

## HIGHLIGHTS OF PRESCRIBING INFORMATION

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

KEVZARA (sarilumab) injection, for subcutaneous use  
Initial U.S. Approval: 2017

### WARNING: RISK OF SERIOUS INFECTIONS

See full prescribing information for complete boxed warning.

- Serious infections leading to hospitalization or death including bacterial, viral, invasive fungal, and other opportunistic infections have occurred in patients receiving KEVZARA. (5.1)
- If a serious infection develops, interrupt KEVZARA until the infection is controlled. (5.1)
- Cases of tuberculosis (TB) have been reported. Prior to starting KEVZARA, test for latent TB; if positive, start treatment for TB. (5.1)
- Closely monitor patients for signs and symptoms of infection during treatment with KEVZARA. (5.1)

### RECENT MAJOR CHANGES

Indications and Usage (1.2) 2/2023  
Dosage and Administration (2.3, 2.5) 2/2023

### INDICATIONS AND USAGE

KEVZARA® is an interleukin-6 (IL-6) receptor antagonist indicated for treatment of:

- adult patients with moderately to severely active rheumatoid arthritis (RA) who have had an inadequate response or intolerance to one or more disease-modifying antirheumatic drugs (DMARDs). (1.1)
- adult patients with polymyalgia rheumatica (PMR) who have had an inadequate response to corticosteroids or who cannot tolerate corticosteroid taper. (1.2)

### DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

#### General Considerations for Administration

- KEVZARA initiation is not recommended in patients with ANC less than 2,000/mm<sup>3</sup>, platelets less than 150,000/mm<sup>3</sup> or liver transaminases above 1.5 times ULN. See Full Prescribing Information (FPI) for complete information. (2.1)

#### Recommended Dosage in RA

- The recommended dosage is 200 mg subcutaneously, once every 2 weeks. (2.2)
- For RA, KEVZARA may be used as monotherapy or in combination with methotrexate (MTX) or other conventional DMARDs. (2.2)

#### Recommended Dosage in PMR

- The recommended dosage is 200 mg subcutaneously, once every two weeks in combination with a tapering course of corticosteroids. (2.3)
- For PMR, KEVZARA can be used as monotherapy following discontinuation of corticosteroids. (2.3)

#### Dosage Modifications for Cytopenias, Abnormal Liver Enzymes, Infections

- See FPI for complete information. (2.5)

### DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS

- Injection: 150 mg/1.14 mL or 200 mg/1.14 mL solution in a single-dose pre-filled syringe (3)
- Injection: 150 mg/1.14 mL or 200 mg/1.14 mL solution in a single-dose pre-filled pen (3)

### CONTRAINDICATIONS

KEVZARA is contraindicated in patients with known hypersensitivity to sarilumab or any of the inactive ingredients. (4)

### WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

- Serious Infections: Avoid KEVZARA use during an active infection. (5.1)
- Neutropenia, Thrombocytopenia, Elevated Liver Enzymes, Lipid Abnormalities: Monitor laboratory parameters. (5.2)
- Gastrointestinal (GI) Perforation: Risk may be increased with concurrent diverticulitis or concomitant use of NSAIDs or corticosteroids. Promptly evaluate acute abdominal signs or symptoms. (5.3)
- Hypersensitivity reactions. (5.5)
- Live vaccines: Avoid use with KEVZARA. (5.7, 7.3)

### ADVERSE REACTIONS

Most common adverse reactions are:

- **Rheumatoid Arthritis (incidence ≥3 %):** neutropenia, increased ALT, injection site erythema, upper respiratory infections and urinary tract infections. (6.1)
- **Polymyalgia Rheumatica (incidence ≥ 5%):** neutropenia, leukopenia and injection site pruritus. (6.1)

To report SUSPECTED ADVERSE REACTIONS, contact sanofi-aventis at 1-800-633-1610 or FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088 or [www.fda.gov/medwatch](http://www.fda.gov/medwatch)

### USE IN SPECIFIC POPULATIONS

- Lactation: Discontinue drug or nursing taking into consideration importance of drug to mother. (8.2)

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## FULL PRESCRIBING INFORMATION

### WARNING: RISK OF SERIOUS INFECTIONS

Patients treated with KEVZARA are at increased risk for developing serious infections that may lead to hospitalization or death [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.1)*, *Adverse Reactions (6.1)*]. Opportunistic infections have also been reported in patients receiving KEVZARA. Most patients who developed infections were taking concomitant immunosuppressants such as methotrexate or corticosteroids.

Avoid use of KEVZARA in patients with an active infection.

Reported infections include:

- Active tuberculosis, which may present with pulmonary or extrapulmonary disease. Patients should be tested for latent tuberculosis before KEVZARA use and during therapy. Treatment for latent infection should be initiated prior to KEVZARA use.
- Invasive fungal infections, such as candidiasis, and pneumocystis. Patients with invasive fungal infections may present with disseminated, rather than localized, disease.
- Bacterial, viral and other infections due to opportunistic pathogens.

Closely monitor patients for signs and symptoms of infection during treatment with KEVZARA. If a serious infection develops, interrupt KEVZARA until the infection is controlled.

Consider the risks and benefits of treatment with KEVZARA prior to initiating therapy in patients with chronic or recurrent infection.

## 1 INDICATIONS AND USAGE

### 1.1 Rheumatoid Arthritis (RA)

KEVZARA<sup>®</sup> is indicated for treatment of adult patients with moderately to severely active rheumatoid arthritis who have had an inadequate response or intolerance to one or more disease-modifying antirheumatic drugs (DMARDs).

## 1.2 Polymyalgia Rheumatica (PMR)

KEVZARA is indicated for treatment of adult patients with polymyalgia rheumatica who have had an inadequate response to corticosteroids or who cannot tolerate corticosteroid taper.

## 2 DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

### 2.1 General Considerations Prior to Administration

#### Not Recommended for Concomitant Use with Biological DMARDs

The concurrent use of KEVZARA with biological DMARDs such as TNF antagonists, IL-1R antagonists, anti-CD20 monoclonal antibodies and selective co-stimulation modulators has not been studied. Avoid using KEVZARA with biological DMARDs because of the possibility of increased immunosuppression and increased risk of infection.

#### Recommended Evaluations Prior to Treatment

- Complete blood count (CBC): Treatment initiation with KEVZARA is not recommended in patients with an absolute neutrophil count (ANC) below 2000 per mm<sup>3</sup>, or platelet count below 150,000 per mm<sup>3</sup>. Monitor laboratory parameters [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.2)*].
- Liver function tests (LFT): Treatment initiation with KEVZARA is not recommended in patients with or who have alanine transaminase (ALT) or aspartate aminotransferase (AST) above 1.5 times the upper limit of normal (ULN). Monitor laboratory parameters [see *Dosage and Administration (2.5)* and *Warnings and Precautions (5.2)*].
- Lipid parameters (total cholesterol, LDL cholesterol, HDL cholesterol and/or triglycerides): Assess lipid parameters at baseline. Monitor laboratory parameters [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.2)*].
- Active and latent tuberculosis infection evaluation: Prior to initiating KEVZARA, test patients for active and latent tuberculosis (TB). KEVZARA should not be administered to patients with active TB. If positive for latent infection, consider treating for TB prior to KEVZARA use [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.1)*].
- Evaluate for infections: Avoid KEVZARA use in patients with active infections [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.1)*].

### 2.2 Recommended Dosage for Rheumatoid Arthritis

The recommended dosage of KEVZARA is 200 mg once every two weeks given as a subcutaneous injection (see *Dosage and Administration 2.1*).

KEVZARA may be used as monotherapy or in combination with methotrexate (MTX) or other conventional DMARDs.

Modify the dosage as recommended in Table 1 if the patient develops neutropenia, thrombocytopenia, or liver enzyme abnormalities [see *Dosage and Administration (2.5)*, *Warnings and Precautions (5.2)* and *Adverse Reactions (6.1)*].

### 2.3 Recommended Dosage for Polymyalgia Rheumatica

The recommended dosage of KEVZARA is 200 mg once every two weeks given as a subcutaneous injection, in combination with a tapering course of systemic corticosteroids [see *Dosage and Administration (2.1)*]. KEVZARA can be used as monotherapy following discontinuation of corticosteroids.

Discontinue KEVZARA if the patient develops neutropenia (using ANC results obtained at the end of the dosing interval), thrombocytopenia, or liver enzyme abnormalities [see *Dosage and Administration (2.5)*, *Warnings and Precautions (5.2)* and *Adverse Reactions (6.1)*].

### 2.4 Preparation and Administration Instructions

- KEVZARA is intended for use under the guidance of a healthcare professional. A patient may self-inject KEVZARA or the patient's caregiver may administer KEVZARA. Provide proper training to patients and/or caregivers on the preparation and administration of KEVZARA prior to use according to the Instructions for Use (IFU).
- Allow the pre-filled syringe to sit at room temperature for 30 minutes prior to subcutaneous injection. Do not warm KEVZARA in any other way.
- If using a pre-filled pen, allow the pre-filled pen to sit at room temperature for 60 minutes prior to subcutaneous injection. Do not warm KEVZARA in any other way.
- Parenteral drug products should be inspected visually for particulate matter and discoloration prior to administration. KEVZARA solution should be clear and colorless to pale yellow. Do not use if the solution is cloudy, discolored or contains particles, or if any part of the pre-filled syringe or pre-filled pen appears to be damaged.
- Instruct patients to inject the full amount in the syringe or pen (1.14 mL), which provides 200 mg or 150 mg of KEVZARA, according to the directions provided in the IFU.
- Rotate injection sites with each injection. Do not inject into skin that is tender, damaged, or has bruises or scars.

### 2.5 Dosage Modifications for Cytopenias, Abnormal Liver Enzymes, or Infections

#### Dosage Modifications for Patients with Rheumatoid Arthritis

- Laboratory Abnormalities: Modify dosage in case of neutropenia, thrombocytopenia, or liver enzyme elevations as shown in Table 1 [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.2)* and *Clinical Pharmacology (12.2)*]. For treatment initiation criteria, refer to the dosage recommendations for RA [see *Dosage and Administration (2.1, 2.2)*].

**Table 1: Dosage Modifications due to Neutropenia, Thrombocytopenia, or Elevated Liver Enzymes in Patients with Rheumatoid Arthritis**

| Low Absolute Neutrophil Count (ANC) |                                     |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Lab Value (cells/mm <sup>3</sup> )  | Recommendation                      |
| ANC greater than 1,000              | Maintain current dosage of KEVZARA. |

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|-------------------|---|
| ANC 500 to 1,000  | Hold treatment with KEVZARA until ANC greater than 1000. KEVZARA can then be resumed at 150 mg every two weeks and increased to 200 mg every two weeks as clinically appropriate. |
| ANC less than 500 | Discontinue KEVZARA.  |

| <b>Low Platelet Count</b>               |  |
|---|--|
| <b>Lab Value (cells/mm<sup>3</sup>)</b> | <b>Recommendation</b>  |
| 50,000 to 100,000                       | Hold treatment with KEVZARA until platelets greater than 100,000. KEVZARA can then be resumed at 150 mg every two weeks and increased to 200 mg every two weeks as clinically appropriate. |
| Less than 50,000                        | If confirmed by repeat testing, discontinue KEVZARA.   |

| <b>Liver Enzyme Abnormalities</b>                  |  |
|--|--|
| <b>Lab Value</b>                                   | <b>Recommendation</b>  |
| ALT or AST greater than ULN to 3 times ULN         | Consider dosage modification of concomitant DMARDs as clinically appropriate.  |
| ALT or AST greater than 3 times ULN to 5 times ULN | Hold treatment with KEVZARA until ALT or AST less than 3 times ULN. KEVZARA can then be resumed at 150 mg every two weeks and increased to 200 mg every two weeks as clinically appropriate. |
| ALT or AST greater than 5 times ULN                | Discontinue KEVZARA.   |

- **Infections:** If a patient with RA develops a serious infection or an opportunistic infection, hold treatment with KEVZARA until the infection is controlled [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.1)*].

