

HIGHLIGHTS OF PRESCRIBING INFORMATION

These highlights do not include all the information needed to use VERZENIO safely and effectively. See full prescribing information for VERZENIO.

VERZENIO™ (abemaciclib) tablets, for oral use
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INDICATIONS AND USAGE

VERZENIO™ is a kinase inhibitor indicated:

- in combination with fulvestrant for the treatment of women with hormone receptor (HR)-positive, human epidermal growth factor receptor 2 (HER2)-negative advanced or metastatic breast cancer with disease progression following endocrine therapy. (1)
- as monotherapy for the treatment of adult patients with HR-positive, HER2-negative advanced or metastatic breast cancer with disease progression following endocrine therapy and prior chemotherapy in the metastatic setting. (1)

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

VERZENIO tablets are taken orally with or without food. (2.1)

- Recommended starting dose in combination with fulvestrant: 150 mg twice daily. (2.1)
- Recommended starting dose as monotherapy: 200 mg twice daily. (2.1)
- Dosing interruption and/or dose reductions may be required based on individual safety and tolerability. (2.2)

DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS

Tablets: 50 mg, 100 mg, 150 mg, and 200 mg. (3)

CONTRAINDICATIONS

None. (4)

WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

- Diarrhea: Instruct patients at the first sign of loose stools to initiate antidiarrheal therapy, increase oral fluids, and notify their healthcare provider. (5.1)

- Neutropenia: Monitor complete blood counts prior to the start of VERZENIO therapy, every 2 weeks for the first 2 months, monthly for the next 2 months, and as clinically indicated. (2.2, 5.2)
- Hepatotoxicity: Increases in serum transaminase levels have been observed. Perform liver function tests (LFTs) before initiating treatment with VERZENIO. Monitor LFTs every two weeks for the first two months, monthly for the next 2 months, and as clinically indicated. (2.2, 5.3)
- Venous Thromboembolism: Monitor patients for signs and symptoms of thrombosis and pulmonary embolism and treat as medically appropriate. (5.4)
- Embryo-Fetal Toxicity: Can cause fetal harm. Advise patients of potential risk to a fetus and to use effective contraception. (5.5, 8.1, 8.3)

ADVERSE REACTIONS

Most common adverse reactions (incidence $\geq 20\%$) were diarrhea, neutropenia, nausea, abdominal pain, infections, fatigue, anemia, leukopenia, decreased appetite, vomiting, headache, and thrombocytopenia. (6)

To report SUSPECTED ADVERSE REACTIONS, contact Eli Lilly and Company at 1-800-LillyRx (1-800-545-5979) or FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088 or www.fda.gov/medwatch.

DRUG INTERACTIONS

- CYP3A Inhibitors: Avoid concomitant use of ketoconazole. Reduce the VERZENIO dose with concomitant use of other strong CYP3A inhibitors. (2.2, 7.1)
- CYP3A Inducers: Avoid concomitant use of strong CYP3A inducers. (7.1)

USE IN SPECIFIC POPULATIONS

Lactation: Advise not to breastfeed. (8.2)

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FULL PRESCRIBING INFORMATION**1 INDICATIONS AND USAGE**

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2 DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

2.1 Recommended Dose and Schedule

When used in combination with fulvestrant, the recommended dose of VERZENIO is 150 mg taken orally twice daily. When given with VERZENIO, the recommended dose of fulvestrant is 500 mg administered on Days 1, 15, and 29; and once monthly thereafter. Refer to the Full Prescribing Information for fulvestrant. Pre/perimenopausal women treated with the combination of VERZENIO plus fulvestrant should be treated with a gonadotropin-releasing hormone agonist according to current clinical practice standards.

When used as monotherapy, the recommended dose of VERZENIO is 200 mg taken orally twice daily.

Continue treatment until disease progression or unacceptable toxicity. VERZENIO may be taken with or without food [see *Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)*].

Instruct patients to take their doses of VERZENIO at approximately the same times every day.

If the patient vomits or misses a dose of VERZENIO, instruct the patient to take the next dose at its scheduled time. Instruct patients to swallow VERZENIO tablets whole and not to chew, crush, or split tablets before swallowing. Instruct patients not to ingest VERZENIO tablets if broken, cracked, or otherwise not intact.

2.2 Dose Modification

Dose Modifications for Adverse Reactions

The recommended VERZENIO dose modifications for adverse reactions are provided in Tables 1-5. Discontinue VERZENIO for patients unable to tolerate 50 mg twice daily.

Table 1: VERZENIO Dose Modification for Adverse Reactions

Dose Level	VERZENIO Dose in Combination with Fulvestrant	VERZENIO Dose for Monotherapy
Recommended starting dose	150 mg twice daily	200 mg twice daily
First dose reduction	100 mg twice daily	150 mg twice daily
Second dose reduction	50 mg twice daily	100 mg twice daily
Third dose reduction	not applicable	50 mg twice daily

Table 2: VERZENIO Dose Modification and Management — Hematologic Toxicities^a

Monitor complete blood counts prior to the start of VERZENIO therapy, every 2 weeks for the first 2 months, monthly for the next 2 months, and as clinically indicated.	
CTCAE Grade	VERZENIO Dose Modifications
Grade 1 or 2	No dose modification is required.
Grade 3	Suspend dose until toxicity resolves to ≤Grade 2. Dose reduction is not required.
Grade 3 recurrent, or Grade 4	Suspend dose until toxicity resolves to ≤Grade 2. Resume at <i>next lower dose</i> .

Abbreviations: CTCAE = Common Terminology Criteria for Adverse Events.

- ^a If blood cell growth factors are required, suspend VERZENIO dose for at least 48 hours after the last dose of blood cell growth factor and until toxicity resolves to \leq Grade 2. Resume at *next lower dose* unless already performed for the toxicity that led to the use of the growth factor. Growth factor use as per current treatment guidelines.

Table 3: VERZENIO Dose Modification and Management — Diarrhea

At the first sign of loose stools, start treatment with antidiarrheal agents and increase intake of oral fluids.	
CTCAE Grade	VERZENIO Dose Modifications
Grade 1	No dose modification is required.
Grade 2	If toxicity does not resolve within 24 hours to \leq Grade 1, suspend dose until resolution. No dose reduction is required.
Grade 2 that persists or recurs after resuming the same dose despite maximal supportive measures	Suspend dose until toxicity resolves to \leq Grade 1. Resume at <i>next lower dose</i> .
Grade 3 or 4 or requires hospitalization	Suspend dose until toxicity resolves to \leq Grade 1. Resume at <i>next lower dose</i> .

Table 4: VERZENIO Dose Modification and Management — Hepatotoxicity

Monitor ALT, AST, and serum bilirubin prior to the start of VERZENIO therapy, every 2 weeks for the first 2 months, monthly for the next 2 months, and as clinically indicated.	
CTCAE Grade for ALT and AST	VERZENIO Dose Modifications
Grade 1 ($>$ ULN-3.0 x ULN) Grade 2 ($>$ 3.0-5.0 x ULN), WITHOUT increase in total bilirubin above 2 x ULN	No dose modification is required.
Persistent or Recurrent Grade 2, or Grade 3 ($>$ 5.0-20.0 x ULN), WITHOUT increase in total bilirubin above 2 x ULN	Suspend dose until toxicity resolves to baseline or Grade 1. Resume at next lower dose.
Elevation in AST and/or ALT $>$ 3 x ULN WITH total bilirubin $>$ 2 x ULN, in the absence of cholestasis	Discontinue VERZENIO.
Grade 4 ($>$ 20.0 x ULN)	Discontinue VERZENIO.

Abbreviations: ALT = alanine aminotransferase, AST = aspartate aminotransferase, ULN = upper limit of normal.

