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(eribulin mesylate, eribulin) improved overall quality of life (QOL) (Global Health Status and QOL, GHSQOL) significantly more than capecitabine over the course of a Phase III study (Study 301) in patients with metastatic breast cancer. Eribulin significantly improved overall QOL, were shown to improve significantly eribulin versus capecitabine (p.043) over the course of treatment. Eribulin was significantly better than capecitabine in assessments of cognitive functioning (p.043), and diarrhea (p.001). In comparison, capecitabine was significantly better than eribulin in assessments of emotional functioning (p.033), and hair loss (p.023).

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major impact on patient QOL such as difficulties with family life and ability at work and participation in common social activities. A central goal for patients with metastatic breast cancer is to extend life for as long as possible while patient QOL is maintained. Effective QOL management is also an important part of treatment to continue, thus enabling the maximum benefits of the treatment.

serve to offer a better understanding on how the QOL of patients with metastatic breast cancer is affected by either treatment and Eisai believes that the findings will serve as a guide for clinical decisions when considering which treatment to undergo. The findings further clinical evidence for eribulin aimed at maximizing value for patients and their families, and increasing the benefits for patients, their families, and healthcare providers.

[Please refer to the following notes for further information on the Study 301 QOL assessments, the assessment scales used, and Halaven.]

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1. About the Study 301 QOL Assessments

Study 301 was an open-label, randomized, two-parallel-arm, multicenter study designed to evaluate Halaven versus capecitabine in 1,102 women with locally advanced or metastatic breast cancer who had up to three prior chemotherapy regimens in the (neo)adjuvant setting, and no more than two prior regimens for locally advanced and/or metastatic disease. The regimens must have included an anthracycline and a taxane. Although eribulin did not achieve a statistically significant result when compared to capecitabine in terms of overall survival (OS) and progression-free survival (PFS), the co-primary endpoints of the study, eribulin did demonstrate a trend favoring improved OS (eribulin median OS: 15.9 months, capecitabine median OS: 14.5 months; HR 0.879; 95% CI: 0.770-1.003; p=0.056). Additionally, a later PFS assessment carried out by an independent evaluation body concluded that there was no significant difference between the two drugs (eribulin median PFS: 4.1 months, capecitabine median PFS: 4.2 months, HR 1.079; 95% CI: 0.932-1.250; p=0.305).

Study 301 had a secondary endpoint of quality of life (QOL) assessed using the EORTC QLQ-C30 and QLQ-BR23 questionnaires at baseline, 6 weeks, and