### Dosage Modifications for Patients with Polymyalgia Rheumatica

- **Laboratory Abnormalities:** Discontinue KEVZARA in patients with PMR who develop the following laboratory abnormalities [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.2)* and *Clinical Pharmacology (12.2)*]:
  - neutropenia (ANC below 1,000 per mm<sup>3</sup> at the end of the dosing interval)
  - thrombocytopenia (platelet count below 100,000 per mm<sup>3</sup>)
  - AST or ALT elevations 3 times above the ULN

Dosage modifications have not been studied in patients with PMR with these conditions. For treatment initiation criteria, refer to the dosage recommendations for PMR [see *Dosage and Administration (2.1, 2.3)*].

- **Infections:** If a patient with PMR develops a serious infection or an opportunistic infection, hold treatment with KEVZARA until the infection is controlled [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.1)*].

### 3 DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS

Injection: 150 mg/1.14 mL or 200 mg/1.14 mL colorless to pale-yellow solution in a single-dose pre-filled syringe.

Injection: 150 mg/1.14 mL or 200 mg/1.14 mL colorless to pale-yellow solution in a single-dose pre-filled pen.

### 4 CONTRAINDICATIONS

KEVZARA is contraindicated in patients with known hypersensitivity to sarilumab or any of the inactive ingredients [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.5) and Adverse Reactions (6.1)*].

### 5 WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

#### 5.1 Serious Infections

Serious and sometimes fatal infections due to bacterial, mycobacterial, invasive fungal, viral, or other opportunistic pathogens have been reported in patients receiving immunosuppressive agents including KEVZARA. The most frequently observed serious infections with KEVZARA included pneumonia and cellulitis [see *Adverse Reactions (6.1)*]. Among opportunistic infections, tuberculosis, candidiasis, and pneumocystis were reported with KEVZARA. Some patients presented with disseminated rather than localized disease and were often taking concomitant immunosuppressants such as methotrexate or corticosteroids. While not reported in KEVZARA clinical studies, other serious infections (e.g., histoplasmosis, cryptococcus, aspergillosis) have been reported in patients receiving other immunosuppressive agents for the treatment of RA.

Avoid use of KEVZARA in patients with an active infection, including localized infections. Consider the risks and benefits of treatment prior to initiating KEVZARA in patients who have:

- chronic or recurrent infection;
- a history of serious or opportunistic infections;
- underlying conditions that may predispose them to infection;
- been exposed to tuberculosis; or
- lived in or traveled to areas of endemic tuberculosis or endemic mycoses.

Closely monitor patients for the development of signs and symptoms of infection during treatment with KEVZARA, as signs and symptoms of acute inflammation may be lessened due to suppression of the acute phase reactants [see *Dosage and Administration (2.5), Adverse Reactions (6.1)*].

Hold treatment with KEVZARA if a patient develops a serious infection or an opportunistic infection.

Perform prompt and complete diagnostic testing appropriate for an immunocompromised patient who develops a new infection during treatment with KEVZARA; initiate appropriate antimicrobial therapy, and closely monitor the patient.

### Tuberculosis

Evaluate patients for tuberculosis (TB) risk factors and test for latent infection prior to initiating treatment with KEVZARA. Treat patients with latent TB with standard antimycobacterial therapy before initiating KEVZARA. Consider anti-TB therapy prior to initiation of KEVZARA in patients with a past history of latent or active TB in whom an adequate course of treatment cannot be confirmed, and for patients with a negative test for latent TB but having risk factors for TB infection. When considering anti-TB therapy, consultation with a physician with expertise in TB may be appropriate.

Closely monitor patients for the development of signs and symptoms of TB including patients who tested negative for latent TB infection prior to initiating therapy.

### Viral Reactivation

Viral reactivation has been reported with immunosuppressive biologic therapies. Cases of herpes zoster were observed in clinical studies with KEVZARA [see *Adverse Reactions (6.1)*]. The risk of Hepatitis B reactivation with KEVZARA is unknown since patients who were at risk for reactivation were excluded.

## **5.2 Laboratory Abnormalities**

### Neutropenia

Treatment with KEVZARA was associated with a higher incidence of decrease in absolute neutrophil count (ANC), including neutropenia [see *Adverse Reactions (6.1)*].

- Assess neutrophil count prior to initiation of KEVZARA and monitor neutrophil count 4 to 8 weeks after start of therapy and every 3 months thereafter [see *Clinical Pharmacology (12.2)*]. For recommendations regarding initiating KEVZARA therapy and dosage modifications based on ANC results [see *Dosage and Administration (2.1 and 2.5)*].
- Based on the pharmacodynamics of the changes in ANC [see *Clinical Pharmacology (12.2)*], use results obtained at the end of the dosing interval when considering dosage modification.

### Thrombocytopenia

Treatment with KEVZARA was associated with a reduction in platelet counts in clinical studies [see *Adverse Reactions (6.1)*].

- Assess platelet count prior to initiation of KEVZARA and monitor platelets 4 to 8 weeks after start of therapy and every 3 months thereafter. For recommendations regarding initiating KEVZARA therapy and dosage modifications based on platelet counts [see *Dosage and Administration (2.1 and 2.5)*].

### Elevated Liver Enzymes

Treatment with KEVZARA was associated with a higher incidence of transaminase elevations. These elevations were transient and did not result in any clinically evident hepatic injury in clinical studies [see *Adverse Reactions (6.1)*]. Increased frequency and magnitude of these elevations were observed when potentially hepatotoxic drugs (e.g., MTX) were used in combination with KEVZARA.

- Assess ALT/AST levels prior to initiation of KEVZARA and monitor ALT and AST levels 4 to 8 weeks after start of therapy and every 3 months thereafter. When clinically indicated, consider other liver function tests such as bilirubin. For recommendations regarding initiating KEVZARA therapy and dosage modifications based on transaminase elevations [see *Dosage and Administration (2.1 and 2.5)*].

### **Lipid Abnormalities**

Treatment with KEVZARA was associated with increases in lipid parameters such as LDL cholesterol, HDL cholesterol and/or triglycerides [see *Adverse Reactions (6.1)*].

- Assess lipid parameters approximately 4 to 8 weeks following initiation of treatment with KEVZARA, then at approximately 6-month intervals.
- Manage patients according to clinical guidelines for the management of hyperlipidemia.

### **5.3 Gastrointestinal Perforation**

Gastrointestinal perforations have been reported in clinical studies, primarily as complications of diverticulitis. GI perforation risk may be increased with concurrent diverticulitis or concomitant use of NSAIDs or corticosteroids. Promptly evaluate patients presenting with new onset abdominal symptoms [see *Adverse Reactions (6.1)*].

### **5.4 Immunosuppression**

Treatment with immunosuppressants may result in an increased risk of malignancies. The impact of treatment with KEVZARA on the development of malignancies is not known but malignancies were reported in clinical studies [see *Adverse Reactions (6.1)*].

### **5.5 Hypersensitivity Reactions**

Hypersensitivity reactions have been reported in association with KEVZARA [see *Adverse Reactions (6.1)*]. Hypersensitivity reactions that required treatment discontinuation were reported in 0.3% of patients in controlled RA trials. Injection site rash, rash, and urticaria were the most frequent hypersensitivity reactions. Advise patients to seek immediate medical attention if they experience any symptoms of a hypersensitivity reaction. If anaphylaxis or other hypersensitivity reaction occurs, stop administration of KEVZARA immediately. Do not administer KEVZARA to patients with known hypersensitivity to sarilumab [see *Contraindications (4)* and *Adverse Reactions (6.1)*].

### **5.6 Active Hepatic Disease and Hepatic Impairment**

Treatment with KEVZARA is not recommended in patients with active hepatic disease or hepatic impairment, as treatment with KEVZARA was associated with transaminase elevations [see *Adverse Reactions (6.1)*, *Use in Specific Populations (8.6)*].

### **5.7 Live Vaccines**



Avoid concurrent use of live vaccines during treatment with KEVZARA due to potentially increased risk of infections; clinical safety of live vaccines during KEVZARA treatment has not been established. No data are available on the secondary transmission of infection from persons receiving live vaccines to patients receiving KEVZARA. The interval between live vaccinations and initiation of KEVZARA therapy should be in accordance with current vaccination guidelines regarding immunosuppressive agents [see *Drug Interactions (7.3)*].

## 6 ADVERSE REACTIONS

The following serious adverse reactions are described elsewhere in labeling:

- Serious infections [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.1)*]
- Neutropenia, thrombocytopenia, elevated liver enzymes, lipid abnormalities [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.2)*]
- Gastrointestinal perforation [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.3)*]
- Immunosuppression [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.4)*]
- Hypersensitivity reactions [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.5)*]

### 6.1 Clinical Trials Experience

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

#### Rheumatoid Arthritis

All patients in the safety data described below had moderately to severely active rheumatoid arthritis.

The safety of KEVZARA in combination with conventional DMARDs was evaluated based on data from seven studies, of which two were placebo-controlled, consisting of 2887 patients (long-term safety population). Of these, 2170 patients received KEVZARA for at least 24 weeks, 1546 for at least 48 weeks, 1020 for at least 96 weeks, and 624 for at least 144 weeks.

The pre-rescue placebo-controlled population includes patients from the two Phase 3 efficacy studies (Studies 1 and 2) from weeks 0 to 16 for Study 1 and weeks 0 to 12 for Study 2, and was used to assess common adverse reactions and laboratory abnormalities prior to patients being permitted to switch from placebo to KEVZARA. In this population, 582 patients, 579 patients, and 579 patients received KEVZARA 200 mg, KEVZARA 150 mg, or placebo once every two weeks, respectively, in combination with conventional DMARDs.

The 52-week placebo-controlled population includes patients from one Phase 2 study of 12-week duration and two Phase 3 efficacy studies (one of 24-week duration and the other of 52-week duration). This placebo-controlled population includes all subjects from the double-blind, placebo-controlled periods from each study and was analyzed under their original randomization assignment. In this population, 661 patients, 660 patients, and 661 patients received KEVZARA

200 mg, KEVZARA 150 mg, or placebo once every two weeks, respectively, in combination with conventional DMARDs.

Most safety data are described for the pre-rescue population. For rarer events, the 52-week placebo-controlled population is used.