Table 5: VERZENIO Dose Modification and Management for Other Toxicities^a

CTCAE Grade	VERZENIO Dose Modifications
Grade 1 or 2	No dose modification is required.
Persistent or recurrent Grade 2 toxicity that does not resolve with maximal supportive measures within 7 days to baseline or Grade 1	Suspend dose until toxicity resolves to baseline or \leq Grade 1. Resume at <i>next lower dose</i> .
Grade 3 or 4	Suspend dose until toxicity resolves to baseline or \leq Grade 1. Resume at <i>next lower dose</i> .

- ^a Excluding diarrhea, hematologic toxicity, and hepatotoxicity.

Refer to the Full Prescribing Information for coadministered fulvestrant for dose modifications and other relevant safety information.

Dose Modification for Use with Strong CYP3A Inhibitors

Avoid concomitant use of the strong CYP3A inhibitor ketoconazole.

With concomitant use of other strong CYP3A inhibitors, in patients with recommended starting doses of 200 mg twice daily or 150 mg twice daily, reduce the VERZENIO dose to 100 mg twice daily. In patients who have had a dose reduction to 100 mg twice daily due to adverse reactions, further reduce the VERZENIO dose to 50 mg twice daily. If a patient taking VERZENIO discontinues a strong CYP3A inhibitor, increase the VERZENIO dose (after 3-5 half-lives of the inhibitor) to the dose that was used before starting the strong inhibitor [see *Drug Interactions (7.1) and Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)*].

Dose Modification for Patients with Severe Hepatic Impairment

For patients with severe hepatic impairment (Child Pugh-C), reduce the VERZENIO dosing frequency to once daily [see *Use in Specific Populations (8.7) and Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)*].

3 DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS

50 mg tablets: oval beige tablet with “Lilly” debossed on one side and “50” on the other side.

100 mg tablets: oval white to practically white tablet with “Lilly” debossed on one side and “100” on the other side.

150 mg tablets: oval yellow tablet with “Lilly” debossed on one side and “150” on the other side.

200 mg tablets: oval beige tablet with “Lilly” debossed on one side and “200” on the other side.

4 CONTRAINDICATIONS

None.

5 WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

5.1 Diarrhea

Diarrhea occurred in 86% of patients receiving VERZENIO plus fulvestrant in MONARCH 2 and 90% of patients receiving VERZENIO alone in MONARCH 1. Grade 3 diarrhea occurred in 13% of patients receiving VERZENIO plus fulvestrant in MONARCH 2 and in 20% of patients receiving VERZENIO alone in MONARCH 1. Episodes of diarrhea have been associated with dehydration and infection.

In MONARCH 2, diarrhea incidence was greatest during the first month of VERZENIO dosing. The median time to onset of the first diarrhea event was 6 days, and the median duration of diarrhea for Grades 2 and 3 were 9 days and 6 days, respectively [see *Dosage and Administration (2.2) and Patient Counseling Information (17)*]. Twenty-two percent of patients with diarrhea required a dose omission and 22% required a dose reduction. In the MONARCH 1 study, the time to onset and resolution for diarrhea were similar to those in MONARCH 2.

Instruct patients that at the first sign of loose stools, they should start antidiarrheal therapy such as loperamide, increase oral fluids, and notify their healthcare provider for further instructions and appropriate follow up. For Grade 3 or 4 diarrhea, or diarrhea that requires hospitalization, discontinue VERZENIO until toxicity resolves to ≤Grade 1, and then resume VERZENIO at the next lower dose [see *Dosage and Administration (2.2)*].

5.2 Neutropenia

Neutropenia occurred in 46% of patients receiving VERZENIO plus fulvestrant in MONARCH 2 and 37% of patients receiving VERZENIO alone in MONARCH 1. A Grade ≥3 decrease in neutrophil count (based on laboratory findings) occurred in 32% of patients receiving VERZENIO plus fulvestrant in MONARCH 2 and in 27% of patients receiving VERZENIO in MONARCH 1. In MONARCH 2 and MONARCH 1, the median time to first episode of Grade >3 neutropenia was 29 days, and the median duration of Grade ≥3 neutropenia was 15 days [see *Adverse Reactions (6.1)*].

Monitor complete blood counts prior to the start of VERZENIO therapy, every 2 weeks for the first 2 months, monthly for the next 2 months, and as clinically indicated. Dose interruption, dose reduction, or delay in starting treatment cycles is recommended for patients who develop Grade 3 or 4 neutropenia [see *Dosage and Administration (2.2)*].

Febrile neutropenia has been reported in 1% of patients exposed to VERZENIO in MONARCH 2 and MONARCH 1. Two deaths due to neutropenic sepsis were observed in MONARCH 2. Inform patients to promptly report any episodes of fever to their healthcare provider [see *Patient Counseling Information (17)*].

5.3 Hepatotoxicity

In MONARCH 2, Grade ≥ 3 increases in ALT (4% versus 2%) and AST (2% versus 3%) were reported in the VERZENIO and placebo arms, respectively.

In MONARCH 2, for patients receiving VERZENIO plus fulvestrant with Grade ≥ 3 ALT increased, median time to onset was 57 days, and median time to resolution to Grade < 3 was 14 days. For patients with Grade ≥ 3 AST increased, median time to onset was 185 days, and median time to resolution was 13 days.

Monitor liver function tests (LFTs) prior to the start of VERZENIO therapy, every 2 weeks for the first 2 months, monthly for the next 2 months, and as clinically indicated. Dose interruption, dose reduction, dose discontinuation, or delay in starting treatment cycles is recommended for patients who develop persistent or recurrent Grade 2, or Grade 3 or 4, hepatic transaminase elevation [see *Dosage and Administration (2.2)*].

5.4 Venous Thromboembolism

In MONARCH 2, venous thromboembolic events were reported in 5% of patients treated with VERZENIO plus fulvestrant as compared to 0.9% of patients treated with fulvestrant plus placebo. Venous thromboembolic events included deep vein thrombosis, pulmonary embolism, cerebral venous sinus thrombosis, subclavian and axillary vein thrombosis, and inferior vena cava thrombosis. Across the clinical development program, deaths due to venous thromboembolism have been reported. Monitor patients for signs and symptoms of venous thrombosis and pulmonary embolism and treat as medically appropriate.

5.5 Embryo-Fetal Toxicity

Based on findings from animal studies and the mechanism of action, VERZENIO can cause fetal harm when administered to a pregnant woman. In animal reproduction studies, administration of abemaciclib to pregnant rats during the period of organogenesis caused teratogenicity and decreased fetal weight at maternal exposures that were similar to the human clinical exposure based on area under the curve (AUC) at the maximum recommended human dose. Advise pregnant women of the potential risk to a fetus. Advise females of reproductive potential to use effective contraception during treatment with VERZENIO and for at least 3 weeks after the last dose [see *Use in Specific Populations (8.1, 8.3)* and *Clinical Pharmacology (12.1)*].

6 ADVERSE REACTIONS

The following adverse reactions are discussed in greater detail in other sections of the labeling:

- Diarrhea [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.1)*].
- Neutropenia [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.2)*].
- Hepatotoxicity [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.3)*].
- Venous Thromboembolism [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.4)*].

6.1 Clinical Studies Experience

Because clinical trials are conducted under widely varying conditions, adverse reaction rates observed in the clinical trials of a drug cannot be directly compared to rates in the clinical trials of another drug and may not reflect the rates observed in practice.

MONARCH 2: VERZENIO in Combination with Fulvestrant

Women with HR-positive, HER2-negative advanced or metastatic breast cancer with disease progression on or after prior adjuvant or metastatic endocrine therapy

The safety of VERZENIO (150 mg twice daily) plus fulvestrant (500 mg) versus placebo plus fulvestrant was evaluated in MONARCH 2. The data described below reflect exposure to VERZENIO in 441 patients with HR-positive, HER2-negative advanced breast cancer who received at least one dose of VERZENIO plus fulvestrant in MONARCH 2.

Median duration of treatment was 12 months for patients receiving VERZENIO plus fulvestrant and 8 months for patients receiving placebo plus fulvestrant.

