (0.2)
	Musculoskeletal		34 (3.1)		3 (0.3)
	chest pain				
	Muscular weakness		31 (2.8)		1 (0.2)
	Flank pain		17 (1.6)		5 (0.5)
Renal and	Acute renal failure		21 (1.9)		14 (1.3)
urinary	Renal failure			8 (0.7)	6 (0.5)
disorders	Dysuria		52 (4.8)		0
	Renal colic		14 (1.3)		2 (0.2)
	Haematuria	205 (18.8)			33 (3.0)
	Pollakiuria		26 (2.4)		2 (0.2)
	Hydronephrosis		25 (2.3)		13 (1.2)
	Urinary retention		36 (3.3)		4 (0.4)
	Urinary		22 (2.0)		0
	incontinence				
	Ureteric			8 (0.7)	6 (0.5)
	obstruction				
Reproductive	Pelvic pain		20 (1.8)		5 (0.5)
system and					
breast disorders					
General	Fatigue	333 (30.5)			42 (3.8)
disorders and	Asthenia	227 (20.8)			32 (2.9)
administration	Pyrexia		90 (8.2)		5 (0.5)
site conditions	Peripheral oedema		96 (8.8)		2 (0.2)
	Mucosal		23 (2.1)		1 (<0.1)
	inflammation				
	Pain		36 (3.3)		7 (0.6)
	Chest pain		11 (1.0)		2 (0.2)
	Oedema			8 (0.7)	1 (<0.1)
	Chills		12 (1.1)		0
	Malaise		21 (1.9)		0
Investigations	Weight decreased		81 (7.4)		0
	Aspartate		13 (1.2)		1 (<0.1)
	aminotransferase				
	increased				
	Transaminases			7 (0.6)	1 (<0.1)
	increased				

a based on laboratory values
\* see detailed section below

## <u>Description of Selected Adverse Reactions</u>

### Neutropenia, and Associated Clinical Events

The use of G CSF has been shown to limit the incidence and severity of neutropenia (see sections *Posology and Method of Administration* and *Special Warnings and Precautions for Use*).

Incidence of grade  $\geq 3$  neutropenia based on laboratory data varied depending on use of G-CSF from 44.7% to 76.7%, with the lowest incidence reported when G-CSF prophylaxis was used. Similarly, the incidence of grade  $\geq 3$  febrile neutropenia ranged from 3.2% to 8.6%.

Neutropenic complications (including febrile neutropenia, neutropenic infection/sepsis and neutropenic colitis) which in some cases resulted in a fatal outcome, were reported in 4.0% of the patients when primary G-CSF prophylaxis was used, and in 12.8% of the patients otherwise.

## Cardiac Disorders and Arrhythmias

In the pooled analysis, cardiac events were reported in 5.5% of the patients of which 1.1% had Grade  $\geq 3$  cardiac arrhythmias. The incidence of tachycardia on cabazitaxel was 1.0%, of which less than 0.1% were Grade  $\geq 3$ . The incidence of atrial fibrillation was 1.3%. Cardiac failure events were reported for 2 patients (0.2%), one of which resulted in a fatal outcome. Fatal ventricular fibrillation was reported in 1 patient (0.3%), and cardiac arrest in 3 patients (0.5%). None were considered related by the investigator.

#### Haematuria

In the pooled analysis, haematuria all grades frequency was 18.8% at 25 mg/m<sup>2</sup> (see section *Pharmacodynamic Properties*). Confounding causes when documented, such as disease progression, instrumentation, infection or anticoagulation/NSAID/acetylsalicylic acid therapy were identified in nearly half of the cases.

#### Other Laboratory Abnormalities

In the pooled analysis, the incidence of grade  $\geq 3$  anaemia, increased AST, ALT, and bilirubin based on laboratory abnormalities were 12.0%, 1.3%, 1.0%, and 0.5%, respectively.

#### Gastrointestinal Disorders

Colitis (including enterocolitis and neutropenic enterocolitis) and gastritis have been observed. Gastrointestinal hemorrhage, gastrointestinal perforation and ileus (intestinal obstruction) have also been reported (see section *Special Warnings and Precautions for Use*).

#### Respiratory disorders

Cases of interstitial pneumonia/pneumonitis and interstitial lung disease, sometimes fatal have been reported with an unknown frequency (cannot be estimated from the available data) (see section *Special Warnings and Precautions for Use*).

#### Renal and urinary disorders

Cystitis due to radiation recall phenomenon, including haemorrhagic cystitis, were reported uncommonly.

## Paediatric Population (see section *Posology and Method of Administration*)

## Other Special Populations

Elderly Population

Of the 1092 patients treated with cabazitaxel 25 mg/m<sup>2</sup> in the prostate cancer studies, 755 patients were 65 years or over including 238 patients older than 75 years.