The most common serious adverse reactions were infections.

The most frequent adverse reactions (occurring in at least 3% of patients treated with KEVZARA in combination with DMARDs) observed with KEVZARA in the clinical studies were neutropenia, increased ALT, injection site erythema, upper respiratory infections, and urinary tract infections.

In the pre-rescue placebo-controlled population, premature discontinuation due to adverse reactions occurred in 8%, 6% and 3% of patients treated with KEVZARA 200 mg, KEVZARA 150 mg, and placebo, respectively.

The most common adverse reaction (greater than 1%) that resulted in discontinuation of therapy with KEVZARA was neutropenia.

The use of KEVZARA as monotherapy was assessed in 132 patients, of which 67 received KEVZARA 200 mg and 65 patients received KEVZARA 150 mg without concomitant DMARDs. The safety profile was generally consistent with that in the population receiving concomitant DMARDs.

### Overall Infections

In the pre-rescue placebo-controlled population, the rate of infections in the 200 mg and 150 mg KEVZARA + DMARD group was 110 and 105 events per 100 patient-years, respectively, compared to 81 events per 100 patient-years in the placebo + DMARD group. The most commonly reported infections (2% to 4% of patients) were upper respiratory tract infections, urinary tract infections, and nasopharyngitis.

In the 52-week placebo-controlled population, 0.8% of patients (5 patients) treated with KEVZARA 200 mg + DMARD, 0.6% (4 patients) treated with KEVZARA 150 mg + DMARD and 0.5% (3 patients) treated with placebo + DMARD had an event of herpes zoster [*see Warnings and Precautions (5.1)*].

The overall rate of infections with KEVZARA + DMARD in the long-term safety population was consistent with rates in the controlled periods of the studies.

### Serious Infections

In the pre-rescue population, the rate of serious infections in the 200 mg and 150 mg KEVZARA + DMARD group was 3.8 and 4.4 events per 100 patient-years, respectively, compared to 2.5 events per 100 patient-years in the placebo + DMARD group. In the 52-week placebo-controlled population, the rate of serious infections in the 200 mg and 150 mg KEVZARA + DMARD group was 4.3 and 3.0 events per 100 patient-years, respectively, compared to 3.1 events per 100 patient-years in the placebo + DMARD group.

In the long-term safety population, the overall rate of serious infections was consistent with rates in the controlled periods of the studies. The most frequently observed serious infections included pneumonia and cellulitis. Cases of opportunistic infection have been reported [*see Warnings and Precautions (5.1)*].

### Gastrointestinal Perforation

In the 52-week placebo-controlled population, one patient on KEVZARA therapy experienced a gastrointestinal (GI) perforation (0.11 events per 100 patient-years).

In the long-term safety population, the overall rate of GI perforation was consistent with rates in the controlled periods of the studies. Reports of GI perforation were primarily reported as complications of diverticulitis including lower GI perforation and abscess. Most patients who developed GI perforations were taking concomitant nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory medications (NSAIDs) or corticosteroids. The contribution of these concomitant medications relative to KEVZARA in the development of GI perforations is not known [*see Warnings and Precautions (5.3)*].

### Hypersensitivity Reactions

In the pre-rescue placebo-controlled population, the proportion of patients who discontinued treatment due to hypersensitivity reactions was higher among those treated with KEVZARA (0.3% in 200 mg, 0.2% in 150 mg) than placebo (0%). The rate of discontinuations due to hypersensitivity in the long-term safety population was consistent with the placebo-controlled period.

### Injection Site Reactions

In the pre-rescue placebo-controlled population, injection site reactions were reported in 7% of patients receiving KEVZARA 200 mg, 6% receiving KEVZARA 150 mg, and 1% receiving placebo. These injection site reactions (including erythema and pruritus) were mild in severity for the majority of patients and necessitated drug discontinuation in 2 (0.2%) patients receiving KEVZARA.

### Laboratory Abnormalities

#### *Decreased neutrophil count*

In the pre-rescue placebo-controlled population, decreases in neutrophil counts less than 1000 per mm<sup>3</sup> occurred in 6% and 4% of patients in the 200 mg KEVZARA + DMARD and 150 mg KEVZARA + DMARD group, respectively, compared to no patients in the placebo + DMARD groups. Decreases in neutrophil counts less than 500 per mm<sup>3</sup> occurred in 0.7% of patients in both the 200 mg KEVZARA + DMARD and 150 mg KEVZARA + DMARD groups. Decrease in ANC was not associated with the occurrence of infections, including serious infections.

In the long-term safety population, the observations on neutrophil counts were consistent with what was seen in the placebo-controlled clinical studies [*see Warnings and Precautions (5.2)*].

#### *Decreased platelet count*

In the pre-rescue placebo-controlled population, decreases in platelet counts less than 100,000 per mm<sup>3</sup> occurred in 1% and 0.7% of patients on 200 mg and 150 mg KEVZARA + DMARD, respectively, compared to no patients on placebo + DMARD, without associated bleeding events.

In the long-term safety population, the observations on platelet counts were consistent with what was seen in the placebo-controlled clinical studies [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.2)*].

### ***Elevated liver enzymes***

Liver enzyme elevations in the pre-rescue placebo-controlled population (KEVZARA + DMARD or placebo + DMARD) are summarized in Table 2. In patients experiencing liver enzyme elevation, modification of treatment regimen, such as interruption of KEVZARA or reduction in dose, resulted in decrease or normalization of liver enzymes [see *Dosage and Administration (2.4)*]. These elevations were not associated with clinically relevant increases in direct bilirubin, nor were they associated with clinical evidence of hepatitis or hepatic impairment [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.2)*].

**Table 2: Incidence of Liver Enzyme Elevations in Adults with Moderately to Severely Active Rheumatoid Arthritis\***

|   | <b>Placebo + DMARD<br/>N=579</b> | <b>KEVZARA 150 mg +<br/>DMARD<br/>N=579</b> | <b>KEVZARA 200 mg +<br/>DMARD<br/>N=582</b> |
|---|----------------------------------|---|---|
| <b>AST</b>                              |                                  |   |   |
| Greater than ULN to 3 times ULN or less | 15%                              | 27%   | 30%   |
| Greater than 3 times ULN to 5 times ULN | 0%                               | 1%  | 1%  |
| Greater than 5 times ULN                | 0%                               | 0.7%  | 0.2%  |
| <b>ALT</b>                              |                                  |   |   |
| Greater than ULN to 3 times ULN or less | 25%                              | 38%   | 43%   |
| Greater than 3 times ULN to 5 times ULN | 1%                               | 4%  | 3%  |
| Greater than 5 times ULN                | 0%                               | 1%  | 0.7%  |

\* Phase 3 placebo-controlled safety population through the pre-rescue period

ULN = Upper Limit of Normal

### ***Lipid Abnormalities***

Lipid parameters (LDL, HDL, and triglycerides) were first assessed at 4 weeks following initiation of KEVZARA + DMARDs in the placebo-controlled population. Increases were observed at this time point with no additional increases observed thereafter. Changes in lipid parameters from baseline to Week 4 are summarized below:

- Mean LDL increased by 12 mg/dL in the KEVZARA 150 mg every two weeks + DMARD group and 16 mg/dL in the KEVZARA 200 mg every two weeks + DMARD group.
- Mean triglycerides increased by 20 mg/dL in the KEVZARA 150 mg every two weeks + DMARD group and 27 mg/dL in the KEVZARA 200 mg every two weeks + DMARD group.
- Mean HDL increased by 3 mg/dL in both the KEVZARA 150 mg every two weeks + DMARD and KEVZARA 200 mg every two weeks + DMARD groups.

In the long-term safety population, the observations in lipid parameters were consistent with what was observed in the placebo-controlled clinical studies.

### Malignancies

In the 52-week placebo-controlled population, 9 malignancies (exposure-adjusted event rate of 1.0 event per 100 patient-years) were diagnosed in patients receiving KEVZARA+ DMARD compared to 4 malignancies in patients in the control group (exposure-adjusted event rate of 1.0 event per 100 patient-years).

In the long-term safety population, the rate of malignancies was consistent with the rate observed in the placebo-controlled period [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.4)*].

### Other Adverse Reactions

Adverse reactions occurring in 2% or more of patients on KEVZARA + DMARD and greater than those observed in patients on placebo + DMARD are summarized in Table 3.

**Table 3: Common Adverse Reactions\* in Adults with Moderately to Severely Active Rheumatoid Arthritis†**

| Preferred Term                     | Placebo + DMARD (N=579) | KEVZARA 150 mg + DMARD (N=579) | KEVZARA 200 mg + DMARD (N=582) |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Neutropenia                        | 0.2%                    | 7%                             | 10%                            |
| Alanine aminotransferase increased | 2%                      | 5%                             | 5%                             |
| Injection site erythema            | 0.9%                    | 5%                             | 4%                             |
| Injection site pruritus            | 0.2%                    | 2%                             | 2%                             |
| Upper respiratory tract infection  | 2%                      | 4%                             | 3%                             |
| Urinary tract infection            | 2%                      | 3%                             | 3%                             |
| Hypertriglyceridemia               | 0.5%                    | 3%                             | 1%                             |
| Leukopenia                         | 0%                      | 0.9%                           | 2%                             |

\* Adverse reactions occurring in 2% or more in the 150 mg KEVZARA + DMARD or 200 mg KEVZARA + DMARD groups and greater than observed in Placebo + DMARD

† Pre-rescue, placebo-controlled population

Medically relevant adverse reactions occurring at an incidence less than 2% in patients with rheumatoid arthritis treated with KEVZARA in controlled studies was oral herpes.

## Polymyalgia Rheumatica

Safety has been studied in one Phase 3 study (Study 3) in 117 PMR patients of whom 59 received subcutaneous KEVZARA 200 mg [see *Clinical Studies (14.2)*]. Of these, 45 patients received KEVZARA for at least 24 weeks, 44 patients for at least 40 weeks, and 10 patients for at least 52 weeks. The total patient years duration in the KEVZARA PMR population was 47.37 patient years during the 12-month double blind, placebo-controlled study.

The common adverse reactions occurring in  $\geq 5\%$  of patients treated with KEVZARA were neutropenia (15.3%), leukopenia (6.8%), constipation (6.8%), rash pruritic (5.1%), myalgia (6.8%), fatigue (5.1%), and injection site pruritus (5.1%).

Serious adverse reactions of neutropenia occurred in 2 patients (3.4%) in the KEVZARA group compared to none in the placebo group. In both cases of neutropenia, the participants had a neutrophil count less than 500 per  $\text{mm}^3$  without any infections and resolved following permanent discontinuation of study drug.

The most common adverse reactions that resulted in permanent discontinuation of therapy with KEVZARA were neutropenia in 3 patients (5.1%) and infection in 3 separate patients (5.1%), including COVID-19 (n=1), intervertebral discitis (n=1), and pneumonia (n=1).

### Overall Infections

In Study 3, the proportion of patients with infections was lower in the KEVZARA group (37.3%) compared to the placebo group (50.0%). Two patients (3.2%) in the KEVZARA group and 1 patient (1.7%) in the placebo group had an event of herpes zoster.