Dose reductions due to an adverse reaction occurred in 43% of patients receiving VERZENIO plus fulvestrant. Adverse reactions leading to dose reductions in $\geq 5\%$ of patients were diarrhea and neutropenia. VERZENIO dose reductions due to diarrhea of any grade occurred in 19% of patients receiving VERZENIO plus fulvestrant compared to 0.4% of patients receiving placebo and fulvestrant. VERZENIO dose reductions due to neutropenia of any grade occurred in 10% of patients receiving VERZENIO plus fulvestrant compared to no patients receiving placebo plus fulvestrant.

Permanent study treatment discontinuation due to an adverse event were reported in 9% of patients receiving VERZENIO plus fulvestrant and in 3% of patients receiving placebo plus fulvestrant. Adverse reactions leading to permanent discontinuation for patients receiving VERZENIO plus fulvestrant were infection (2%), diarrhea (1%), hepatotoxicity (1%), fatigue (0.7%), nausea (0.2%), abdominal pain (0.2%), acute kidney injury (0.2%), and cerebral infarction (0.2%).

Deaths during treatment or during the 30-day follow up, regardless of causality, were reported in 18 cases (4%) of VERZENIO plus fulvestrant treated patients versus 10 cases (5%) of placebo plus fulvestrant treated patients. Causes of death for patients receiving VERZENIO plus fulvestrant included: 7 (2%) patient deaths due to underlying disease, 4 (0.9%) due to sepsis, 2 (0.5%) due to pneumonitis, 2 (0.5%) due to hepatotoxicity, and one (0.2%) due to cerebral infarction.

The most common adverse reactions reported ($\geq 20\%$) in the VERZENIO arm were diarrhea, fatigue, neutropenia, nausea, infections, abdominal pain, anemia, leukopenia, decreased appetite, vomiting, and headache (Table 6). The most frequently reported ($\geq 5\%$) Grade 3 or 4 adverse reactions were neutropenia, diarrhea, leukopenia, anemia, and infections.

Table 6: Adverse Reactions $\geq 10\%$ in Patients Receiving VERZENIO Plus Fulvestrant and $\geq 2\%$ Higher Than Placebo Plus Fulvestrant in MONARCH 2

	VERZENIO plus Fulvestrant N=441			Placebo plus Fulvestrant N=223		
	All Grades %	Grade 3 %	Grade 4 %	All Grades %	Grade 3 %	Grade 4 %
Gastrointestinal Disorders						
Diarrhea	86	13	0	25	<1	0
Nausea	45	3	0	23	1	0
Abdominal pain ^a	35	2	0	16	1	0
Vomiting	26	<1	0	10	2	0
Stomatitis	15	<1	0	10	0	0
Infections and Infestations						
Infections ^b	43	5	<1	25	3	<1
Blood and Lymphatic System Disorders						
Neutropenia ^c	46	24	3	4	1	<1
Anemia ^d	29	7	<1	4	1	0
Leukopenia ^e	28	9	<1	2	0	0
Thrombocytopenia ^f	16	2	1	3	0	<1
General Disorders and Administration Site Conditions						
Fatigue ^g	46	3	0	32	<1	0
Edema peripheral	12	0	0	7	0	0
Pyrexia	11	<1	<1	6	<1	0
Metabolism and Nutrition Disorders						

Decreased appetite	27	1	0	12	<1	0
Respiratory, Thoracic and Mediastinal Disorders						
Cough	13	0	0	11	0	0
Skin and Subcutaneous Tissue Disorders						
Alopecia	16	0	0	2	0	0
Pruritus	13	0	0	6	0	0
Rash	11	1	0	4	0	0
Nervous System Disorders						
Headache	20	1	0	15	<1	0
Dysgeusia	18	0	0	3	0	0
Dizziness	12	1	0	6	0	0
Investigations						
Alanine aminotransferase increased	13	4	<1	5	2	0
Aspartate aminotransferase increased	12	2	0	7	3	0
Creatinine increased	12	<1	0	<1	0	0
Weight decreased	10	<1	0	2	<1	0

^a Includes abdominal pain, abdominal pain upper, abdominal pain lower, abdominal discomfort, abdominal tenderness.

^b Includes upper respiratory tract infection, urinary tract infection, lung infection, pharyngitis, conjunctivitis, sinusitis, vaginal infection, sepsis.

^c Includes neutropenia, neutrophil count decreased.

^d Includes anemia, hematocrit decreased, hemoglobin decreased, red blood cell count decreased.

^e Includes leukopenia, white blood cell count decreased.

^f Includes platelet count decreased, thrombocytopenia.

^g Includes asthenia, fatigue.

Additional adverse reactions in MONARCH 2 include venous thromboembolic events (deep vein thrombosis, pulmonary embolism, cerebral venous sinus thrombosis, subclavian vein thrombosis, axillary vein thrombosis, and DVT inferior vena cava), which were reported in 5% of patients treated with VERZENIO plus fulvestrant as compared to 0.9% of patients treated with fulvestrant plus placebo.

Table 7: Laboratory Abnormalities $\geq 10\%$ in Patients Receiving VERZENIO Plus Fulvestrant and $\geq 2\%$ Higher Than Placebo Plus Fulvestrant in MONARCH 2

	VERZENIO plus Fulvestrant N=441			Placebo plus Fulvestrant N=223		
	All Grades %	Grade 3 %	Grade 4 %	All Grades %	Grade 3 %	Grade 4 %
Creatinine increased	98	1	0	74	0	0
White blood cell decreased	90	23	<1	33	<1	0
Neutrophil count decreased	87	29	4	30	4	<1
Anemia	84	3	0	33	<1	0
Lymphocyte count decreased	63	12	<1	32	2	0
Platelet count decreased	53	<1	1	15	0	0
Alanine aminotransferase increased	41	4	<1	32	1	0
Aspartate aminotransferase increased	37	4	0	25	4	<1

Creatinine Increased

Abemaciclib has been shown to increase serum creatinine due to inhibition of renal tubular secretion transporters, without affecting glomerular function [see *Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)*]. In clinical studies, increases in serum creatinine (mean increase, 0.2 mg/dL) occurred within the first 28-day cycle of VERZENIO dosing, remained elevated but stable through the treatment period, and were reversible upon treatment discontinuation. Alternative markers such as BUN, cystatin C, or calculated glomerular filtration rate (GFR), which are not based on creatinine, may be considered to determine whether renal function is impaired.

VERZENIO Administered as a Monotherapy in Metastatic Breast Cancer (MONARCH 1)

Patients with HR-positive, HER2-negative breast cancer who received prior endocrine therapy and 1-2 chemotherapy regimens in the metastatic setting

Safety data below are based on MONARCH 1, a single-arm, open-label, multicenter study in 132 women with measurable HR-positive, HER2-negative metastatic breast cancer. Patients received 200 mg VERZENIO orally twice daily until development of progressive disease or unmanageable toxicity. Median duration of treatment was 4.5 months.

Ten patients (8%) discontinued study treatment from adverse reactions due to (1 patient each) abdominal pain, arterial thrombosis, aspartate aminotransferase (AST) increased, blood creatinine increased, chronic kidney disease, diarrhea, ECG QT prolonged, fatigue, hip fracture, and lymphopenia. Forty-nine percent of patients had dose reductions due to an adverse reaction. The most frequent adverse reactions that led to dose reductions were diarrhea (20%), neutropenia (11%), and fatigue (9%).

Deaths during treatment or during the 30-day follow up were reported in 2% of patients. Cause of death in these patients was due to infection.

The most common reported adverse reactions ($\geq 20\%$) were diarrhea, fatigue, nausea, decreased appetite, abdominal pain, neutropenia, vomiting, infections, anemia, headache, and thrombocytopenia (Table 8). Severe (Grade 3 and 4) neutropenia was observed in patients receiving abemaciclib [see *Dosage and Administration (2.2)*].