The following non haematologic adverse reactions were reported at rates  $\geq 5\%$  higher in patients 65 years of age or greater compared to younger patients: fatigue (33.5% vs. 23.7%), asthenia (23.7% vs. 14.2%), constipation (20.4% vs. 14.2%) and dyspnoea (10.3% vs. 5.6%) respectively. Neutropenia (90.9% vs. 81.2%) and thrombocytopenia (48.8% vs. 36.1%) were also 5% higher in patients 65 years of age or greater compared to younger patients. Grade  $\geq 3$  neutropenia and febrile neutropenia were reported with the highest difference rates between both groups of age (respectively 14% and 4% higher in patients  $\geq$  65 years old compared to patients  $\leq$  65 years old (see sections *Posology and Method of Administration* and Special Warnings and Precautions for Use).

#### Overdose

There is no known antidote to cabazitaxel. The anticipated complications of overdose would consist of exacerbation of adverse reactions as bone marrow suppression and gastrointestinal disorders.

In case of overdose, the patient should be kept in a specialised unit and closely monitored. Patients should receive therapeutic G-CSF as soon as possible after discovery of overdose. Other appropriate symptomatic measures should be taken.

## PHARMACOLOGICAL PROPERTIES

#### **Pharmacodynamic Properties**

Pharmacotherapeutic group: Antineoplastic agents, Taxanes, ATC code: L01CD04 Mechanism of Action

Cabazitaxel is an antineoplastic agent that acts by disrupting the microtubular network in cells. Cabazitaxel binds to tubulin and promotes the assembly of tubulin into microtubules while simultaneously inhibiting their disassembly. This leads to the stabilisation of microtubules, which results in the inhibition of mitotic and interphase cellular functions.

## Pharmacodynamic Effects

Cabazitaxel demonstrated a broad spectrum of antitumour activity against advanced human tumours xenografted in mice. Cabazitaxel is active in docetaxel-sensitive tumours. In addition, cabazitaxel demonstrated activity in tumour models insensitive to chemotherapy including docetaxel.

## Clinical Efficacy and Safety

The efficacy and safety of JEVTANA in combination with prednisone or prednisolone were evaluated in a randomised, open-label, international, multi-center, phase III study (EFC6193 study), in patients with metastatic castration resistant prostate cancer previously treated with a docetaxel containing regimen.

Overall survival (OS) was the primary efficacy endpoint of the study.

Secondary endpoints included Progression Free Survival [PFS (defined as time from randomization to tumour progression, Prostatic Specific Antigen (PSA) progression, pain progression, or death due to any cause, whichever occurred first], Tumour Response Rate based on Response Evaluation Criteria in Solid Tumours (RECIST), PSA Progression (defined as a  $\geq 25\%$  increase or > 50% in PSA non-responders or responders respectively), PSA response (declines in serum PSA levels of at least 50%), pain progression [assessed using the Present Pain Intensity (PPI) scale from the McGill-Melzack questionnaire and an Analgesic Score (AS)] and pain response (defined as 2-point greater reduction from baseline median PPI with no concomitant increase in AS, or reduction of  $\geq 50\%$  in analgesic use from baseline mean AS with no concomitant increase in pain).

A total of 755 patients were randomised to receive either JEVTANA 25 mg/m<sup>2</sup> intravenously every 3 weeks for a maximum of 10 cycles with prednisone or prednisolone 10 mg orally daily (n = 378), or to receive mitoxantrone 12 mg/m<sup>2</sup> intravenously every 3 weeks for a maximum of 10 cycles with prednisone or prednisolone 10 mg orally daily (n = 377).

This study included patients over 18 years of age with metastatic castration resistant prostate cancer either measurable by RECIST criteria or non-measurable disease with rising PSA levels or appearance of new lesions, and Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group (ECOG) performance status 0 to 2. Patients had to have neutrophils  $> 1,500/\text{mm}^3$ , platelets  $> 100,000/\text{mm}^3$ , haemoglobin > 10 g/dl, creatinine < 1.5 x ULN, total bilirubin < 1 x ULN, AST and ALT < 1.5 x ULN.

Patients with a history of congestive heart failure, or myocardial infarction within last 6 months, or patients with uncontrolled cardiac arrhythmias, angina pectoris, and/or hypertension were not included in the study.

Demographics, including age, race, and ECOG performance status (0 to 2), were balanced between the treatment arms. In the JEVTANA group, the mean age was 68 years, range (46 - 92) and the racial distribution was 83.9% Caucasian, 6.9% Asian/Oriental, 5.3% Black and 4% Others.

The median number of cycles was 6 in the JEVTANA group and 4 in the mitoxantrone group. The number of patients who completed the study treatment (10 cycles) was respectively 29.4% and 13.5% in the JEVTANA group and in the comparator group.

Overall survival was significant longer with JEVTANA compared to mitoxantrone (15.1 months versus 12.7 respectively), with a 30% reduction in the risk of death compared to mitoxantrone (see table 3 and figure 1).