### *Serious infections*

In Study 3, the proportion of patients with serious infections was similar in the KEVZARA group (5.1%) compared to the placebo group (5.2%).

### Injection Site Reactions

In Study 3, three patients (5.1%) in the KEVZARA group experienced injection site reactions of pruritus which were mild in severity. No patient in the placebo group experienced injection site reactions.

### Laboratory Abnormalities

#### *Decreased neutrophil count*

In Study 3, decreases in neutrophil counts less than 1000 per  $\text{mm}^3$  occurred in 12% of the KEVZARA treated group and no patient in the placebo treated group. Decreases in neutrophil counts less than 500 per  $\text{mm}^3$  occurred in 3.4% of patients in KEVZARA treated group compared to no patient in the placebo treated group.

#### *Decreased platelet count*

In Study 3, decreases in platelet counts between 75,000 to 100,000 per  $\text{mm}^3$  occurred in two patients (3.4%) in the KEVZARA group, compared to no patient in the placebo treated group. These platelet count decreases were transient and not associated with bleeding events.

### *Elevated liver enzymes*

In Study 3, no KEVZARA treated patients had an ALT or AST greater than 3 times the upper limit of normal (ULN). In the placebo treated group, 2 patients had ALT elevations greater than 3 times the ULN.

### *Lipid Abnormalities*

In Study 3, cholesterol levels  $\geq 299.27$  mg/dL were observed in 8/58 (13.8%) patients in the KEVZARA group compared to 4/58 (6.9%) patients in the placebo group. Triglycerides  $\geq 407.4$  mg/dL were observed in 3/58 (5.2%) patients in the KEVZARA group compared to 1/58 (1.7%) in the placebo group.

No significant differences in mean HDL between KEVZARA group and placebo group were observed. At Week 52, mean increase from baseline for LDL and triglycerides levels were observed in the KEVZARA group though both remained within the normal range.

## **7 DRUG INTERACTIONS**

### **7.1 Use with Other Drugs**

Population pharmacokinetic analyses did not detect any effect of methotrexate (MTX) on sarilumab clearance. KEVZARA has not been investigated in combination with JAK inhibitors or biological DMARDs such as TNF antagonists [*see Dosage and Administration (2.2)*].

### **7.2 Interactions with CYP450 Substrates**

Various *in vitro* and limited *in vivo* human studies have shown that cytokines and cytokine modulators can influence the expression and activity of specific cytochrome P450 (CYP) enzymes and therefore have the potential to alter the pharmacokinetics of concomitantly administered drugs that are substrates of these enzymes. Elevated interleukin-6 (IL-6) concentration may down-regulate CYP activity such as in patients with RA and hence increase drug levels compared to subjects without RA. Blockade of IL-6 signaling by IL-6R $\alpha$  antagonists such as KEVZARA might reverse the inhibitory effect of IL-6 and restore CYP activity, leading to altered drug concentrations.

The modulation of IL-6 effect on CYP enzymes by KEVZARA may be clinically relevant for CYP substrates with a narrow therapeutic index, where the dose is individually adjusted. Upon initiation or discontinuation of KEVZARA, in patients being treated with CYP substrate medicinal products, perform therapeutic monitoring of effect (e.g., warfarin) or drug concentration (e.g., theophylline) and adjust the individual dose of the medicinal product as needed.

Exercise caution when co-administering KEVZARA with CYP3A4 substrate drugs where decrease in effectiveness is undesirable, e.g., oral contraceptives, lovastatin, atorvastatin, etc. The effect of KEVZARA on CYP450 enzyme activity may persist for several weeks after stopping therapy [*see Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)*].

### **7.3 Live Vaccines**

Avoid concurrent use of live vaccines during treatment with KEVZARA [*see Warnings and Precautions (5.7)*].

## 8 USE IN SPECIFIC POPULATIONS

### 8.1 Pregnancy

#### Risk Summary

The limited human data with KEVZARA in pregnant women are not sufficient to inform drug-associated risk for major birth defects and miscarriage. Monoclonal antibodies, such as sarilumab, are actively transported across the placenta during the third trimester of pregnancy and may affect immune response in the in utero exposed infant (*see Clinical Considerations*). From animal data, and consistent with the mechanism of action, levels of IgG, in response to antigen challenge, may be reduced in the fetus/infant of treated mothers (*see Clinical Considerations and Data*). In an animal reproduction study, consisting of a combined embryo-fetal and pre- and postnatal development study with monkeys that received intravenous administration of sarilumab, there was no evidence of embryotoxicity or fetal malformations with exposures up to approximately 84 times the maximum recommended human dose (MRHD) (*see Data*). The literature suggests that inhibition of IL-6 signaling may interfere with cervical ripening and dilatation and myometrial contractile activity leading to potential delays of parturition (*see Data*).

The estimated background risk of major birth defects and miscarriage for the indicated population is unknown. All pregnancies have a background risk of birth defect, loss, or other adverse outcomes. In the U.S. general population, the estimated background risk of major birth defects and miscarriages in clinically recognized pregnancies is 2 to 4% and 15 to 20%, respectively. KEVZARA should be used in pregnancy only if the potential benefit justifies the potential risk to the fetus.

#### Clinical Considerations

##### Fetal/Neonatal Adverse Reactions

Monoclonal antibodies are increasingly transported across the placenta as pregnancy progresses, with the largest amount transferred during the third trimester. Risks and benefits should be considered prior to administering live or live-attenuated vaccines to infants exposed to KEVZARA in utero [*see Warnings and Precautions (5.7)*]. From the animal data, and consistent with the mechanism of action, levels of IgG, in response to antigen challenge, may be reduced in the fetus/infant of treated mothers (*see Data*).

#### Data

##### Animal Data

In a combined embryo-fetal and pre- and postnatal development study, pregnant cynomolgus monkeys received sarilumab at intravenous doses of 0, 5, 15, or 50 mg/kg/week from confirmation of pregnancy at gestation day (GD) 20, throughout the period of organogenesis (up to approximately GD 50), and continuing to natural birth of infants at around GD 165. Maintenance of pregnancy was not affected at any doses. Sarilumab was not embryotoxic or teratogenic with exposures up to approximately 84 times the MRHD (based on AUC with maternal intravenous doses up to 50 mg/kg/week). Sarilumab had no effect on neonatal growth and development evaluated up to one month after birth. Sarilumab was detected in the serum of neonates up to one month after birth, suggesting that the antibody had crossed the placenta.



Following antigen challenge, decreased IgG titers attributed to the immunosuppressive action of sarilumab were evident in studies with older monkeys, with exposures up to approximately 80 times the MRHD (based on AUC with intravenous doses up to 50 mg/kg/week) and juvenile mice treated with an analogous antibody, which binds to murine IL-6R $\alpha$  to inhibit IL-6 mediated signaling, at subcutaneous doses up to 200 mg/kg/week. These findings suggest the potential for decreased IgG titers, following antigen challenge, in infants of mothers treated with KEVZARA.

Parturition is associated with significant increases of IL-6 in the cervix and myometrium. The literature suggests that inhibition of IL-6 signaling may interfere with cervical ripening and dilatation and myometrial contractile activity leading to potential delays of parturition. For mice deficient in IL-6 (Il6<sup>-/-</sup> null mice), parturition was delayed relative to wild-type (Il6<sup>+/+</sup>) mice. Administration of recombinant IL-6 to Il6<sup>-/-</sup> null mice restored the normal timing of delivery.

## **8.2 Lactation**

### **Risk Summary**

No information is available on the presence of sarilumab in human milk, the effects of the drug on the breastfed infant, or the effects of the drug on milk production. Maternal IgG is present in human milk. If sarilumab is transferred into human milk, the effects of local exposure in the gastrointestinal tract and potential limited systemic exposure in the infant to sarilumab are unknown. The lack of clinical data during lactation precludes clear determination of the risk of KEVZARA to an infant during lactation; therefore, the developmental and health benefits of breastfeeding should be considered along with the mother's clinical need for KEVZARA and the potential adverse effects on the breastfed child from KEVZARA or from the underlying maternal condition.

## **8.4 Pediatric Use**

Safety and efficacy of KEVZARA in pediatric patients have not been established.

## **8.5 Geriatric Use**

Of the total number of patients with RA exposed to KEVZARA in clinical studies [*see Clinical Studies (14.1)*], 450 patients (15%) were 65 years of age and over, while 48 patients (1.6%) were 75 years and over. In clinical studies, no overall differences in safety and efficacy were observed between older and younger patients. The frequency of serious infections among KEVZARA and placebo-treated patients 65 years of age and older was higher than those under the age of 65.

Of the total number of patients with PMR exposed to KEVZARA in the clinical study (Study 3) [*see Clinical Studies (14.2)*], 16 patients (27.1%) were under 65 years of age, 33 patients (55.9%) were 65 to 75 years of age, and 10 patients (17.0%) were 75 years and over. The median age in the PMR study was 69.0 years and all patients were on baseline corticosteroid. There were no differences in the incidence of serious infections between the KEVZARA group and placebo group. In Study 3, no overall differences in safety were observed between older and younger patients.

As there is a higher incidence of infections in the elderly population in general, caution should be used when treating the elderly.

## 8.6 Hepatic Impairment

The safety and efficacy of KEVZARA have not been studied in patients with hepatic impairment, including patients with positive HBV or HCV serology [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.6)*].

## 8.7 Renal Impairment

No dose adjustment is required in patients with mild to moderate renal impairment. KEVZARA has not been studied in patients with severe renal impairment [see *Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)*].

## 11 DESCRIPTION

Sarilumab is a human recombinant monoclonal antibody of the IgG1 subclass that binds to the IL-6 receptor and has an approximate molecular weight of 150 kDa. Sarilumab is produced by recombinant DNA technology in Chinese Hamster Ovary cell suspension culture.

KEVZARA (sarilumab) injection for subcutaneous administration is supplied as a sterile, colorless to pale yellow, preservative-free solution of approximately pH 6.0. KEVZARA is supplied in a single-dose pre-filled syringe or pre-filled pen. Each syringe or pen delivers 1.14 mL of solution containing 150 mg or 200 mg of sarilumab, arginine (8.94 mg), histidine (3.71 mg), polysorbate 20 (2.28 mg), sucrose (57 mg) and Water for Injection, USP.

## 12 CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY

### 12.1 Mechanism of Action

Sarilumab binds to both soluble and membrane-bound IL-6 receptors (sIL-6R and mIL-6R), and has been shown to inhibit IL-6-mediated signaling through these receptors. IL-6 is a pleiotropic pro-inflammatory cytokine produced by a variety of cell types including T- and B-cells, lymphocytes, monocytes, and fibroblasts. IL-6 has been shown to be involved in diverse physiological processes such as T-cell activation, induction of immunoglobulin secretion, initiation of hepatic acute phase protein synthesis, and stimulation of hematopoietic precursor cell proliferation and differentiation. IL-6 is also produced by synovial and endothelial cells leading to local production of IL-6 in joints affected by inflammatory processes such as rheumatoid arthritis.

