

**EISAI TO PRESENT DATA ON ONCOLOGY PIPELINE AND PRODUCTS AT 54TH ASCO ANNUAL MEETING**

*LATEST DATA ON LENVIMA® (LENVATINIB) / KEYTRUDA® (PEMBROLIZUMAB) COMBINATION THERAPY TO BE PRESENTED*

Eisai Co., Ltd. (Headquarters: Tokyo, CEO: Haruo Naito, “Eisai”) announced today that presentations on a series of abstracts highlighting updates regarding its in-house discovered multiple receptor tyrosine kinase inhibitor lenvatinib mesylate (product name: Lenvima®, “lenvatinib”) will be presented during the 54th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO), taking place in Chicago, the United States, from June 1 to 5, 2018.

Major poster presentations at this year’s meeting include highlights of the latest data from the renal cell carcinoma, endometrial carcinoma and squamous cell carcinoma of the head and neck cohorts of the Phase Ib/II clinical study (Study 111) of lenvatinib in combination with the Merck & Co., Inc., Kenilworth, N.J., U.S.A. (known as MSD outside the United States and Canada), anti-PD-1 therapy pembrolizumab (product name: KEYTRUDA®) in select solid tumors, as well as the latest data from a Phase Ib clinical study (Study 116) of lenvatinib in combination with pembrolizumab in hepatocellular carcinoma.

In March 2018, Eisai entered into a global strategic oncology collaboration with Merck & Co., Inc., Kenilworth, N.J., U.S.A. to jointly develop and commercialize lenvatinib, as monotherapy and in combination with pembrolizumab.

Eisai positions oncology as a key therapeutic area, and is aiming to discover revolutionary new medicines with the potential to cure cancer. The company will continue to create innovation in the development of new drugs based on cutting-edge cancer research, as it seeks to contribute further to addressing the diverse needs of, and increasing the benefits provided to, patients with cancer, their families, and healthcare providers.

Major Poster Presentations:

<b>Product</b>	<b>Abstract title and scheduled presentation date and time (local time)</b>
Lenvatinib  Abstract No: 6016	A phase 1b/2 trial of lenvatinib plus pembrolizumab in patients with squamous cell carcinoma of the head and neck  <b>Poster Presentation</b>   June 2 (Sat), 1:15-4:45 PM <b>Poster Discussion</b>   June 2 (Sat), 4:45-6:00 PM
Lenvatinib  Abstract No: 4560	Lenvatinib + pembrolizumab in patients with renal cell carcinoma: updated results  <b>Poster Presentation</b>   June 2 (Sat), 8:00-11:30 AM

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Major Presentations (continued):

<b>Product</b>	<b>Abstract title and scheduled presentation date and time (local time)</b>
Lenvatinib Abstract No: 11527	Single-agent expansion cohort of lenvatinib (LEN) and combination dose-finding cohort of LEN + etoposide (ETP) + ifosfamide (IFM) in patients (Pts) aged 2 to ≤25 years with relapsed/refractory osteosarcoma (OS) <b>Poster Presentation</b>   June 2 (Sat), 8:00-11:30 AM
Lenvatinib Abstract No: 4076	A phase 1b trial of lenvatinib (LEN) plus pembrolizumab (PEM) in patients (pts) with unresectable hepatocellular carcinoma (uHCC) <b>Poster Presentation</b>   June 3 (Sun), 8:00-11:30 AM
Lenvatinib Abstract No: 5596	Lenvatinib + pembrolizumab in patients with advanced endometrial cancer: updated results <b>Poster Presentation</b>   June 4(Mon), 1:15-4:45 PM
Lenvatinib Abstract No: 5597	Biomarker results and preclinical rationale for combination lenvatinib and pembrolizumab in advanced endometrial carcinoma <b>Poster Presentation</b>   June 4(Mon), 1:15-4:45 PM
Lenvatinib Abstract No: 4093	Understanding quality of life in hepatocellular carcinoma patients <b>Poster Presentation</b>   June 3 (Sun), 8:00-11:30 AM

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**[Notes to editors]**

**1. About LENVIMA (lenvatinib mesylate)**

Discovered by Eisai, LENVIMA is an orally administered multiple receptor tyrosine kinase (RTK) inhibitor with a novel binding mode that selectively inhibits the kinase activities of vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF) receptors (VEGFR1, VEGFR2 and VEGFR3) and fibroblast growth factor (FGF) receptors (FGFR1, FGFR2, FGFR3 and FGFR4) in addition to other pathway-related RTKs (including the platelet-derived growth factor (PDGF) receptor PDGFR $\alpha$ ; KIT; and RET) involved in tumor angiogenesis, tumor progression and modification of tumor immunity.

Currently, LENVIMA is approved as a treatment for refractory thyroid cancer in over 50 countries, including the United States, Japan, in Europe and Asia. Additionally, Eisai has obtained approval for the agent in combination with everolimus as a treatment for renal cell carcinoma (second-line) in over 40 countries, including the United States and in Europe. In Europe, the agent was launched under the brand name Kisplyx<sup>®</sup> for renal cell carcinoma. Furthermore, Lenvima has been approved in Japan for unresectable hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC). Outside of Japan, Eisai has submitted applications for an indication covering hepatocellular carcinoma in the United States and Europe (July 2017), China (October 2017), Taiwan (December 2017) and other countries.

**2. About the Eisai and Merck & Co., Inc., Kenilworth, N.J., U.S.A. Strategic Collaboration**

In March 2018, Eisai and Merck & Co., Inc. Kenilworth N.J., U.S.A., through an affiliate, entered into a strategic collaboration for the worldwide co-development and co-commercialization of LENVIMA. Under the agreement, the companies will develop and commercialize LENVIMA jointly, both as monotherapy and in combination with Merck & Co., Inc. Kenilworth N.J., U.S.A.'s anti-PD-1 therapy KEYTRUDA (pembrolizumab). In addition to ongoing clinical studies of the combination, the companies will jointly initiate new clinical studies evaluating the LENVIMA/KEYTRUDA combination to support 11 potential indications in six types of cancer (endometrial cancer, non-small cell lung cancer, hepatocellular carcinoma, head and neck cancer, bladder cancer and melanoma), as well as a basket trial targeting multiple cancer types. The LENVIMA/KEYTRUDA combination is not approved in any cancer types today.

KEYTRUDA<sup>®</sup> is a registered trademark of Merck Sharp & Dohme Corp., a subsidiary of Merck & Co., Inc., Kenilworth, N.J., USA.