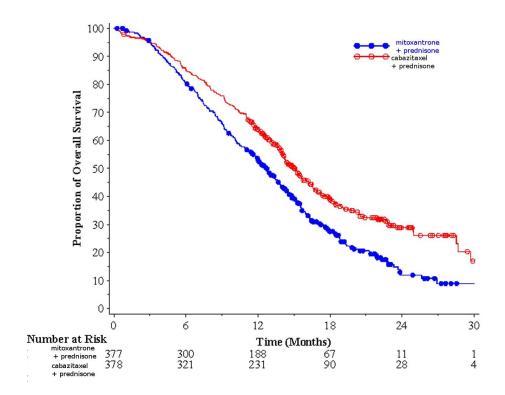
A sub-group of 59 patients received prior cumulative dose of docetaxel < 225 mg/m² (29 patients in JEVTANA arm, 30 patients in mitoxantrone arm). There was no significant difference in overall survival in this group of patients (HR (95%CI) 0.96 (0.49 - 1.86)).

**Table 3**: Efficacy of JEVTANA in EFC6193 study in the treatment of patients with metastatic castration resistant prostate cancer

	JEVTANA + prednisone N = 378	mitoxantrone + prednisone n = 377	
Overall Survival			
Number of patients with deaths (%)	234 (61.9%)	279 (74%)	
Median survival (months) (95% CI)	15.1 (14.1 - 16.3)	12.7 (11.6 - 13.7)	
Hazard Ratio (HR) <sup>1</sup> (95% CI)	0.70 (0.59 - 0.83)		
p-value	< 0.0001		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>HR estimated using Cox model; a hazard ratio of less than 1 favours JEVTANA

Figure 1: Kaplan Meier overall survival curves (EFC6193)



There was an improvement in PFS in the JEVTANA arm compared to mitoxantrone arm, 2.8~(2.4~-3.0) months versus 1.4~(1.4~-1.7) respectively, HR (95% CI) 0.74~(0.64~-0.86), p < 0.0001.

There was a significant higher rate of tumour response of 14.4% (95%CI: 9.6 - 19.3) in patients in the JEVTANA arm compared to 4.4% (95%CI: 1.6 - 7.2) for patients in the mitoxantrone arm, p = 0.0005.

PSA secondary endpoints were positive in the JEVTANA arm. There was a median PSA progression of 6.4 months (95%CI: 5.1 - 7.3) for patients in JEVTANA arm, compared to 3.1 months (95%CI: 2.2 - 4.4) in the mitoxantrone arm, HR 0.75 months (95%CI 0.63 - 0.90), p = 0.0010. The PSA response was 39.2% in patients on JEVTANA arm (95%CI: 33.9 - 44.5) versus 17.8% of patients on mitoxantrone (95% CI: 13.7 - 22.0), p = 0.0002.

There was no statistical difference between both treatment arms in pain progression and pain response.

In a non-inferiority, multicenter, multinational, randomized, open label phase III study (EFC11785 study), 1200 patients with metastatic castration resistant prostate cancer, previously treated with a docetaxel-containing regimen, were randomized to receive either cabazitaxel 25 mg/m² (n=602) or 20 mg/m² (n=598) dose. Overall survival (OS) was the primary efficacy end-point. The study met its primary objective of demonstrating the non-inferiority of cabazitaxel 20 mg/m² in comparison with 25 mg/m² (see table 4). A statistically significantly higher percentage (p<0.001) of patients showed a PSA response in the 25 mg/m² group (42.9%) compared to the 20 mg/m² group (29.5%). A statistically significantly higher risk of PSA progression in patients with the 20 mg/m² dose with

respect to the 25 mg/m<sup>2</sup> dose was observed (HR 1.195; 95%CI: 1.025 to 1.393). There was no statistically difference with regards to the other secondary endpoints (PFS, tumour and pain response, tumour and pain progression, and four subcategories of FACT-P).

Table 4 - Overall survival in EFC11785 study in cabazitaxel 25 mg/m<sup>2</sup> arm versus cabazitaxel 20 mg/m<sup>2</sup> arm (Intent-to-treat analysis) – Efficacy primary endpoint

	CBZ20+PRED	CBZ25+PRED
	n=598	n=602
Overall Survival		
Number of deaths, n (%)	497 (83.1 %)	501 (83.2%)
Median survival (95% CI)	13.4 (12.19 to 14.88)	14.5 (13.47 to 15.28)
(months)		
Hazard Ratio <sup>a</sup>	1.024	-
versus CBZ25+PRED	1.184	-
1-sided 98.89% UCI	0.922	-
1-sided 95% LCI		

CBZ20=Cabazitaxel 20 mg/m<sup>2</sup>, CBZ25=Cabazitaxel 25 mg/m<sup>2</sup>,

PRED=Prednisone/Prednisolone

CI=confidence interval, LCI=lower bound of the confidence interval, UCI=upper bound of the confidence interval

a Hazard ratio is estimated using a Cox Proportional Hazards regression model. A hazard ratio < 1 indicates a lower risk of cabazitaxel 20 mg/m<sup>2</sup> with respect to 25 mg/m<sup>2</sup>.