Table 8: Adverse Reactions ($\geq 10\%$ of Patients) in MONARCH 1

	VERZENIO N=132		
	All Grades %	Grade 3 %	Grade 4 %
Gastrointestinal Disorders			
Diarrhea	90	20	0
Nausea	64	5	0
Abdominal pain	39	2	0
Vomiting	35	2	0
Constipation	17	<1	0
Dry mouth	14	0	0
Stomatitis	14	0	0
Infections and Infestations			
Infections	31	5	2
General Disorders and Administration Site Conditions			
Fatigue ^a	65	13	0
Pyrexia	11	0	0
Blood and Lymphatic System Disorders			
Neutropenia ^b	37	19	5

Anemia ^c	25	5	0
Thrombocytopenia ^d	20	4	0
Leukopenia ^e	17	5	<1
Metabolism and Nutrition Disorders			
Decreased appetite	45	3	0
Dehydration	10	2	0
Respiratory, Thoracic and Mediastinal Disorders			
Cough	19	0	0
Musculoskeletal and Connective Tissue Disorders			
Arthralgia	15	0	0
Nervous System Disorders			
Headache	20	0	0
Dysgeusia	12	0	0
Dizziness	11	0	0
Skin and Subcutaneous Tissue Disorders			
Alopecia	12	0	0
Investigations			
Creatinine increased	13	<1	0
Weight decreased	14	0	0

^a Includes asthenia, fatigue.

^b Includes neutropenia, neutrophil count decreased.

^c Includes anemia, hematocrit decreased, hemoglobin decreased, red blood cell count decreased.

^d Includes platelet count decreased, thrombocytopenia.

^e Includes leukopenia, white blood cell count decreased.

Table 9: Laboratory Abnormalities for Patients Receiving VERZENIO in MONARCH 1

	VERZENIO N=132		
	All Grades %	Grade 3 %	Grade 4 %
Creatinine increased	98	<1	0
White blood cell decreased	91	28	0
Neutrophil count decreased	88	22	5
Anemia	68	0	0
Lymphocyte count decreased	42	13	<1
Platelet count decreased	41	2	0
ALT increased	31	3	0
AST increased	30	4	0

Creatinine Increased

Abemaciclib has been shown to increase serum creatinine due to inhibition of renal tubular secretion transporters, without affecting glomerular function [see *Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)*]. In clinical studies, increases in serum creatinine (mean increase, 0.3 mg/dL) occurred within the first 28-day cycle of VERZENIO dosing, remained elevated but stable through the treatment period, and were reversible upon treatment discontinuation. Alternative markers such as BUN, cystatin C, or calculated GFR, which are not based on creatinine, may be considered to determine whether renal function is impaired.

7 DRUG INTERACTIONS

7.1 Effect of Other Drugs on VERZENIO

Strong CYP3A Inhibitors

Strong CYP3A4 inhibitors increased the exposure of abemaciclib plus its active metabolites to a clinically meaningful extent and may lead to increased toxicity.

Ketoconazole

Avoid concomitant use of ketoconazole. Ketoconazole is predicted to increase the AUC of abemaciclib by up to 16-fold [see *Clinical Pharmacology* (12.3)].

Other Strong CYP3A Inhibitors

In patients with recommended starting doses of 200 mg twice daily or 150 mg twice daily, reduce the VERZENIO dose to 100 mg twice daily with concomitant use of other strong CYP3A inhibitors. In patients who have had a dose reduction to 100 mg twice daily due to adverse reactions, further reduce the VERZENIO dose to 50 mg twice daily with concomitant use of other strong CYP3A inhibitors. If a patient taking VERZENIO discontinues a strong CYP3A inhibitor, increase the VERZENIO dose (after 3-5 half-lives of the inhibitor) to the dose that was used before starting the strong inhibitor. Patients should avoid grapefruit products [see *Dosage and Administration* (2.2) and *Clinical Pharmacology* (12.3)].

Strong CYP3A Inducers

Coadministration of VERZENIO with rifampin, a strong CYP3A inducer, decreased the plasma concentrations of abemaciclib plus its active metabolites and may lead to reduced activity. Avoid concomitant use of strong CYP3A inducers and consider alternative agents [see *Clinical Pharmacology* (12.3)].

8 USE IN SPECIFIC POPULATIONS

8.1 Pregnancy

Risk Summary

Based on findings in animals and its mechanism of action, VERZENIO can cause fetal harm when administered to a pregnant woman [see *Clinical Pharmacology* (12.1)]. There are no available human data informing the drug-associated risk. Advise pregnant women of the potential risk to a fetus. In animal reproduction studies, administration of abemaciclib during organogenesis was teratogenic and caused decreased fetal weight at maternal exposures that were similar to human clinical exposure based on AUC at the maximum recommended human dose (see Data). Advise pregnant women of the potential risk to a fetus.

The background risk of major birth defects and miscarriage for the indicated population is unknown. However, the background risk in the U.S. general population of major birth defects is 2 to 4% and of miscarriage is 15 to 20% of clinically recognized pregnancies.

Data

Animal Data

In an embryo-fetal development study, pregnant rats received oral doses of abemaciclib up to 15 mg/kg/day during the period of organogenesis. Doses \geq 4 mg/kg/day caused decreased fetal body weights and increased incidence of cardiovascular and skeletal malformations and variations. These findings included absent innominate artery and aortic arch, malpositioned subclavian artery, unossified sternebra, bipartite ossification of thoracic centrum, and rudimentary or nodulated ribs. At 4 mg/kg/day in rats, the maternal systemic exposures were approximately equal to the human exposure (AUC) at the recommended dose.

8.2 Lactation

Risk Summary

There are no data on the presence of abemaciclib in human milk, or its effects on the breastfed child or on milk production. Because of the potential for serious adverse reactions in breastfed infants from VERZENIO, advise lactating women not to breastfeed during VERZENIO treatment and for at least 3 weeks after the last dose.

8.3 Females and Males of Reproductive Potential

Pregnancy Testing

Based on animal studies, VERZENIO can cause fetal harm when administered to a pregnant woman [see *Use in Specific Populations (8.1)*]. Pregnancy testing is recommended for females of reproductive potential prior to initiating treatment with VERZENIO.

Contraception

Females

VERZENIO can cause fetal harm when administered to a pregnant woman [see *Use in Specific Populations (8.1)*]. Advise females of reproductive potential to use effective contraception during VERZENIO treatment and for at least 3 weeks after the last dose.

Infertility

Males

Based on findings in animals, VERZENIO may impair fertility in males of reproductive potential [see *Nonclinical Toxicology (13.1)*].

8.4 Pediatric Use

The safety and effectiveness of VERZENIO have not been established in pediatric patients.

8.5 Geriatric Use

Of the 441 patients who received VERZENIO in MONARCH 2, 35% were 65 years of age or older and 9% were 75 years of age or older. Of the 132 patients who received VERZENIO in MONARCH 1, 32% were 65 years of age or older and 8% were 75 years of age or older. No overall differences in safety or effectiveness of VERZENIO were observed between these patients and younger patients.

8.6 Renal Impairment

No dosage adjustment is required for patients with mild or moderate renal impairment (CLcr \geq 30-89 mL/min, estimated by Cockcroft-Gault [C-G]). The pharmacokinetics of abemaciclib in patients with severe renal impairment (CLcr <30 mL/min, C-G), end stage renal disease, or in patients on dialysis is unknown [see *Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)*].

8.7 Hepatic Impairment

No dosage adjustments are necessary in patients with mild or moderate hepatic impairment (Child-Pugh A or B).

Reduce the dosing frequency when administering VERZENIO to patients with severe hepatic impairment (Child-Pugh C) [see *Dosage and Administration (2.2)* and *Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)*].

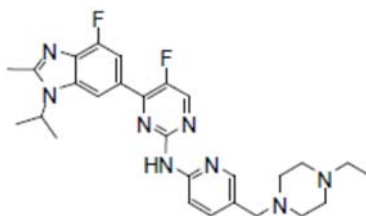
10 OVERDOSAGE

There is no known antidote for VERZENIO. The treatment of overdose of VERZENIO should consist of general supportive measures.