### 12.2 Pharmacodynamics

Following single-dose subcutaneous administration of sarilumab 200-mg and 150-mg in patients with RA, rapid reduction of CRP levels was observed. Levels were reduced to normal within 2 weeks after treatment initiation. Following single-dose sarilumab administration, in patients with RA, absolute neutrophil counts decreased to the nadir between 3 to 4 days and thereafter recovered towards baseline [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.2)*]. Treatment with sarilumab resulted in decreases in fibrinogen and serum amyloid A, and increases in hemoglobin and serum albumin.

### 12.3 Pharmacokinetics

#### Rheumatoid Arthritis

Absorption

The pharmacokinetics of sarilumab were characterized in 1770 patients with rheumatoid arthritis (RA) treated with sarilumab which included 631 patients treated with 150 mg and 682 patients treated with 200 mg doses by subcutaneous injection every two weeks for up to 52 weeks. The median  $t_{max}$  was observed in 2 to 4 days.

At steady state, exposure over the dosing interval measured by area under curve (AUC) increased 2-fold with an increase in dose from 150 to 200 mg every two weeks. Steady state was reached in 14 to 16 weeks with a 2- to 3-fold accumulation compared to single dose exposure.

For the 150 mg every two weeks dose regimen, the estimated mean ( $\pm$  SD) steady-state AUC,  $C_{min}$  and  $C_{max}$  of sarilumab were  $202 \pm 120$  mg.day/L,  $6.35 \pm 7.54$  mg/L, and  $20.0 \pm 9.20$  mg/L, respectively.

For the 200 mg every two weeks dose regimen, the estimated mean ( $\pm$  SD) steady-state AUC,  $C_{min}$  and  $C_{max}$  of sarilumab were  $395 \pm 207$  mg.day/L,  $16.5 \pm 14.1$  mg/L, and  $35.6 \pm 15.2$  mg/L, respectively.

### Distribution

In patients with RA, the apparent volume of distribution at steady state was 7.3 L.

### Elimination

Sarilumab is eliminated by parallel linear and non-linear pathways. At higher concentrations, the elimination is predominantly through the linear, non-saturable proteolytic pathway, while at lower concentrations, non-linear saturable target-mediated elimination predominates. The half-life of sarilumab is concentration-dependent. At 200 mg every 2 weeks, the concentration-dependent half-life is up to 10 days in patients with RA at steady state. At 150 mg every 2 weeks, the concentration-dependent half-life is up to 8 days in patients with RA at steady state. After the last steady state dose of 150 mg and 200 mg sarilumab, the median times to non-detectable concentration are 28 and 43 days, respectively.

Population pharmacokinetic analyses in patients with RA revealed that there was a trend toward higher apparent clearance of sarilumab in the presence of anti-sarilumab antibodies.

### Metabolism

The metabolic pathway of sarilumab has not been characterized. As a monoclonal antibody sarilumab is expected to be degraded into small peptides and amino acids via catabolic pathways in the same manner as endogenous IgG.

### Excretion

Monoclonal antibodies, including sarilumab, are not eliminated via renal or hepatic pathways.

### Polymyalgia Rheumatica

The pharmacokinetic profile of subcutaneous sarilumab in PMR patients was determined using a population pharmacokinetic analysis on a data set including 58 PMR patients treated with repeated subcutaneous administration of sarilumab 200 mg every two weeks. In general, pharmacokinetic exposures were higher in patients with PMR when compared to patients with

RA. For this dose regimen, the estimated mean ( $\pm$  SD) steady-state AUC,  $C_{\min}$  and  $C_{\max}$  of sarilumab were  $551 \pm 321$  mg.day/L,  $27.0 \pm 21.5$  mg/L, and  $46.5 \pm 23.0$  mg/L, respectively. The median time to steady state in PMR patients was estimated to be 28 weeks. There was accumulation following subcutaneous administration of sarilumab 200 mg, with an accumulation ratio of approximately 6-fold based on the mean trough concentrations.

### Specific Populations

Population pharmacokinetic analyses in adult patients showed that age, gender and race did not meaningfully influence the pharmacokinetics of sarilumab. Although body weight influenced the pharmacokinetics of sarilumab, no dose adjustments are recommended for any of these demographics.

#### Hepatic Impairment

No formal study of the effect of hepatic impairment on the pharmacokinetics of sarilumab was conducted.

#### Renal Impairment

No formal study of the effect of renal impairment on the pharmacokinetics of sarilumab was conducted. Based on population pharmacokinetic analysis of data from 1770 patients with RA, including patients with mild (creatinine clearance ( $CL_{cr}$ ): 60 to 90 mL/min; N=471 at baseline) or moderate ( $CL_{cr}$ : 30 to 60 mL/min; N=74 at baseline) renal impairment,  $CL_{cr}$  was correlated with sarilumab exposure. However, the effect of  $CL_{cr}$  on exposure is not sufficient to warrant a dose adjustment [see *Use in Specific Populations* (8.7)]. Patients with severe renal impairment were not studied.

### Drug-Drug Interactions

#### CYP450 Substrates

Simvastatin is a CYP3A4 and OATP1B1 substrate. In 17 patients with RA, one week following a single 200-mg subcutaneous administration of sarilumab, exposure of simvastatin and simvastatin acid decreased by 45% and 36%, respectively [see *Drug Interactions* (7.2)].

## **12.6 Immunogenicity**

As with all therapeutic proteins, there is potential for immunogenicity. The detection of antibody formation is highly dependent on the sensitivity and specificity of the assay. Additionally, the observed incidence of antibody (including neutralizing antibody) positivity in an assay may be influenced by several factors, including assay methodology, sample handling, timing of sample collection, concomitant medications, and underlying disease. For these reasons, comparison of the incidence of antibodies to sarilumab in the studies described below with the incidence of antibodies in other studies or to other products may be misleading.

In the RA pre-rescue population, 4.0% of patients treated with KEVZARA 200 mg + DMARD, 5.7% of patients treated with KEVZARA 150 mg + DMARD and 1.9% of patients treated with placebo + DMARD, exhibited an anti-drug antibody (ADA) response. Neutralizing antibodies (NAb) were detected in 1.0% of patients on KEVZARA 200 mg + DMARD, 1.6% of patients on KEVZARA 150 mg + DMARD, and 0.2% of patients on placebo + DMARD.

In RA patients treated with KEVZARA monotherapy, 9.2% of patients exhibited an ADA response with 6.9% of patients also exhibiting NABs. Prior to administration of KEVZARA, 2.3% of patients exhibited an ADA response.

No correlation was observed between ADA development and either loss of efficacy or adverse reactions in RA patients.

In the PMR population, 1 patient (1.8%) in the KEVZARA 200 mg + 14-week corticosteroid taper group exhibited an ADA response. None of the patients in the placebo +52-week corticosteroid taper group exhibited an ADA response. Neutralizing antibodies were detected in the PMR patient with ADA response on KEVZARA 200 mg; the patient did not demonstrate a clinical response. Because of the low occurrence of anti-drug antibodies, the effect of these antibodies on the safety, and/or effectiveness of sarilumab is unknown.

## **13 NONCLINICAL TOXICOLOGY**

### **13.1 Carcinogenesis, Mutagenesis, Impairment of Fertility**

No long-term animal studies have been performed to establish the carcinogenicity potential of sarilumab. Literature indicates that the IL-6 pathway can mediate anti-tumor responses by promoting increased immune cell surveillance of the tumor microenvironment. However, available published evidence also supports that IL-6 signaling through the IL-6 receptor may be involved in pathways that lead to tumorigenesis. The malignancy risk in humans from an antibody that disrupts signaling through the IL-6 receptor, such as sarilumab, is presently unknown.

Fertility and reproductive performance were unaffected in male and female mice treated with an analogous antibody, which binds to murine IL-6R $\alpha$  to inhibit IL-6 mediated signaling, at subcutaneous doses of 10, 25, and 100 mg/kg twice per week.

## **14 CLINICAL STUDIES**

### **14.1 Rheumatoid Arthritis**

#### **Design of Clinical Studies in Adults with Moderately to Severely Active RA**

The efficacy and safety of KEVZARA in RA were assessed in two randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled multicenter studies (Study 1 and Study 2) in patients older than 18 years with moderately to severely active rheumatoid arthritis (RA) diagnosed according to American College of Rheumatology (ACR) criteria. Patients had at least 8 tender and 6 swollen joints at baseline.

Study 1 (NCT01061736) evaluated 1197 patients with moderately to severely active rheumatoid arthritis who had inadequate clinical response to methotrexate (MTX). Patients received subcutaneous KEVZARA 200 mg, KEVZARA 150 mg, or placebo every two weeks with concomitant MTX. After Week 16 in Study 1, patients with an inadequate response could have been rescued with KEVZARA 200 mg every two weeks.

Study 2 (NCT01146652) evaluated 546 patients with moderately to severely active rheumatoid arthritis who had an inadequate clinical response or were intolerant to one or more TNF- $\alpha$  antagonists. Patients received subcutaneous KEVZARA 200 mg, KEVZARA 150 mg, or placebo every two weeks with concomitant conventional DMARDs (MTX, sulfasalazine, leflunomide, and/or hydroxychloroquine). After Week 12 in Study 2, patients with an inadequate response could have been rescued with KEVZARA 200 mg every two weeks.

In Studies 1 and 2, the primary endpoint was the proportion of patients who achieved an ACR20 response at Week 24. Other key endpoints evaluated included change from baseline in HAQ-DI at Week 16 in Study 1 and at Week 12 in Study 2, and change from baseline in van der Heijde-modified Total Sharp Score (mTSS) at Week 52 in Study 1.

### Clinical Response

The percentages of KEVZARA every two weeks + MTX/DMARD-treated patients achieving ACR20, ACR50 and ACR70 responses in Studies 1 and 2 are shown Table 4. In both studies, patients treated with either 200 mg or 150 mg of KEVZARA every two weeks + MTX/DMARD had higher ACR20, ACR50, and ACR70 response rates versus placebo + MTX/DMARD-treated patients at Week 24.

In Studies 1 and 2, a greater proportion of patients treated with KEVZARA 200 mg or 150 mg every two weeks plus MTX/DMARD achieved a low level of disease activity as measured by a Disease Activity Score 28-C-Reactive Protein (DAS28-CRP) <2.6 compared with placebo + MTX/DMARD at the end of the studies (Table 4). In Study 1, the proportion of patients achieving DAS28-CRP <2.6 who had at least 3 or more active joints at the end of Week 24 was 33.1%, 37.8% and 20%, in the KEVZARA 200 mg + MTX/DMARD arm, KEVZARA 150 mg + MTX/DMARD arm, and placebo arm respectively.