The safety profile of cabazitaxel 25 mg/m<sup>2</sup> observed in study EFC11785 was qualitatively and quantitatively similar to that observed in the study EFC6193. Study EFC11785 demonstrated a better safety profile for the cabazitaxel 20 mg/m<sup>2</sup> dose.

Table 5 – Summary of safety data for cabazitaxel 25 mg/m $^2$  arm versus cabazitaxel 20 mg/m $^2$  arm in EFC11785 study

	CBZ20+PRED	CBZ25+PRED
	n=580	n=595
Median number of cycles/ median duration of treatment	6/ 18 weeks	7/ 21 weeks
Number of patients with dose reduction n (%)	From 20 to 15 mg/m <sup>2</sup> : 58 (10.0%) From 15 to 12 mg/m <sup>2</sup> : 9 (1.6%)	From 25 to 20 mg/m <sup>2</sup> : 128 (21.5%) From 20 to 15 mg/m <sup>2</sup> : 19 (3.2%) From 15 to 12 mg/m <sup>2</sup> : 1 (0.2%)
All grade adverse reactions <sup>a</sup>		
(%)		
Diarrhoea	30.7	39.8
Nausea	24.5	32.1

Fatigue	24.7	27.1
Haematuria	14.1	20.8
Asthenia	15.3	19.7
Decreased appetite	13.1	18.5
Vomiting	14.5	18.2
Constipation	17.6	18.0
Back pain	11.0	13.9
Clinical neutropenia	3.1	10.9
Urinary tract infection	6.9	10.8
Peripheral sensory	6.6	10.6
neuropathy		
Dysgeusia	7.1	10.6
Grade ≥ 3 adverse reactions <sup>b</sup>		
(%)		
Clinical neutropenia	2.4	9.6
Febrile neutropenia	2.1	9.2
-		
Haematological		
abnormalities <sup>c</sup> (%)		
Grade ≥ 3 neutropenia	41.8	73.3
Grade ≥ 3 anaemia	9.9	13.7
Grade $\geq 3$ thrombocytopenia	2.6	4.2

CBZ20=Cabazitaxel 20 mg/m<sup>2</sup>, CBZ25=Cabazitaxel 25 mg/m<sup>2</sup>,

PRED=Prednisone/Prednisolone

In a prospective, multinational, randomized, active-controlled and open-label phase IV study (LPS14201/CARD study) 255 patients with metastatic castration resistant prostate cancer (mCRPC), previously treated in any order with a docetaxel containing regimen and with an AR-targeted agent (abiraterone or enzalutamide, with disease progression within 12 months of treatment initiation), were randomized to receive either JEVTANA 25 mg/m² every 3 week plus prednisone/prednisolone 10 mg daily (n=129) or AR-targeted agents (abiraterone 1000 mg once daily plus prednisone/prednisolone 5 mg twice daily or enzalutamide 160 mg once daily) (n=126). Radiographic progression free-survival (rPFS) as defined by Prostate Cancer Working Group-2 (PCWG2) was the primary endpoint. Secondary endpoints included overall survival, progression-free survival, PSA response and tumour response.

Demographics and disease characteristics were balanced between treatment arms. At baseline, the overall median age was 70 years, 95% of patients had an ECOG PS of 0 to 1 and median Gleason score was 8. Sixty one percent (61%) of the patients had their prior treatment with an AR-targeted agent after prior docetaxel.

a All grade adverse reactions with an incidence higher than 10%

b Grade  $\geq 3$  adverse reactions with an incidence higher than 5%

c Based on laboratory values

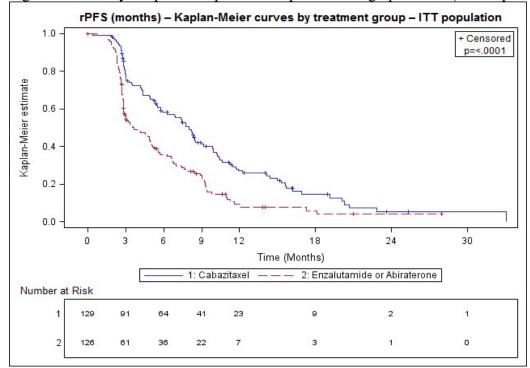
The study met its primary endpoint: rPFS was significantly longer with JEVTANA compared to AR-targeted agent (8.0 months versus 3.7 respectively), with a 46% reduction in the risk of radiographic progression compared to AR-targeted agent (see table 6 and figure 2).

Table 6 - Efficacy of JEVTANA in CARD study in the treatment of patients with metastatic castration resistant prostate cancer (Intent-to-treat analysis) – Radiographic progression free-survival (rPFS)

progress	sion nee-survival (IFFS)		
	JEVTANA	AR-targeted agent:	
	+ prednisone/prednisolone	Abiraterone +	
	+ G-CSF	prednisone/prednisolone	
		or	
		Enzalutamide	
	n=129	n=126	
Number of events at the cut-off date (%)	95 (73.6%)	101 (80.2%)	
Median rPFS (months) (95% CI)	8.0 (5.7 to 9.2)	3.7 (2.8 to 5.1)	
Hazard Ratio (HR) (95% CI)	0.54 (0.40 to 0.73)		
p-value <sup>1</sup>	< 0.0001		

 $^{1}$ stratified log-rank test, significance threshold = 0.05

Figure 2 - Primary endpoint: Kaplan-Meier plot of radiographic PFS (ITT Population)



Tick marks indicate censored data.