11 DESCRIPTION

Abemaciclib is a kinase inhibitor for oral administration. It is a white to yellow powder with the empirical formula $C_{27}H_{32}F_2N_8$ and a molecular weight 506.59.

The chemical name for abemaciclib is 2-Pyrimidinamine, *N*-[5-[(4-ethyl-1-piperazinyl)methyl]-2-pyridinyl]-5-fluoro-4-[4-fluoro-2-methyl-1-(1-methylethyl)-1*H*-benzimidazol-6-yl]-. Abemaciclib has the following structure:



VERZENIO (abemaciclib) tablets are provided as immediate-release oval white, beige, or yellow tablets. Inactive ingredients are as follows: Excipients—microcrystalline cellulose 102, microcrystalline cellulose 101, lactose monohydrate, croscarmellose sodium, sodium stearyl fumarate, silicon dioxide. Color mixture ingredients—polyvinyl alcohol, titanium dioxide, polyethylene glycol, talc, iron oxide yellow, and iron oxide red.

12 CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY

12.1 Mechanism of Action

Abemaciclib is an inhibitor of cyclin-dependent kinases 4 and 6 (CDK4 and CDK6). These kinases are activated upon binding to D-cyclins. In estrogen receptor-positive (ER+) breast cancer cell lines, cyclin D1 and CDK4/6 promote phosphorylation of the retinoblastoma protein (Rb), cell cycle progression, and cell proliferation. In vitro, continuous exposure to abemaciclib inhibited Rb phosphorylation and blocked progression from G1 into S phase of the cell cycle, resulting in senescence and apoptosis. In breast cancer xenograft models, abemaciclib dosed daily without interruption as a single agent or in combination with antiestrogens resulted in reduction of tumor size.

12.2 Pharmacodynamics

Cardiac Electrophysiology

Based on evaluation of the QTc interval in patients and in a healthy volunteer study, abemaciclib did not cause large mean increases (i.e., 20 ms) in the QTc interval.

12.3 Pharmacokinetics

The pharmacokinetics of abemaciclib were characterized in patients with solid tumors, including metastatic breast cancer, and in healthy subjects.

Following single and repeated twice daily dosing of 50 mg (0.3 times the approved recommended 150 mg dosage) to 200 mg of abemaciclib, the increase in plasma exposure (AUC) and C_{max} was approximately dose proportional. Steady state was achieved within 5 days following repeated twice daily dosing, and the estimated geometric mean accumulation ratio was 2.3 (50% CV) and 3.2 (59% CV) based on C_{max} and AUC, respectively.

Absorption

The absolute bioavailability of abemaciclib after a single oral dose of 200 mg is 45% (19% CV). The median T_{max} of abemaciclib is 8.0 hours (range: 4.1-24.0 hours).

Effect of Food

A high-fat, high-calorie meal (approximately 800 to 1000 calories with 150 calories from protein, 250 calories from carbohydrate, and 500 to 600 calories from fat) administered to healthy subjects increased the AUC of abemaciclib plus its active metabolites by 9% and increased C_{max} by 26%.

Distribution

In vitro, abemaciclib was bound to human plasma proteins, serum albumin, and alpha-1-acid glycoprotein in a concentration independent manner from 152 ng/mL to 5066 ng/mL. In a clinical study, the mean (standard deviation, SD) bound fraction was 96.3% (1.1) for abemaciclib, 93.4% (1.3) for M2, 96.8% (0.8) for M18, and 97.8% (0.6) for M20. The geometric mean systemic volume of distribution is approximately 690.3 L (49% CV).

In patients with advanced cancer, including breast cancer, concentrations of abemaciclib and its active metabolites M2 and M20 in cerebrospinal fluid are comparable to unbound plasma concentrations.

Elimination

The geometric mean hepatic clearance (CL) of abemaciclib in patients was 26.0 L/h (51% CV), and the mean plasma elimination half-life for abemaciclib in patients was 18.3 hours (72% CV).

Metabolism

Hepatic metabolism is the main route of clearance for abemaciclib. Abemaciclib is metabolized to several metabolites primarily by cytochrome P450 (CYP) 3A4, with formation of N-desethylabemaciclib (M2) representing the major metabolism pathway. Additional metabolites include hydroxyabemaciclib (M20), hydroxy-N-desethylabemaciclib (M18), and an oxidative metabolite (M1). M2, M18, and M20 are equipotent to abemaciclib and their AUCs accounted for 25%, 13%, and 26% of the total circulating analytes in plasma, respectively.

Excretion

After a single 150 mg oral dose of radiolabeled abemaciclib, approximately 81% of the dose was recovered in feces and approximately 3% recovered in urine. The majority of the dose eliminated in feces was metabolites.

Specific Populations

Age, Gender, and Body Weight

Based on a population pharmacokinetic analysis in patients with cancer, age (range 24-91 years), gender (134 males and 856 females), and body weight (range 36-175 kg) had no effect on the exposure of abemaciclib.

Patients with Renal Impairment

In a population pharmacokinetic analysis of 990 individuals, in which 381 individuals had mild renal impairment ($60 \text{ mL/min} \leq \text{CLcr} < 90 \text{ mL/min}$) and 126 individuals had moderate renal impairment ($30 \text{ mL/min} \leq \text{CLcr} < 60 \text{ mL/min}$), mild and moderate renal impairment had no effect on the exposure of abemaciclib [see *Use in Specific Populations (8.6)*]. The effect of severe renal impairment ($\text{CLcr} < 30 \text{ mL/min}$) on pharmacokinetics of abemaciclib is unknown.

Patients with Hepatic Impairment

Following a single 200 mg oral dose of abemaciclib, the relative potency adjusted unbound $\text{AUC}_{0-\text{INF}}$ of abemaciclib plus its active metabolites (M2, M18, M20) in plasma increased 1.2-fold in subjects with mild hepatic impairment (Child-Pugh A, $n=9$), 1.1-fold in subjects with moderate hepatic impairment (Child-Pugh B, $n=10$), and 2.4-fold in subjects with severe hepatic impairment (Child-Pugh C, $n=6$) relative to subjects with normal hepatic function ($n=10$) [see *Use in Specific Populations (8.7)*]. In subjects with severe hepatic impairment, the mean plasma elimination half-life of abemaciclib increased to 55 hours compared to 24 hours in subjects with normal hepatic function.

Drug Interaction Studies

Effects of Other Drugs on Abemaciclib

Strong CYP3A Inhibitors: Ketoconazole (a strong CYP3A inhibitor) is predicted to increase the AUC of abemaciclib by up to 16-fold.

Itraconazole (a strong CYP3A inhibitor) is predicted to increase the relative potency adjusted unbound AUC of abemaciclib plus its active metabolites (M2, M18 and M20) by 2.2-fold. Coadministration of 500 mg twice daily doses of clarithromycin (a strong CYP3A inhibitor) with a single 50 mg dose of VERZENIO (0.3 times the approved recommended 150 mg dosage) increased the relative potency adjusted unbound $\text{AUC}_{0-\text{INF}}$ of abemaciclib plus its active metabolites (M2, M18, and M20) by 1.7-fold relative to abemaciclib alone in cancer patients.

Moderate CYP3A Inhibitors: Diltiazem and verapamil (moderate CYP3A inhibitors) are predicted to increase the relative potency adjusted unbound AUC of abemaciclib plus its active metabolites (M2, M18, and M20) by 1.7-fold and 1.3-fold, respectively.

Strong CYP3A Inducers: Coadministration of 600 mg daily doses of rifampin (a strong CYP3A inducer) with a single 200 mg dose of VERZENIO decreased the relative potency adjusted unbound AUC_{0-1NF} of abemaciclib plus its active metabolites (M2, M18, and M20) by 67% in healthy subjects.

Moderate CYP3A Inducers: The effect of moderate CYP3A inducers on the pharmacokinetics of abemaciclib is unknown.