**Table 4: Clinical Response in Placebo-Controlled Studies 1 and 2 in Adults with Moderately to Severely Active RA\***

|   | Percentage of Patients |                               |                               |  |   |   |
|---|------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|---|---|
|   | Study 1                |                               |                               | Study 2                                  |   |   |
|   | Placebo + MTX<br>N=398 | KEVZARA 150 mg + MTX<br>N=400 | KEVZARA 200 mg + MTX<br>N=399 | Placebo + DMARD(s) <sup>†</sup><br>N=181 | KEVZARA 150 mg + DMARD(s) <sup>†</sup><br>N=181 | KEVZARA 200 mg + DMARD(s) <sup>†</sup><br>N=184 |
| <b>ACR20</b>                                  |                        |                               |                               |  |   |   |
| <b>Week 12</b>                                | 34.7%                  | 54.0%                         | 64.9%                         | 37.6%                                    | 54.1%   | 62.5%   |
| Difference from placebo (95% CI) <sup>‡</sup> |                        | 19.4%<br>(12.6%, 26.1%)       | 30.2%<br>(23.6%, 36.8%)       |  | 16.6%<br>(6.7%, 26.5%)                          | 25.3%<br>(15.7%, 34.8%)                         |
| <b>Week 24<sup>§</sup></b>                    | 33.4%                  | 58.0%                         | 66.4%                         | 33.7%                                    | 55.8%   | 60.9%   |
| Difference from placebo (95% CI) <sup>‡</sup> |                        | 24.6%<br>(18.0%, 31.3%)       | 33.0%<br>(26.5%, 39.5%)       |  | 22.1%<br>(12.6%, 31.6%)                         | 27.4%<br>(17.7%, 37.0%)                         |
| <b>Week 52</b>                                | 31.7%                  | 53.5%                         | 58.6%                         |  |   |   |

|  |       |                         |                         |                 |                         |                         |
|--|-------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Difference from placebo<br>(95% CI) <sup>‡</sup> |       | 21.9%<br>(15.2%, 28.5%) | 27.0%<br>(20.5%, 33.6%) | NA <sup>†</sup> | NA <sup>†</sup>         | NA <sup>†</sup>         |
| <b>ACR50</b>                                     |       |                         |                         |                 |                         |                         |
| <b>Week 12</b>                                   | 12.3% | 26.5%                   | 36.3%                   | 13.3%           | 30.4%                   | 33.2%                   |
| Difference from placebo<br>(95% CI) <sup>‡</sup> |       | 14.2%<br>(8.9%, 19.6%)  | 24.1%<br>(18.4%, 29.8%) |                 | 17.1%<br>(9.2%, 25.1%)  | 20.1%<br>(12.0%, 28.3%) |
| <b>Week 24</b>                                   | 16.6% | 37.0%                   | 45.6%                   | 18.2%           | 37.0%                   | 40.8%                   |
| Difference from placebo<br>(95% CI) <sup>‡</sup> |       | 20.4%<br>(14.5%, 26.3%) | 29.1%<br>(23.0%, 35.1%) |                 | 18.8%<br>(10.2%, 27.4%) | 22.8%<br>(14.0%, 31.6%) |
| <b>Week 52</b>                                   | 18.1% | 40.0%                   | 42.9%                   |                 |                         |                         |
| Difference from placebo<br>(95% CI) <sup>‡</sup> |       | 21.9%<br>(15.8%, 28.0%) | 24.8%<br>(18.7%, 30.9%) | NA <sup>†</sup> | NA <sup>†</sup>         | NA <sup>†</sup>         |
| <b>ACR70</b>                                     |       |                         |                         |                 |                         |                         |
| <b>Week 12</b>                                   | 4.0%  | 11.0%                   | 17.5%                   | 2.2%            | 13.8%                   | 14.7%                   |
| Difference from placebo<br>(95% CI) <sup>‡</sup> |       | 7.0%<br>(3.4%, 10.6%)   | 13.5%<br>(9.4%, 17.7%)  |                 | 11.6%<br>(6.2%, 17.0%)  | 12.5%<br>(7.1%, 17.9%)  |
| <b>Week 24</b>                                   | 7.3%  | 19.8%                   | 24.8%                   | 7.2%            | 19.9%                   | 16.3%                   |
| Difference from placebo<br>(95% CI) <sup>‡</sup> |       | 12.5%<br>(7.8%, 17.1%)  | 17.5%<br>(12.6%, 22.5%) |                 | 12.7%<br>(6.1%, 19.3%)  | 9.2%<br>(2.8%, 15.7%)   |
| <b>Week 52</b>                                   | 9.0%  | 24.8%                   | 26.8%                   |                 |                         |                         |
| Difference from placebo<br>(95% CI) <sup>‡</sup> |       | 15.7%<br>(10.6%, 20.8%) | 17.8%<br>(12.6%, 23.0%) | NA <sup>†</sup> | NA <sup>†</sup>         | NA <sup>†</sup>         |
| <b>Major clinical response<sup>#</sup></b>       |       |                         |                         |                 |                         |                         |
| Responders                                       | 3.0%  | 12.8%                   | 14.8%                   | NA <sup>†</sup> | NA <sup>†</sup>         | NA <sup>†</sup>         |
| Difference from placebo<br>(95% CI) <sup>‡</sup> |       | 9.7%<br>(6.1%, 13.4%)   | 11.8%<br>(7.9%, 15.6%)  |                 |                         |                         |
| <b>DAS28-CRP &lt; 2.6<sup>b</sup></b>            |       |                         |                         |                 |                         |                         |
| <b>Week 12</b>                                   |       |                         |                         |                 |                         |                         |
| Percentage of patients                           | 4.8%  | 18.0%                   | 23.1%                   | 3.9%            | 17.1%                   | 17.9%                   |
| Difference from placebo<br>(95% CI) <sup>‡</sup> |       | 13.3%<br>(9.0%, 17.5%)  | 18.3%<br>(13.7%, 23.0%) |                 | 13.3%<br>(7.3%, 19.3%)  | 14.1%<br>(8.0%, 20.3%)  |
| <b>Week 24</b>                                   |       |                         |                         |                 |                         |                         |
| Percentage of patients                           | 10.1% | 27.8%                   | 34.1%                   | 7.2%            | 24.9%                   | 28.8%                   |
| Difference from placebo<br>(95% CI) <sup>‡</sup> |       | 17.7%<br>(12.5%, 23.0%) | 24.0%<br>(18.5%, 29.5%) |                 | 17.7%<br>(10.5%, 24.9%) | 21.7%<br>(14.3%, 29.1%) |

\* Patients who were rescued or discontinued were considered non-responders for the analyses included in this table. In Study 1, at week 52, 196, 270, and 270 patients remained on placebo, KEVZARA 150 mg, and KEVZARA 200 mg respectively.

† DMARDs in Study 2 included MTX, sulfasalazine, leflunomide, and/or hydroxychloroquine.

‡ Weighted estimate of the rate difference; CI=confidence interval

§ Primary end point

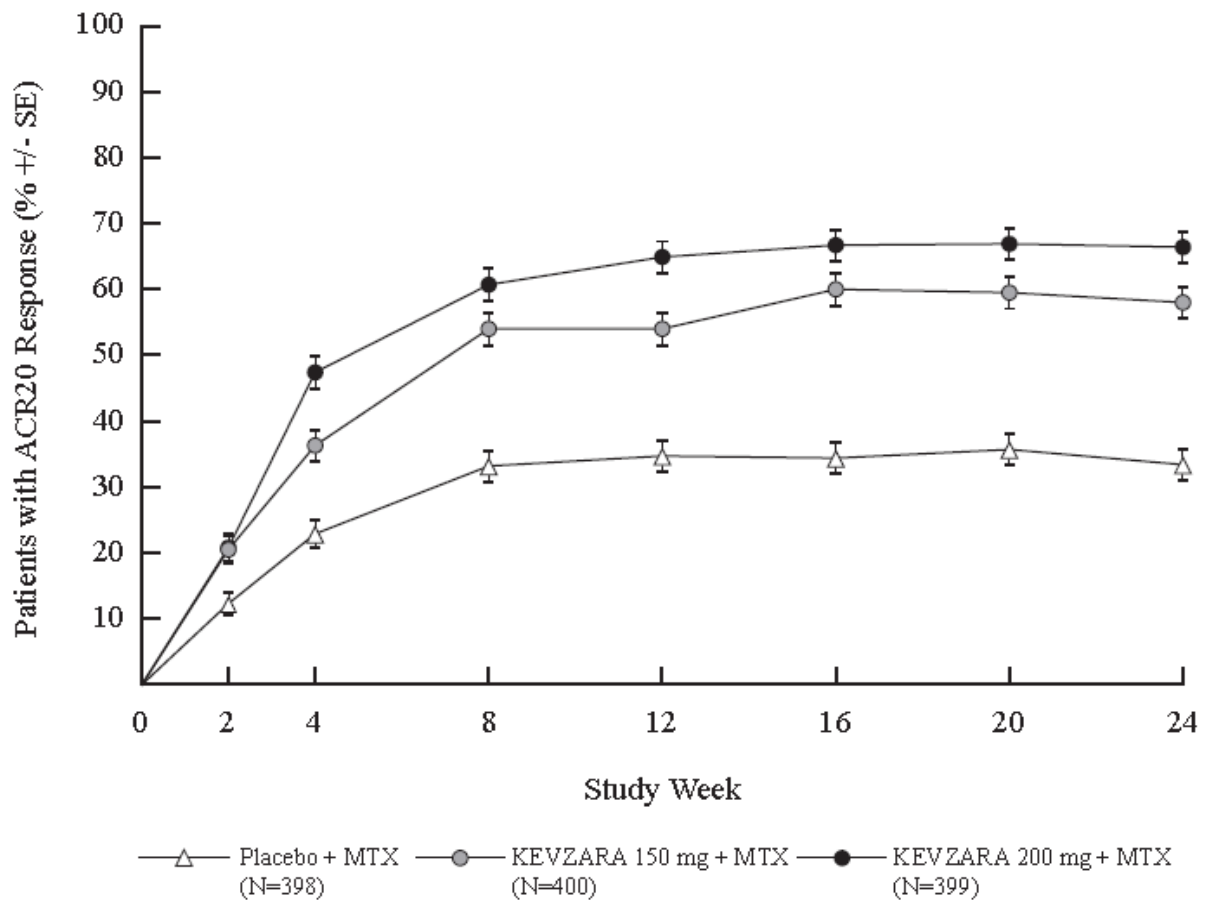
¶ NA=Not Applicable as Study 2 was a 24-week study.

# Major clinical response = ACR70 for at least 24 consecutive weeks during the 52-week period.

‡ Patients with DAS28-CRP <2.6 may have active joints.

The percent ACR20 response by visit in Study 1 is shown in Figure 1. A similar response curve was observed in Study 2.

**Figure 1: Percent of ACR20 Response by Visit for Study 1 (Adults with Moderately to Severely Active RA)**



The results of the components of the ACR response criteria at Week 12 for Studies 1 and 2 are shown in Table 5.