Planned subgroup analyses for rPFS based on stratification factors at randomization yielded a hazard ratio of 0.61 (95% CI: 0.39 to 0.96) in patients who received a prior AR-targeted agent before docetaxel and a hazard ratio of 0.48 (95% CI: 0.32 to 0.70) in patients who received a prior AR-targeted agent after docetaxel.

JEVTANA was statistically superior to the AR-targeted comparators for each of the alpha-protected key secondary endpoints including overall survival (13.6 months for JEVTANA arm versus 11.0 months for AR-targeted agent arm, HR 0.64, 95%CI: 0.46 to 0.89; p=0.008), progression-free survival (4.4 months for JEVTANA arm versus 2.7 months for AR-targeted agent arm, HR 0.52; 95%CI: 0.40 to 0.68), confirmed PSA response (36.3% for JEVTANA arm versus 14.3% for AR-targeted agent arm, p=0.0003) and best tumour response (36.5% for JEVTANA arm versus 11.5% for AR-targeted agent arm, p=0.004).

The safety profile of JEVTANA 25 mg/m² observed in CARD study was overall consistent with that observed in TROPIC and PROSELICA studies (see section 4.8). The incidence of grade  $\geq 3$  adverse events was 53.2% in JEVTANA arm versus 46.0% in the AR-targeted agent arm. The incidence of grade  $\geq 3$  serious adverse events were 31.7% in JEVTANA arm versus 37.1% in the AR-targeted agent arm. The incidence of patients who permanently discontinued study treatment due to adverse events was 19.8% in JEVTANA arm versus 8.1% in the AR-targeted agent arm. The incidence of patients having an adverse event leading to death was 5.6% in JEVTANA arm versus 10.5% in the AR-targeted agent arm.

## **Pharmacokinetic Properties**

A population pharmacokinetic analysis was carried out in 170 patients including patients with advanced solid tumours (n = 69), metastatic breast cancer (n = 34) and metastatic prostate cancer (n = 67). These patients received cabazitaxel at doses of 10 to 30 mg/m<sup>2</sup> weekly or every 3 weeks.

#### Absorption

After 1-hour intravenous administration at 25 mg/m<sup>2</sup> cabazitaxel in patients with metastatic prostate cancer (n = 67), the  $C_{max}$  was 226 ng/ml (Coefficient of Variation (CV): 107%) and was reached at the end of the 1-hour infusion ( $T_{max}$ ). The mean AUC was 991 ng.h/ml (CV: 34%).

No major deviation to the dose proportionality was observed from 10 to 30 mg/m<sup>2</sup> in patients with advanced solid tumours (n = 126).

#### Distribution

The volume of distribution ( $V_{ss}$ ) was 4870 l (2640 l/m² for a patient with a median BSA of 1.84 m²) at steady state.

*In vitro*, the binding of cabazitaxel to human serum proteins was 89 - 92% and was not saturable up to 50,000 ng/ml, which covers the maximum concentration observed in clinical studies. Cabazitaxel is mainly bound to human serum albumin (82.0%) and lipoproteins (87.9% for HDL, 69.8% for LDL, and 55.8% for VLDL). The *in vitro* blood-

to-plasma concentration ratios in human blood ranged from 0.90 to 0.99 indicating that cabazitaxel was equally distributed between blood and plasma.

## Biotransformation

Cabazitaxel is extensively metabolised in the liver (> 95%), mainly by the CYP3A isoenzyme (80% to 90%). Cabazitaxel is the main circulating compound in human plasma. Seven metabolites were detected in plasma (including 3 active metabolites issued form O-demethylations), with the main one accounting for 5% of parent exposure. Around 20 metabolites of cabazitaxel are excreted into human urine and faeces.

Based on *in vitro* studies, the potential risk of inhibition by cabazitaxel at clinically relevant concentrations is possible towards medicinal products that are mainly substrate of CYP3A. However a clinical study has shown that cabazitaxel (25 mg/m² administered as a single 1-hour infusion) did not modify the plasma levels of midazolam, a probe substrate of CYP3A. Therefore, at therapeutic doses, co-administration of CYP3A substrates with cabazitaxel to patients is not expected to have any clinical impact.

There is no potential risk of inhibition of medicinal products that are substrates of other CYP enzymes (1A2, 2B6, 2C9, 2C8, 2C19, 2E1, and 2D6) as well as no potential risk of induction by cabazitaxel on medicinal products that are substrates of CYP1A, CYP2C9, and CYP3A. Cabazitaxel did not inhibit *in vitro* the major biotransformation pathway of warfarin into 7-hydroxywarfarin, which is mediated by CYP2C9. Therefore, no pharmacokinetic interaction of cabazitaxel on warfarin is expected *in vivo*.