Loperamide: Co-administration of a single 8-mg dose of loperamide with a single 400-mg dose of abemaciclib in healthy subjects increased the relative potency adjusted unbound AUC_{0-1NF} of abemaciclib plus its active metabolites (M2 and M20) by 12%, which is not considered clinically relevant.

Fulvestrant: In clinical studies in patients with breast cancer, fulvestrant had no clinically relevant effect on the pharmacokinetics of abemaciclib or its active metabolites.

Effects of Abemaciclib on Other Drugs

Loperamide: In a clinical drug interaction study in healthy subjects, coadministration of a single 8 mg dose of loperamide with a single 400 mg abemaciclib (2.7 times the approved recommended 150 mg dosage) increased loperamide AUC_{0-1NF} by 9% and C_{max} by 35% relative to loperamide alone. These increases in loperamide exposure are not considered clinically relevant.

Metformin: In a clinical drug interaction study in healthy subjects, coadministration of a single 1000 mg dose of metformin, a clinically relevant substrate of renal OCT2, MATE1, and MATE2-K transporters, with a single 400 mg dose of abemaciclib (2.7 times the approved recommended 150 mg dosage) increased metformin AUC_{0-1NF} by 37% and C_{max} by 22% relative to metformin alone. Abemaciclib reduced the renal clearance and renal secretion of metformin by 45% and 62%, respectively, relative to metformin alone, without any effect on glomerular filtration rate (GFR) as measured by iohexol clearance and serum cystatin C.

Fulvestrant: In clinical studies in patients with breast cancer, abemaciclib had no clinically relevant effect on fulvestrant pharmacokinetics.

In Vitro Studies

Transporter Systems: Abemaciclib and its major active metabolites inhibit the renal transporters OCT2, MATE1, and MATE2-K at concentrations achievable at the approved recommended dosage. The observed serum creatinine increase in clinical studies with abemaciclib is likely due to inhibition of tubular secretion of creatinine via OCT2, MATE1, and MATE2-K [see Adverse Effects (6.1)]. Abemaciclib and its major metabolites at clinically relevant concentrations do not inhibit the hepatic uptake transporters OCT1, OATP1B1, and OATP1B3 or the renal uptake transporters OAT1 and OAT3.

Abemaciclib is a substrate of P-gp and BCRP. Abemaciclib and its major active metabolites, M2 and M20, are not substrates of hepatic uptake transporters OCT1, organic anion transporting polypeptide 1B1 (OATP1B1), or OATP1B3.

Abemaciclib inhibits P-gp and BCRP. The clinical consequences of this finding on sensitive P-gp and BCRP substrates are unknown.

CYP Metabolic Pathways: Abemaciclib and its major active metabolites, M2 and M20, do not induce CYP1A2, CYP2B6, or CYP3A at clinically relevant concentrations. Abemaciclib and its major active metabolites, M2 and M20, down regulate mRNA of CYPs, including CYP1A2, CYP2B6, CYP2C8, CYP2C9, CYP2D6 and CYP3A4. The mechanism of this down regulation and its clinical relevance are not understood. However, abemaciclib is a substrate of CYP3A4, and time-dependent changes in pharmacokinetics of abemaciclib as a result of autoinhibition of its metabolism was not observed.

P-gp and BCRP Inhibitors: In vitro, abemaciclib is a substrate of P-gp and BCRP. The effect of P-gp or BCRP inhibitors on the pharmacokinetics of abemaciclib has not been studied.

13 NONCLINICAL TOXICOLOGY

13.1 Carcinogenesis, Mutagenesis, Impairment of Fertility

Carcinogenicity studies have not been conducted with abemaciclib.

Abemaciclib and its active human metabolites M2 and M20 were not mutagenic in a bacterial reverse mutation (Ames) assay or clastogenic in an in vitro chromosomal aberration assay in Chinese hamster ovary cells or human peripheral blood lymphocytes. Abemaciclib was not clastogenic in an in vivo rat bone marrow micronucleus assay.

Studies to assess the effects of abemaciclib on fertility have not been performed. In repeat-dose toxicity studies up to 3-months duration, abemaciclib-related findings in the testis, epididymis, prostate, and seminal vesicle at doses ≥ 10 mg/kg/day in rats and ≥ 0.3 mg/kg/day in dogs included decreased organ weights, intratubular cellular debris, hypospermia, tubular dilatation, atrophy, and degeneration/necrosis. These doses in rats and dogs resulted in approximately 2 and 0.02 times, respectively, the exposure (AUC) in humans at the maximum recommended human dose.

14 CLINICAL STUDIES

VERZENIO in Combination with Fulvestrant (MONARCH 2)

Patients with HR-positive, HER2-negative advanced or metastatic breast cancer with disease progression on or after prior adjuvant or metastatic endocrine therapy

MONARCH 2 (NCT02107703) was a randomized, placebo-controlled, multicenter study in women with HR-positive, HER2-negative metastatic breast cancer in combination with fulvestrant in patients with disease progression following endocrine therapy who had not received chemotherapy in the metastatic setting. Randomization was stratified by disease site (visceral, bone only, or other) and by sensitivity to prior endocrine therapy (primary or secondary resistance). Primary endocrine therapy resistance was defined as relapse while on the first 2 years of adjuvant endocrine therapy or progressive disease within the first 6 months of first line endocrine therapy for metastatic breast cancer. A total of 669 patients were randomized to receive VERZENIO or placebo orally twice daily plus intramuscular injection of 500 mg fulvestrant on days 1 and 15 of cycle 1 and then on day 1 of cycle 2 and beyond (28-day cycles). Pre/perimenopausal women were enrolled in the study and received the gonadotropin-releasing hormone agonist goserelin for at least 4 weeks prior to and for the duration of MONARCH 2. Patients remained on continuous treatment until development of progressive disease or unmanageable toxicity.

Patient median age was 60 years (range, 32-91 years), and 37% of patients were older than 65. The majority were White (56%), and 99% of patients had an Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group (ECOG) performance status of 0 or 1. Twenty percent (20%) of patients had de novo metastatic disease, 27% had bone only disease, and 56% had visceral disease. Twenty-five percent (25%) of patients had primary endocrine therapy resistance. Seventeen percent (17%) of patients were pre- or perimenopausal.

The efficacy results from the MONARCH 2 study are summarized in Table 10 and Figure 1. Median PFS assessment based on a blinded independent radiologic review was consistent with the investigator assessment. Consistent results were observed across patient stratification subgroups of disease site and endocrine therapy resistance. At the time of primary analysis of PFS, overall survival data were not mature (20% of patients had died).

Table 10: Efficacy Results in MONARCH 2 (Investigator Assessment, Intent-to-Treat Population)

	VERZENIO plus Fulvestrant	Placebo plus Fulvestrant
Progression-Free Survival	N=446	N=223
Number of patients with an event (n, %)	222 (49.8)	157 (70.4)
Median (months, 95% CI)	16.4 (14.4, 19.3)	9.3 (7.4, 12.7)
Hazard ratio (95% CI)	0.553 (0.449, 0.681)	
p-value	p<.0001	
Objective Response for Patients with Measurable Disease	N=318	N=164

Objective response rate ^a (n, %)	153 (48.1)	35 (21.3)
95% CI	42.6, 53.6	15.1, 27.6

Abbreviations: CI = confidence interval.

^a Complete response + partial response.