**Table 5: Mean Change from Baseline in Components of ACR Score at Week 12 (Prior to Rescue) in Adults with Moderately to Severely Active RA**

| Component means<br>(range/units)        | Study 1                     |                                       |                                       | Study 2                             |  |  |
|---|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|--|
|   | Placebo<br>+ MTX<br>(N=398) | KEVZARA<br>150 mg +<br>MTX<br>(N=400) | KEVZARA<br>200 mg +<br>MTX<br>(N=399) | Placebo<br>+<br>DMARD(s)<br>(N=181) | KEVZARA<br>150 mg +<br>DMARD(s)<br>(N=181) | KEVZARA<br>200 mg +<br>DMARD(s)<br>(N=184) |
| <b>Tender Joints (0-68)</b>             |                             |                                       |                                       |                                     |  |  |
| Baseline                                | 26.80                       | 27.21                                 | 26.50                                 | 29.42                               | 27.66                                      | 29.55                                      |
| Week 12                                 | 16.25                       | 12.88                                 | 11.78                                 | 19.18                               | 13.38                                      | 13.10                                      |
| Change from baseline                    | -10.51                      | -14.42                                | -14.94                                | -9.79                               | -14.11                                     | -15.92                                     |
| <b>Swollen Joints (0-66)</b>            |                             |                                       |                                       |                                     |  |  |
| Baseline                                | 16.68                       | 16.60                                 | 16.77                                 | 20.21                               | 19.60                                      | 19.97                                      |
| Week 12                                 | 9.66                        | 7.50                                  | 6.79                                  | 12.50                               | 8.82                                       | 8.28                                       |
| Change from baseline                    | -7.02                       | -9.03                                 | -10.12                                | -7.25                               | -10.77                                     | -10.89                                     |
| <b>Pain VAS* (0-100 mm)</b>             |                             |                                       |                                       |                                     |  |  |
| Baseline                                | 63.71                       | 65.48                                 | 66.71                                 | 71.57                               | 71.02                                      | 74.86                                      |
| Week 12                                 | 49.25                       | 41.47                                 | 36.93                                 | 54.77                               | 43.45                                      | 41.66                                      |
| Change from baseline                    | -14.45                      | -23.73                                | -29.77                                | -16.12                              | -27.95                                     | -32.77                                     |
| <b>Physician global VAS* (0-100 mm)</b> |                             |                                       |                                       |                                     |  |  |
| Baseline                                | 62.86                       | 63.43                                 | 63.59                                 | 68.39                               | 68.10                                      | 67.76                                      |
| Week 12                                 | 39.25                       | 31.32                                 | 28.47                                 | 43.73                               | 33.65                                      | 30.18                                      |
| Change from baseline                    | -23.63                      | -31.85                                | -34.84                                | -24.60                              | -34.92                                     | -36.92                                     |
| <b>Patient global VAS* (0-100 mm)</b>   |                             |                                       |                                       |                                     |  |  |
| Baseline                                | 63.70                       | 64.43                                 | 66.49                                 | 68.77                               | 67.71                                      | 70.89                                      |
| Week 12                                 | 49.37                       | 41.52                                 | 38.05                                 | 53.67                               | 41.99                                      | 41.74                                      |
| Change from baseline                    | -13.92                      | -22.88                                | -28.39                                | -15.05                              | -26.05                                     | -28.83                                     |
| <b>HAQ-DI (0-3)</b>                     |                             |                                       |                                       |                                     |  |  |
| Baseline                                | 1.61                        | 1.63                                  | 1.69                                  | 1.80                                | 1.72                                       | 1.82                                       |
| Week 12                                 | 1.34                        | 1.15                                  | 1.13                                  | 1.49                                | 1.23                                       | 1.33                                       |
| Change from baseline                    | -0.27                       | -0.47                                 | -0.57                                 | -0.29                               | -0.50                                      | -0.49                                      |
| <b>CRP (mg/L)</b>                       |                             |                                       |                                       |                                     |  |  |
| Baseline                                | 20.46                       | 22.57                                 | 22.23                                 | 26.02                               | 23.60                                      | 30.77                                      |
| Week 12                                 | 19.61                       | 9.24                                  | 3.30                                  | 21.72                               | 9.21                                       | 4.58                                       |
| Change from baseline                    | -0.58                       | -13.59                                | -18.31                                | -3.39                               | -14.24                                     | -25.91                                     |

\* VAS=visual analog scale

### Radiographic Response

In Study 1, structural joint damage was assessed radiographically and expressed as the van der Heijde-modified Total Sharp Score (mTSS) and its components, the erosion score and joint space narrowing score. Radiographs of hands and feet were obtained at baseline, 24 weeks, and 52 weeks and scored independently by at least two well-trained readers who were blinded to treatment group and visit number.

Both doses of KEVZARA + MTX were superior to placebo + MTX in the change from baseline in mTSS over 52 weeks (see Table 6). Less progression of both erosion and joint space

narrowing scores over 52 weeks was reported in the KEVZARA + MTX treatment groups compared to the placebo + MTX group.

Treatment with KEVZARA + MTX was associated with significantly less radiographic progression of structural damage as compared with placebo + MTX. At Week 52, 55.6% of patients receiving KEVZARA 200 mg + MTX and 47.8% of patients receiving KEVZARA 150 mg + MTX had no progression of structural damage (as defined by a change in the Total Sharp Score of zero or less) compared with 38.7% of patients receiving placebo.

**Table 6: Mean Radiographic Change from Baseline at Week 52 in Study 1 in Adults with Moderately to Severely Active RA\***

|  | Study 1               |                              |                              |
|--|-----------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
|  | Placebo + MTX (N=398) | KEVZARA 150 mg + MTX (N=400) | KEVZARA 200 mg + MTX (N=399) |
| <b>Modified Total Sharp Score (mTSS)</b>               |                       |                              |                              |
| Mean change  | 2.78                  | 0.90                         | 0.25                         |
| LS <sup>†</sup> mean difference (95% CI <sup>‡</sup> ) |                       | -1.88 (-2.74, -1.01)         | -2.52 (-3.38, -1.66)         |
| <b>Erosion score</b>                                   |                       |                              |                              |
| Mean change  | 1.46                  | 0.42                         | 0.05                         |
| LS <sup>†</sup> mean difference (95% CI <sup>‡</sup> ) |                       | -1.03 (-1.53, -0.53)         | -1.40 (-1.90, -0.90)         |
| <b>Joint space narrowing score</b>                     |                       |                              |                              |
| Mean change  | 1.32                  | 0.47                         | 0.20                         |
| LS <sup>†</sup> mean difference (95% CI <sup>‡</sup> ) |                       | -0.85 (-1.34, -0.35)         | -1.12 (-1.61, -0.63)         |

\* Week 52 analysis employs linear extrapolation method to impute missing or post-rescue data

<sup>†</sup> LS=least squares

<sup>‡</sup> CI=confidence interval

### Physical Function Response

In Studies 1 and 2, physical function and disability were assessed by the Health Assessment Questionnaire Disability Index (HAQ-DI). Patients receiving KEVZARA 200 mg every two weeks + MTX/DMARD and KEVZARA 150 mg every two weeks + MTX/DMARD demonstrated greater improvement from baseline in physical function compared to placebo + MTX/DMARD at Week 16 and Week 12 in Studies 1 and 2, respectively (Table 7).

**Table 7: Physical Function in Studies 1 and 2 in Adults with Moderately to Severely Active RA**

|                             | Study 1               |                              |                              | Study 2                    |                                   |                                   |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
|                             | Week 16               |                              |                              | Week 12                    |                                   |                                   |
|                             | Placebo + MTX (N=398) | KEVZARA 150 mg + MTX (N=400) | KEVZARA 200 mg + MTX (N=399) | Placebo + DMARD(s) (N=181) | KEVZARA 150 mg + DMARD(s) (N=181) | KEVZARA 200 mg + DMARD(s) (N=184) |
| <b>HAQ-DI</b>               |                       |                              |                              |                            |                                   |                                   |
| <b>Change from baseline</b> | -0.30                 | -0.54                        | -0.58                        | -0.29                      | -0.50                             | -0.49                             |

|  |       |                            |                            |       |                            |                            |
|--|-------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>Difference from placebo (95% CI)*</b>                     |       | -0.24<br>(-0.31,<br>-0.16) | -0.26<br>(-0.34,<br>-0.18) |       | -0.20<br>(-0.32,<br>-0.09) | -0.21<br>(-0.33,<br>-0.10) |
| <b>% of patients with clinically meaningful improvement†</b> | 42.5% | 53.8%                      | 57.4%                      | 35.9% | 47%                        | 51.1%                      |

\* Difference in adjusted mean change from baseline compared with placebo + DMARD at Week 16 (Study 1) or Week 12 (Study 2) and 95% confidence interval for that difference.

† Change from baseline greater than 0.3 units

### Other Health Related Outcomes

General health status was assessed by the Short Form health survey (SF-36) in Studies 1 and 2. Patients receiving KEVZARA 200 mg every two weeks + MTX/DMARD demonstrated greater improvement from baseline compared to placebo + MTX/DMARD in the physical component summary (PCS) at Week 24, but there was no evidence of a difference between the treatment groups in the mental component summary (MCS) at Week 24. Patients receiving KEVZARA 200 mg + MTX/DMARD reported greater improvement relative to placebo in the domains of *Physical Functioning, Role Physical, Bodily Pain, General Health Perception, Vitality, Social Functioning and Mental Health*, but not in the *Role Emotional* domain.

### **14.2 Polymyalgia Rheumatica**

The efficacy and safety of KEVZARA in PMR were assessed in a randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled, 52-week, multicenter study (Study 3) (NCT03600818) in adults with PMR diagnosed according to American College of Rheumatology/European Union League against Rheumatism (ACR/EULAR) classification criteria. Patients had at least one episode of unequivocal PMR flare while attempting to taper corticosteroids.

In Study 3, patients with active PMR were randomized to receive KEVZARA 200 mg every two weeks with a pre-defined 14-week taper of prednisone (n= 60) or placebo every two weeks with a pre-defined 52-week taper of prednisone (n=58). One participant was randomized but not treated in the KEVZARA 200 mg arm. Patients experiencing a disease flare or unable to adhere to the assigned prednisone tapering schedule could receive corticosteroids as rescue therapy.

The primary endpoint was the proportion of patients with sustained remission at Week 52. Sustained remission was defined as achievement of disease remission no later than Week 12, absence of disease flare from Week 12 through Week 52, sustained reduction of CRP (to <10 mg/L) from Week 12 through Week 52, and successful adherence to prednisone taper from Week 12 through Week 52. An additional endpoint was total cumulative corticosteroid dose over 52 weeks.

### Clinical Response

The proportion of participants achieving sustained remission at Week 52 was higher in the KEVZARA arm compared to the placebo arm; this difference was statistically significant. At 52 weeks, a higher proportion of patients in the KEVZARA arm achieved each component of the sustained remission endpoint compared to the placebo. An analysis was conducted that removed all acute phase reactants (CRP and ESR) criteria from the definition of the sustained remission,

given sarilumab's direct impact on acute phase reactants. The results of this analysis were consistent with the primary analysis (see Table 8).