In vitro cabazitaxel did not inhibit Multidrug-Resistant Proteins (MRP): MRP1 and MRP2 or Organic Cation Transporter (OCT1). Cabazitaxel inhibited the transport of P-glycoprotein (PgP) (digoxin, vinblastin), Breast-Cancer-Resistant-Proteins (BCRP) (methotrexate) and Organic Anion Transporting Polypeptide OATP1B3 (CCK8) at concentrations at least 15 fold what is observed in clinical setting while it inhibited the transport of OATP1B1 (estradiol-17β-glucuronide) at concentrations only 5 fold what is observed in clinical setting. Therefore the risk of interaction with substrates of MRP, OCT1, PgP, BCRP and OATP1B3 is unlikely *in vivo* at the dose of 25 mg/m². The risk of interaction with OATP1B1 transporter is possible, notably during the infusion duration (1 hour) and up to 20 minutes after the end of the infusion (see section *Interaction with Other Medicinal Products and Other Forms of Interaction*).

#### Elimination

After a 1-hour intravenous infusion [14C]-cabazitaxel at 25 mg/m² in patients, approximately 80% of the administered dose was eliminated within 2 weeks. Cabazitaxel is mainly excreted in the faeces as numerous metabolites (76% of the dose); while renal excretion of cabazitaxel and metabolites account for less than 4% of the dose (2.3% as unchanged medicinal product in urine).

Cabazitaxel had a high plasma clearance of 48.5 l/h (26.4 l/h/m² for a patient with a median BSA of 1.84 m²) and a long terminal half-life of 95 hours.

### **Special Populations**

## Elderly patients

In the population pharmacokinetic analysis in 70 patients of 65 years and older (57 from 65 to 75 and 13 patients above 75), no age effect on the pharmacokinetics of cabazitaxel was observed.

#### Paediatric Patients

Safety and effectiveness of JEVTANA have not been established in children and adolescents below 18 years of age.

## Hepatic Impairment

Cabazitaxel is eliminated primarily via liver metabolism.

A dedicated study in 43 cancer patients with hepatic impairment showed no influence of mild (total bilirubin >1 to  $\leq$ 1.5 x ULN or AST >1.5 x ULN) or moderate (total bilirubin >1.5 to  $\leq$ 3.0 x ULN) hepatic impairment on cabazitaxel pharmacokinetics. The maximum tolerated dose (MTD) of cabazitaxel was 20 and 15 mg/m<sup>2</sup>, respectively.

In 3 patients with severe hepatic impairment (total bilirubin >3 ULN), a 39% decrease in clearance was observed when compared to patients with mild hepatic impairment, indicating some effect of severe hepatic impairment on cabazitaxel pharmacokinetics. The MTD of cabazitaxel in patients with severe hepatic impairment was not established. Based on safety and tolerability data, cabazitaxel dose should be reduced in patients with mild hepatic impairment (see sections *Posology and Method of Administration, Special Warnings and Precautions for Use*). JEVTANA is contraindicated in patients with severe hepatic impairment (see section *Contraindications*).

#### Renal Impairment

Cabazitaxel is minimally excreted via the kidney (2.3% of the dose). A population pharmacokinetic analysis carried out in 170 patients that included 14 patients with moderate renal impairment (creatinine clearance in the range of 30 to 50 ml/min) and 59 patients with mild renal impairment (creatinine clearance in the range of 50 to 80 ml/min) showed that mild to moderate renal impairment did not have meaningful effects on the pharmacokinetics of cabazitaxel. This was confirmed by a dedicated comparative pharmacokinetic study in solid cancer patients with normal renal function (8 patients), moderate (8 patients) and severe (9 patients) renal impairment, who received several cycles of cabazitaxel in single IV infusion up to 25 mg/m<sup>2</sup>.

## **Preclinical Safety Data**

Adverse reactions not observed in clinical studies, but seen in dogs after single dose, 5-day and weekly administration at exposure levels lower than clinical exposure levels and with possible relevance to clinical use were arteriolar/periarterolar necrosis in the liver, bile ductule hyperplasia and/or hepatocellular necrosis (see section *Posology and Method of Administration*).

Adverse reactions not observed in clinical studies, but seen in rats during repeat-dose toxicity studies at exposure levels higher than clinical exposure levels and with possible

relevance to clinical use were eye disorders characterized by subcapsular lens fiber swelling/degeneration. These effects were partially reversible after 8 weeks.

Carcinogenicity studies have not been conducted with cabazitaxel.

Cabazitaxel did not induce mutations in the bacterial reverse mutation (Ames) test. It was not clastogenic in an *in vitro* test in human lymphocytes (no induction of structural chromosomal aberration but it increased number of polyploid cells) and induced an increase of micronuclei in the *in vivo* test in rats. These genotoxicity findings (by an aneugenic mechanism) are inherent to the pharmacological activity of the compound (inhibition of tubulin depolymerization).