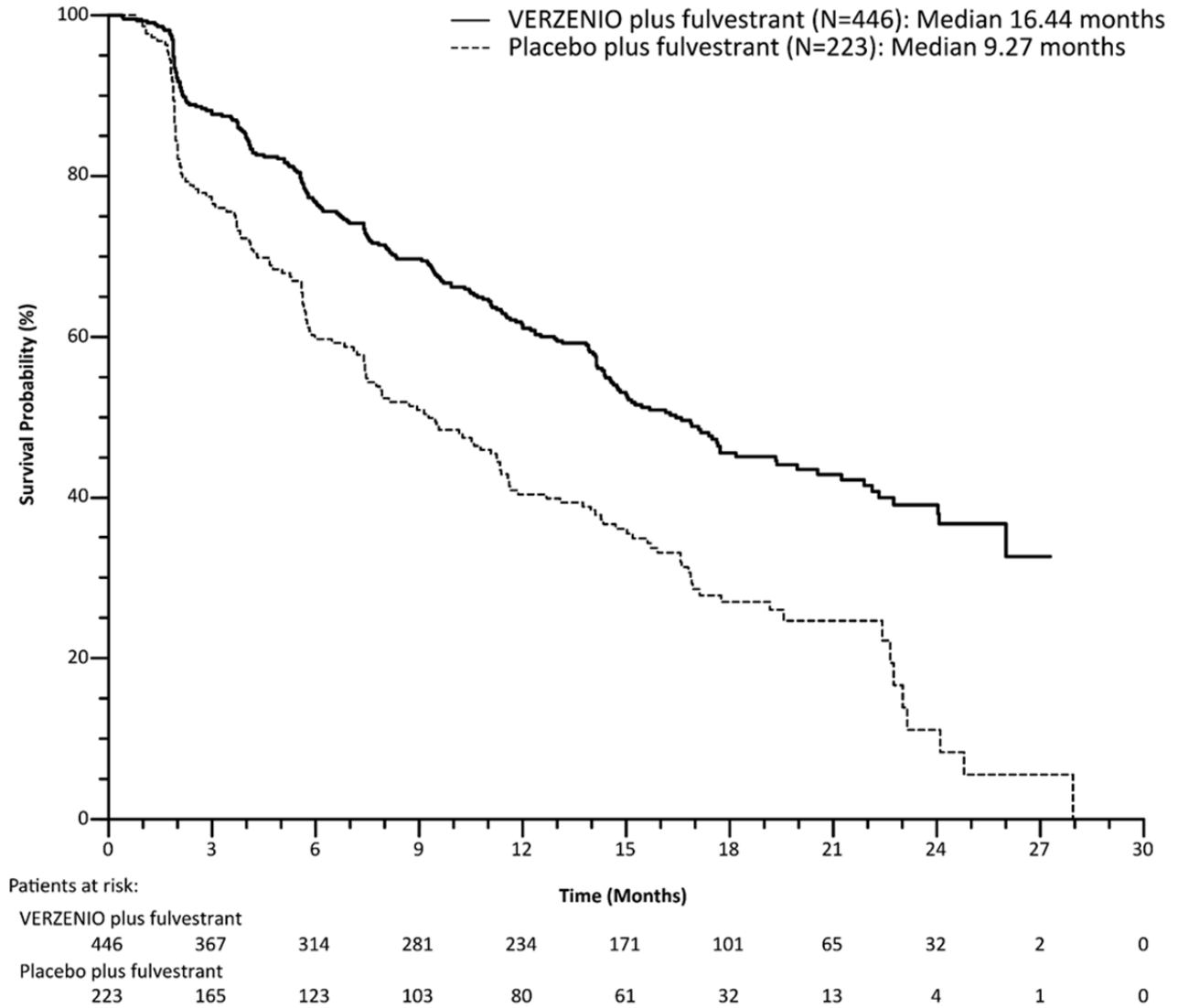


Figure 1: Kaplan-Meier Curves of Progression-Free Survival: VERZENIO plus Fulvestrant versus Placebo plus Fulvestrant (MONARCH 2)

VERZENIO Administered as a Monotherapy in Metastatic Breast Cancer (MONARCH 1)

Patients with HR-positive, HER2-negative breast cancer who received prior endocrine therapy and 1-2 chemotherapy regimens in the metastatic setting

MONARCH 1 (NCT02102490) was a single-arm, open-label, multicenter study in women with measurable HR-positive, HER2-negative metastatic breast cancer whose disease progressed during or after endocrine therapy, had received a taxane in any setting, and who received 1 or 2 prior chemotherapy regimens in the metastatic setting. A total of 132 patients received 200 mg VERZENIO orally twice daily on a continuous schedule until development of progressive disease or unmanageable toxicity.

Patient median age was 58 years (range, 36-89 years), and the majority of patients were White (85%). Patients had an Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group performance status of 0 (55% of patients) or 1 (45%). The median duration of metastatic disease was 27.6 months. Ninety percent (90%) of patients had visceral metastases, and 51% of patients had 3 or more sites of metastatic disease. Fifty-one percent (51%) of patients had had one line of chemotherapy in the metastatic setting. Sixty-nine percent (69%) of patients had received a taxane-based regimen in the metastatic setting and 55% had received capecitabine in the metastatic setting. Table 11 provides the efficacy results from MONARCH 1.

Table 11: Efficacy Results in MONARCH 1 (Intent-to-Treat Population)

	VERZENIO 200 mg N=132	
	Investigator Assessed	Independent Review
Objective Response Rate^a, n (%)	26 (19.7)	23 (17.4)
95% CI (%)	13.3, 27.5	11.4, 25.0
Median Duration of Response	8.6 months	7.2 months
95% CI (%)	5.8, 10.2	5.6, NR

Abbreviations: CI = confidence interval, NR = not reached.

^a All responses were partial responses.

16 HOW SUPPLIED/STORAGE AND HANDLING

16.1 How Supplied

VERZENIO 50 mg tablets are oval beige tablet with “Lilly” debossed on one side and “50” on the other side.

VERZENIO 100 mg tablet are oval white to practically white tablet with “Lilly” debossed on one side and “100” on the other side.

VERZENIO 150 mg tablets are oval yellow tablet with “Lilly” debossed on one side and “150” on the other side.

VERZENIO 200 mg tablets are oval beige tablet with “Lilly” debossed on one side and “200” on the other side.

VERZENIO tablets are supplied in 7-day dose pack configurations as follows:

- 200 mg dose pack (14 tablets) – each blister pack contains 14 tablets (200 mg per tablet) (200 mg twice daily)
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- 150 mg dose pack (14 tablets) – each blister pack contains 14 tablets (150 mg per tablet) (150 mg twice daily)
NDC 0002-5337-54
- 100 mg dose pack (14 tablets) – each blister pack contains 14 tablets (100 mg per tablet) (100 mg twice daily)
NDC 0002-4815-54
- 50 mg dose pack (14 tablets) – each blister pack contains 14 tablets (50 mg per tablet) (50 mg twice daily)
NDC 0002-4483-54

16.2 Storage and Handling

Store at 20°C to 25°C (68°F to 77°F); excursions permitted to 15°C to 30°C (59°F to 86°F).

17 PATIENT COUNSELING INFORMATION

Advise patients to read the FDA-approved Patient Information.

Diarrhea

VERZENIO may cause diarrhea, which may be severe in some cases [see *Warnings and Precautions* (5.1)].

- Early identification and intervention is critical for the optimal management of diarrhea. Instruct patients that at the first sign of loose stools, they should start antidiarrheal therapy (for example, loperamide) and notify their healthcare provider for further instructions and appropriate follow up.

- Encourage patients to increase oral fluids.
- If diarrhea does not resolve with antidiarrheal therapy within 24 hours to ≤Grade 1, suspend VERZENIO dosing [see *Dosage and Administration (2.2)*].

Neutropenia

Advise patients of the possibility of developing neutropenia and to immediately contact their healthcare provider should they develop a fever, particularly in association with any signs of infection [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.2)*].

Hepatotoxicity

Inform patients of the signs and symptoms of hepatotoxicity. Advise patients to contact their healthcare provider immediately for signs or symptoms of hepatotoxicity [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.3)*].

Venous Thromboembolism

Advise patients to immediately report any signs or symptoms of thromboembolism such as pain or swelling in an extremity, shortness of breath, chest pain, tachypnea, and tachycardia [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.4)*].

Embryo-Fetal Toxicity

Advise females of reproductive potential of the potential risk to a fetus and to use effective contraception during VERZENIO therapy and for at least 3 weeks after the last dose. Advise patients to inform their healthcare provider of a known or suspected pregnancy [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.5)* and *Use in Specific Populations (8.1, 8.3)*].