Cabazitaxel did not affect mating performances or fertility of treated male rats. However, in repeated-dose toxicity studies, degeneration of seminal vesicle and seminiferous tubule atrophy in the testis were observed in rats, and testicular degeneration (minimal epithelial single cell necrosis in epididymis), was observed in dogs. Exposures in animals were similar or lower than those seen in humans receiving clinically relevant doses of cabazitaxel.

Cabazitaxel induced embryofoetal toxicity in female rats treated intravenously once daily from gestational days 6 through 17 linked with maternal toxicity and consisted of foetal deaths and decreased mean foetal weight associated with delay in skeletal ossification. Exposures in animals were lower than those seen in humans receiving clinically relevant doses of cabazitaxel. Cabazitaxel crossed the placenta barrier in rats.

In rats, cabazitaxel and its metabolites are excreted in maternal milk at a quantity up to 1.5% of administered dose over 24 hours.

#### Environmental Risk Assessment (ERA)

Results of environmental risk assessment studies indicated that use of JEVTANA will not cause significant risk to the aquatic environment (see section *Special Precautions for Disposal and Other Handling* for disposal of unused medicinal product).

# PHARMACEUTICAL PARTICULARS List of Excipients

Concentrate
Polysorbate 80
Citric acid

Solvent Ethanol 96% Water for injections

## **Incompatibilities**

This medicinal product must not be mixed with other medicinal products except those mentioned in section *Special Precautions for Disposal and Other Handling*.

PVC infusion containers or polyurethane infusion sets should not be used for the preparation and administration of the infusion solution.

#### **Shelf Life**

## Unopened vials

Please refer to outer carton label.

## After opening

The concentrate and solvent vials must be used immediately. If not used immediately, inuse storage times and conditions are the responsibility of the user.

## After initial dilution of the concentrate with the solvent

Chemical and physical in-use stability has been demonstrated for 1 hour at ambient temperature (15°C-30°C).

From a microbiological point of view, the concentrate-solvent mixture should be used immediately. If not used immediately, in-use storage times and conditions are the responsibility of the user and would normally not be longer than 24 hours at  $2^{\circ}C - 8^{\circ}C$ , unless dilution has taken place in controlled and validated aseptic conditions.

## After final dilution in the infusion bag/bottle

Chemical and physical stability of the infusion solution has been demonstrated for 8 hours at ambient temperature (including the 1-hour infusion time) and for 48 hours at refrigerated conditions (including the 1-hour infusion time).

From a microbiological point of view, the infusion solution should be used immediately. If not used immediately, in-use storage times and conditions are the responsibility of the user and would normally not be longer than 24 hours at  $2^{\circ}\text{C} - 8^{\circ}\text{C}$ , unless dilution has taken place in controlled and validated aseptic conditions.

## **Special Precautions for Storage**

Do not refrigerate.

Store below 30°C.

For storage conditions after opening and dilution of the medicinal product, see section *Shelf Life*.

## **Nature and Contents of Container**

One pack contains one vial of concentrate and one vial of solvent:

• Concentrate: 1.5 ml of concentrate in a 15 ml clear glass vial (type I) closed with a grey chlorobutyl rubber closure sealed by an aluminium cap covered with a light green plastic flip-off cap. Each vial contains 60 mg cabazitaxel per 1.5 ml

nominal volume (fill volume: 73.2 mg of cabazitaxel/1.83 ml). This fill volume has been established during the development of JEVTANA to compensate for liquid loss during preparation of the premix. This overfill ensures that after dilution with the **entire** content of the accompanying solvent for JEVTANA, there is a minimal extractable premix volume of 6 ml containing 10 mg/ml JEVTANA which corresponds to the labelled amount of 60 mg per vial.

• Solvent: 4.5 ml of solvent in a 15 ml clear glass vial (type I) closed with a grey chlorobutyl rubber closure sealed by a gold colour aluminium cap covered with a colourless plastic flip-off cap. Each vial contains 4.5 ml nominal volume (fill volume: 5.67 ml). This fill volume has been established during the development and the overfill ensures, after the addition of the **entire** content of the solvent vial to the content of JEVTANA 60 mg concentrate vial, a concentration of the premix solution of 10 mg/ml JEVTANA.

## Special Precautions for Disposal and Other Handling

JEVTANA should only be prepared and administered by personnel trained in handling cytotoxic agents. Pregnant staff should not handle the medicinal product. As for any other antineoplastic agent, caution should be exercised when handling and preparing JEVTANA solutions, taking into account the use of containment devices, personal protective equipment (e.g., gloves), and preparation procedures. If JEVTANA, at any step of its handling, should come into contact with the skin, wash immediately and thoroughly with soap and water. If it should come into contact with mucous membranes, wash immediately and thoroughly with water.