Lactation

Advise lactating women not to breastfeed during VERZENIO treatment and for at least 3 weeks after the last dose [see *Use in Specific Populations (8.2)*].

Drug Interactions

- Inform patients to avoid concomitant use of ketoconazole. Dose reduction may be required for other strong CYP3A inhibitors [see *Dosage and Administration (2.2)* and *Drug Interactions (7)*].
- Grapefruit may interact with VERZENIO. Advise patients not to consume grapefruit products while on treatment with VERZENIO.
- Advise patients to avoid concomitant use of CYP3A inducers and to consider alternative agents [see *Dosage and Administration (2.2)* and *Drug Interactions (7)*].
- Advise patients to inform their healthcare providers of all concomitant medications, including prescription medicines, over-the-counter drugs, vitamins, and herbal products [see *Dosage and Administration (2.2)* and *Drug Interactions (7)*].

Dosing

- Instruct patients to take the doses of VERZENIO at approximately the same times every day and to swallow whole (do not chew, crush, or split them prior to swallowing) [see *Dosage and Administration (2.1)*].
- If patient vomits or misses a dose, advise the patient to take the next prescribed dose at the usual time [see *Dosage and Administration (2.1)*].
- Advise the patient that VERZENIO may be taken with or without food [see *Dosage and Administration (2.1)*].

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PATIENT INFORMATION
VERZENIO™ (ver-ZEN-ee-oh)
(abemaciclib)
tablets

What is the most important information I should know about VERZENIO?

VERZENIO may cause serious side effects, including:

- **Diarrhea.** Diarrhea is common with VERZENIO treatment and may sometimes be severe. Diarrhea may cause you to develop dehydration or an infection. The most common time to develop diarrhea is during the first month of VERZENIO treatment. If you develop diarrhea during treatment with VERZENIO, your healthcare provider may tell you to temporarily stop taking VERZENIO, stop your treatment, or decrease your dose.
 - **If you have any loose stools**, right away tell your healthcare provider, start taking an antidiarrheal medicine (such as loperamide), and drink more fluids.
- **Low white blood cell counts (neutropenia).** Low white blood cell counts are common during treatment with VERZENIO and may cause serious infections that can lead to death. Your healthcare provider should check your white blood cell counts before and during treatment. If you develop low white blood cell counts during treatment with VERZENIO, your healthcare provider may tell you to temporarily stop taking VERZENIO, decrease your dose, or wait before starting your next month of treatment. **Tell your healthcare provider right away if you have signs and symptoms of low white blood cell counts or infections, such as fever and chills.**
- **Liver problems.** VERZENIO can cause serious liver problems. Your healthcare provider should do blood tests to check your liver before and during treatment with VERZENIO. If you develop liver problems during treatment with VERZENIO, your healthcare provider may reduce your dose or stop your treatment. Tell your healthcare provider right away if you have any of the following signs and symptoms of liver problems:
 - feeling very tired
 - pain on the upper right side of your stomach area (abdomen)
 - loss of appetite
 - bleeding or bruising more easily than normal

Blood clots in your veins, or in the arteries of your lungs. VERZENIO may cause serious blood clots that have led to death. Tell your healthcare provider right away if you get any of the following signs and symptoms of a blood clot:

- pain or swelling in your arms or legs
- shortness of breath
- chest pain
- rapid breathing
- rapid heart rate

See “What are the possible side effects of VERZENIO?” for more information about side effects.

What is VERZENIO?

VERZENIO is a prescription medicine used:

- in combination with fulvestrant to treat women with hormone receptor (HR)-positive, human epidermal growth factor receptor 2 (HER2)-negative advanced breast cancer or breast cancer that has spread to other parts of the body (metastatic), whose disease has progressed after hormonal therapy.
- alone to treat adults with HR-positive, HER2-negative advanced breast cancer or metastatic breast cancer whose disease has progressed after hormonal therapy and prior chemotherapy.

It is not known if VERZENIO is safe and effective in children.

Before taking VERZENIO, tell your healthcare provider about all of your medical conditions, including if you:

- have fever, chills, or any other signs of an infection.
- have liver or kidney problems.
- are pregnant or plan to become pregnant. VERZENIO can harm your unborn baby.
 - If you are able to become pregnant, your healthcare provider may do a pregnancy test before you start treatment with VERZENIO.
 - **Females** who are able to become pregnant should use effective birth control during treatment with VERZENIO and for at least 3 weeks after the last dose of VERZENIO.
 - Talk to your healthcare provider about birth control methods to prevent pregnancy during treatment with VERZENIO. If you become pregnant or think you may be pregnant, tell your healthcare provider right away.
- are breastfeeding or plan to breastfeed. It is not known if VERZENIO passes into your breast milk. Do not breastfeed during treatment with VERZENIO and for at least 3 weeks after the last dose of VERZENIO.

Tell your healthcare provider about all the medicines you take, including prescription and over-the-counter medicines, vitamins, and herbal supplements. Certain other medicines can affect how VERZENIO works and cause serious side effects.

Especially tell your healthcare provider if you take a medicine that contains ketoconazole.

Know the medicines you take. Keep a list of them to show your healthcare provider or pharmacist when you get a new medicine, such as antibiotics, or medicines that treat fungus or HIV/AIDS, because your dose of VERZENIO might need to be changed.

How should I take VERZENIO?

- Take VERZENIO exactly as your healthcare provider tells you.
- Your healthcare provider may change your dose if needed. Do not stop taking VERZENIO or change the dose without talking to your healthcare provider.
- VERZENIO may be taken with or without food.
- Swallow VERZENIO tablets whole. Do not chew, crush, or split the tablets before swallowing. Do not take VERZENIO tablets if they are broken, cracked, or damaged.
- Take your doses of VERZENIO at about the same time every day.
- If you vomit or miss a dose of VERZENIO, take your next dose at your regular time. Do not take 2 doses of VERZENIO at the same time to make up for the missed dose.
- If you take too much VERZENIO, call your healthcare provider or go to the nearest hospital emergency room right away.

What should I avoid during treatment with VERZENIO?

- Avoid taking ketoconazole during treatment with VERZENIO. Tell your healthcare provider if you take a medicine that contains ketoconazole.
- Avoid grapefruit and products that contain grapefruit during treatment with VERZENIO. Grapefruit may increase the amount of VERZENIO in your blood.

What are the possible side effects of VERZENIO?**VERZENIO may cause serious side effects, including:**

- See “**What is the most important information I should know about VERZENIO?**”

The most common side effects of VERZENIO include:

- nausea
- infections
- low red blood cell counts (anemia)
- decreased appetite
- headache
- abdominal pain
- tiredness
- low white blood cell counts (leukopenia)
- vomiting
- low platelet count (thrombocytopenia)

VERZENIO may cause fertility problems in males. This may affect your ability to father a child. Talk to your healthcare provider if this is a concern for you.

These are not all the possible side effects of VERZENIO. For more information, ask your healthcare provider or pharmacist. Call your healthcare provider for medical advice about side effects. You may report side effects to FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088.

How should I store VERZENIO?

- Store VERZENIO at room temperature between 68°F to 77°F (20°C to 25°C).

Keep VERZENIO and all medicines out of the reach of children.**General information about the safe and effective use of VERZENIO**

Medicines are sometimes prescribed for purposes other than those listed in a Patient Information leaflet. Do not use VERZENIO for a condition for which it was not prescribed. Do not give VERZENIO to other people, even if they have the same symptoms you have. It may harm them. You can ask your pharmacist or healthcare provider for more information about VERZENIO that is written for health professionals.

What are the ingredients in VERZENIO?

Active ingredient: abemaciclib.

Inactive ingredients: microcrystalline cellulose 102, microcrystalline cellulose 101, lactose monohydrate, croscarmellose sodium, sodium stearyl fumarate, silicon dioxide.

Color mixture ingredients: polyvinyl alcohol, titanium dioxide, polyethylene glycol, talc, iron oxide yellow, and iron oxide red.

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