Always dilute the concentrate for solution for infusion with the **entire** supplied solvent before adding to infusion solution.

Read this **ENTIRE** section carefully before mixing and diluting. JEVTANA requires **TWO** dilutions prior to administration. Follow the preparation instructions provided below.

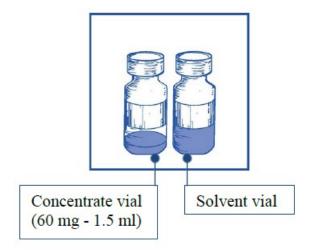
Note: Both the JEVTANA 60 mg/1.5 ml concentrate vial (fill volume: 73.2 mg of cabazitaxel/1.83 ml) and the solvent vial (fill volume: 5.67 ml) contain an overfill to compensate for liquid loss during preparation. This overfill ensures that after dilution with the **ENTIRE** contents of the accompanying solvent, there is solution containing 10 mg/ml cabazitaxel.

The following two-step dilution process must be carried out in an aseptic manner for preparing the solution for infusion.

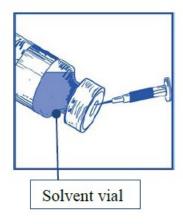
# Step 1: Initial dilution of the concentrate for solution for infusion with the supplied solvent.

### **Step 1.1**

Inspect the concentrate vial and the supplied solvent. The concentrate solution and the solvent should be clear.



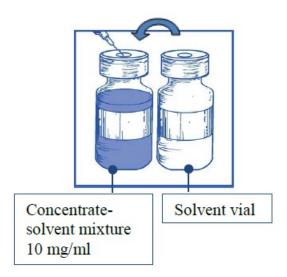
Step 1.2
Using a syringe fitted with a needle, aseptically withdraw the entire contents of the supplied solvent by partially inverting the vial.



Step 1.3 Inject the entire contents into the corresponding concentrate vial.

To limit foaming as much as possible when injecting the solvent, direct the needle onto the inside wall of the vial of concentrate solution and inject slowly.

Once reconstituted, the resultant solution contains 10 mg/ml of cabazitaxel.



**Step 1.4** 

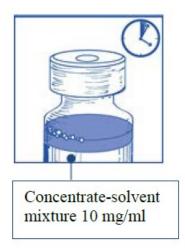
Remove the syringe and needle and mix manually and gently by repeated inversions until obtaining a clear and homogeneous solution. It could take approximately 45 seconds.



**Step 1.5** 

Let this solution stand for approximately 5 minutes and check then that the solution is homogeneous and clear.

It is normal for foam to persist after this time period.



This resulting concentrate-solvent mixture contains 10 mg/ml of cabazitaxel (at least 6 ml deliverable volume). The second dilution should be done immediately (within 1 hour) as detailed in Step 2.

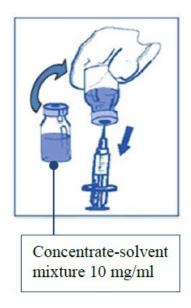
More than one vial of the concentrate-solvent mixture may be necessary to administer the prescribed dose.

## Step 2: Second (final) dilution for infusion

## **Step 2.1**

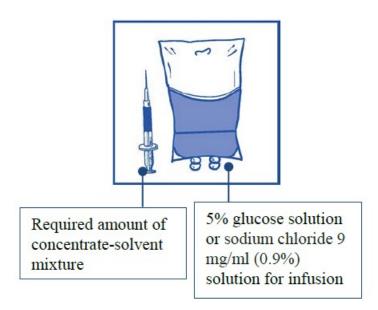
Aseptically withdraw the required amount of concentrate-solvent mixture (10 mg/ml of cabazitaxel), with a graduated syringe fitted with a needle. As an example, a dose of 45 mg JEVTANA would require 4.5 ml of the concentrate-solvent mixture prepared following Step 1.

Since foam may persist on the wall of the vial of this solution, following its preparation described in Step 1, it is preferable to place the needle of the syringe in the middle when extracting.



**Step 2.2** 

Inject in a sterile PVC-free container of either 5% glucose solution or sodium chloride 9 mg/ml (0.9%) solution for infusion. The concentration of the infusion solution should be between 0.10 mg/ml and 0.26 mg/ml.



**Step 2.3** 

Remove the syringe and mix the content of the infusion bag or bottle manually using a rocking motion.



## **Step 2.4**

As with all parenteral products, the resulting infusion solution should be visually inspected prior to use. As the infusion solution is supersaturated, it may crystallize over time. In this case, the solution must not be used and should be discarded.



The infusion solution should be used immediately. However, in-use storage time can be longer under specific conditions mentioned in section *Shelf Life*.

An in-line filter of 0.22 micrometer nominal pore size (also referred to as 0.2 micrometer) is recommended during administration.

Do not use PVC infusion containers or polyurethane infusion sets for the preparation and administration of JEVTANA.

JEVTANA must not be mixed with any other medicinal products than those mentioned.

Any unused medicinal product or waste material should be disposed of in accordance with local requirements.

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