**Table 8 Clinical Response in Placebo-Controlled Study 3 in Adults with Active PMR**

|  | Placebo<br>(N=58) | KEVZARA<br>(N=60)          |
|--|-------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>Sustained remission at Week 52</b>  |                   |                            |
| Number of patients with sustained remission, n (%)   | 6 (10.3)          | 17 (28.3)                  |
| Proportion difference (95% CI) vs. placebo   |                   | 18.0 (4.2, 31.8; p=0.0193) |
| <b>Components of sustained remission at Week 52</b>  |                   |                            |
| Absence of signs and symptoms and CRP < 10 mg/L (disease remission*) no later than Week 12, n (%)            | 22 (37.9)         | 28 (46.7)                  |
| Absence of disease flare <sup>‡</sup> from Week 12 through Week 52, n (%)                                    | 19 (32.8)         | 33 (55.0)                  |
| Sustained reduction of CRP (<10 mg/L) from Week 12 through Week 52, n (%)                                    | 26 (44.8)         | 40 (66.7)                  |
| Successful adherence to prednisone taper from Week 12 through Week 52, n (%)                                 | 14(24.1)          | 30 (50.0)                  |
| <b>Sensitivity analysis removing acute phase reactants (CRP and ESR) from sustained remission at Week 52</b> |                   |                            |
| Number of patients with sustained remission, n (%)   | 8 (13.8)          | 19 (31.7)                  |
| Proportion difference (95% CI) for sarilumab vs. placebo   |                   | 17.9 (3.1, 32.6)           |

\*Disease remission is defined as the resolution of signs and symptoms of PMR, and normalization of CRP (<10 mg/L).

<sup>‡</sup>Flare is defined as recurrence of signs and symptoms attributable to active PMR requiring an increase in corticosteroid dose, or elevation of ESR attributable to active PMR plus an increase in corticosteroid dose.

### Effect on Concomitant Corticosteroid Use

The total actual cumulative corticosteroid dose included all corticosteroids taken during the study (i.e., prednisone taper regimen per protocol, add-on prednisone prior to Week 12, corticosteroid use due to rescue, or corticosteroid use during the treatment period to manage an adverse reaction not related to PMR). The total actual cumulative prednisone equivalent corticosteroid dose was lower in the KEVZARA arm (mean [SD] 1039.5 [612.2] mg and median 777 mg) relative to the placebo arm (mean [SD] 2235.8 [839.4] mg and median 2044 mg).

### **16 HOW SUPPLIED/STORAGE AND HANDLING**

KEVZARA (sarilumab) injection is supplied as a colorless to pale yellow solution in a single-dose pre-filled syringes and single-dose pre-filled pens.

| Strength       | Package Size        | NDC Number   |
|----------------|---------------------|--------------|
| 150 mg/1.14 mL | 2 syringes per pack | 0024-5908-01 |

|                |                     |              |
|----------------|---------------------|--------------|
| 200 mg/1.14 mL | 2 syringes per pack | 0024-5910-01 |
|----------------|---------------------|--------------|

| Strength       | Package Size               | NDC Number   |
|----------------|----------------------------|--------------|
| 150 mg/1.14 mL | 2 pre-filled pens per pack | 0024-5920-01 |
| 200 mg/1.14 mL | 2 pre-filled pens per pack | 0024-5922-01 |

## Storage and Stability

Refrigerate at 36°F to 46°F (2°C to 8°C) in original carton to protect from light. Do not freeze. Do not shake.

If needed, patients/caregivers may store KEVZARA at room temperature up to 77°F (25°C) up to 14 days in the outer carton. Do not store above 77°F (25°C). After removal from the refrigerator, use KEVZARA within 14 days or discard.

## 17 PATIENT COUNSELING INFORMATION

Advise the patients to read the FDA-approved patient labeling (Medication Guide and Instructions for Use).

### Infections

Inform patients that KEVZARA may lower their resistance to infections. Instruct patients to contact their physician immediately when symptoms suggesting infection appear, to ensure rapid evaluation and appropriate treatment [see *Warning and Precautions (5.1)*].

### Gastrointestinal Perforation

Inform patients that some patients, particularly those also taking NSAIDs, and/or steroids, have had tears (perforations) of the stomach or intestines. Inform patients that gastrointestinal perforations have been reported in KEVZARA-treated patients in clinical studies, primarily as a complication of diverticulitis. Instruct patients to contact their physician immediately when symptoms of severe, persistent abdominal pain appear to ensure rapid evaluation and appropriate treatment.

### Hypersensitivity and Serious Allergic Reaction

Assess patient suitability for home use for SC injection. Inform patients that some patients who have been treated with KEVZARA have developed serious allergic reactions. Advise patients to seek immediate medical attention if they experience any symptom of serious allergic reactions.

### Instruction on Injection Technique

Instruct patients and caregivers to read the Instructions for Use before the patient starts using KEVZARA, and each time the patient gets a refill as there may be new information they need to know.

Provide guidance to patients and caregivers on proper subcutaneous injection technique, including aseptic technique, and how to use the pre-filled syringe or pre-filled pen correctly (see *Instructions for Use*).

The pre-filled syringe or pre-filled pen should be left at room temperature for 30 minutes or 60 minutes respectively (see the Instructions for Use) prior to use. The syringe or pen should be used within 14 days after being taken out of the refrigerator. A puncture-resistant container should be used to dispose the used pre-filled syringes or pre-filled pens and should be kept out of the reach of children. Instruct patients or caregivers in the technique as well as proper pre-filled syringe or pre-filled pen disposal, and caution against reuse of these items.

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## MEDICATION GUIDE

### KEVZARA® (KEV-za-ra)

(sarilumab)

injection, for subcutaneous use

#### What is the most important information I should know about KEVZARA?

##### KEVZARA can cause serious side effects including:

**1. Serious Infections.** KEVZARA is a prescription medicine that affects your immune system. KEVZARA can lower the ability of your immune system to fight infections. Some people have serious infections while using KEVZARA, including tuberculosis (TB), and infections caused by bacteria, fungi, or viruses that can spread throughout the body. Some people have died from these infections.

Your healthcare provider should test you for TB before starting KEVZARA.

- Your healthcare provider should monitor you closely for signs and symptoms of TB during treatment with KEVZARA.

You should not start using KEVZARA if you have any kind of infection unless your healthcare provider says it is okay. Before starting KEVZARA, tell your healthcare provider if you:

- think you have an infection or have symptoms of an infection, with or without a fever:
  - sweats or chills
  - muscle aches
  - cough
  - shortness of breath
  - blood in your phlegm
  - weight loss
  - warm, red or painful skin or sores on your body
  - diarrhea or stomach pain
  - burning when you urinate or urinating more often than normal
  - feeling very tired
- are being treated for an infection.
- get a lot of infections or have infections that keep coming back.
- have diabetes, HIV, or a weak immune system. People with these conditions have a higher chance of getting infections.
- have TB, or have been in close contact with someone with TB.
- live or have lived, or have traveled to certain parts of the country (such as the Ohio and Mississippi River valleys and the Southwest) where there is an increased chance of getting certain fungal infections (histoplasmosis, coccidioidomycosis, or blastomycosis). These infections may happen more often or become more severe if you use KEVZARA. Ask your healthcare provider if you do not know if you have lived in an area where these infections are common.
- have or have had hepatitis.

After starting KEVZARA, call your healthcare provider right away if you have any symptoms of an infection.

##### **2. Changes in certain laboratory test results.**

Your healthcare provider should do blood tests before you start KEVZARA, 4 to 8 weeks after starting KEVZARA, and then every 3 months during treatment to check for:

- low neutrophil count.** Neutrophils are white blood cells that help the body fight off bacterial infections. A low neutrophil count is common with KEVZARA, and can be severe.
- low platelet count.** Platelets are blood cells that help with blood clotting and stop bleeding.
- increase in certain liver function tests.** An increase in certain liver function tests is common with KEVZARA, and can be severe.

Your healthcare provider may not prescribe KEVZARA if your neutrophil or platelet counts are too low, or your liver function tests are too high. Your healthcare provider may stop your KEVZARA treatment for a period of time or change your dose if needed because of changes in these blood test results.

Your healthcare provider should do blood tests 4 to 8 weeks after starting KEVZARA and then every 6 months during treatment to check for an:

- increase in blood cholesterol levels.**

**3. Tears (perforation) of the stomach or intestines.** Tell your healthcare provider if you have had a condition known as diverticulitis (inflammation in parts of the large intestine) or ulcers in your stomach or intestines. Some people using KEVZARA get tears in their stomach or intestine. This happens most often in people who also take nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs), corticosteroids, or methotrexate. Call your healthcare provider right away if you have fever and stomach (abdominal) pain that does not go away.

**4. Cancer.** KEVZARA may increase your risk of certain cancers by changing the way your immune system works. Tell your healthcare provider if you have ever had any type of cancer.

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

#### What is KEVZARA?

KEVZARA is an injectable prescription medicine called an interleukin-6 (IL-6) receptor blocker. KEVZARA is used:

- To treat adults with moderately to severely active rheumatoid arthritis (RA) after at least one other medicine called a disease modifying antirheumatic drug (DMARD) has been used and did not work well or could not be tolerated.
- To treat adults with polymyalgia rheumatica (PMR) after corticosteroids have been used and did not work well or

when a slow decrease in the dose of corticosteroids (taper) cannot be tolerated.

**It is not known if KEVZARA is safe and effective in children.**

#### **Who should not use KEVZARA?**

Do not use KEVZARA if you are allergic to sarilumab or any of the ingredients in KEVZARA. See the end of this Medication Guide for a complete list of ingredients in KEVZARA.

**Before using KEVZARA, talk to your healthcare provider about all of your medical conditions, including if you:**

- have an infection. See "**What is the most important information I should know about KEVZARA?**"
- have liver problems.
- have had stomach (abdominal) pain or been diagnosed with diverticulitis or ulcers in your stomach or intestines.
- have recently received or are scheduled to receive a vaccine. People who take KEVZARA should not receive live vaccines.
- plan to have surgery or a medical procedure.
- are pregnant or plan to become pregnant. It is not known if KEVZARA will harm your unborn baby.
- are breastfeeding or plan to breastfeed. It is not known if KEVZARA passes into your breast milk. Talk to your healthcare provider about the best way to feed your baby if you use KEVZARA.

**Tell your healthcare provider about all the medicines you take**, including prescription and over-the-counter medicines, vitamins, and herbal supplements.

**Especially tell your healthcare provider if you use:**

- any other medicines to treat your RA or PMR. You should not take rituximab (Rituxan<sup>®</sup>), etanercept (Enbrel<sup>®</sup>), infliximab (Remicade<sup>®</sup>), anakinra (Kineret<sup>®</sup>), adalimumab (Humira<sup>®</sup>), abatacept (Orencia<sup>®</sup>), certolizumab (Cimzia<sup>®</sup>), golimumab (Simponi<sup>®</sup>), tocilizumab (Actemra<sup>®</sup>), or tofacitinib (Xeljanz<sup>®</sup>) while you are using KEVZARA. Using KEVZARA with these medicines may increase your risk of infection.
- medicines that affect the way certain liver enzymes work. Ask your healthcare provider if you are not sure if your medicine is one of these.

Know the medicines you take. Keep a list of them to show to your healthcare provider and pharmacist when you get a new medicine.

#### **How should I use KEVZARA?**

- **See the detailed Instructions for Use that comes with this Medication Guide for instructions about the right way to prepare and give your KEVZARA injections at home.**
- KEVZARA is given as an injection under the skin (subcutaneous injection).
- KEVZARA is available as a single-use pre-filled syringe or single-use pre-filled pen. Your healthcare provider will prescribe the dose and type of KEVZARA that is best for you.
- If your healthcare provider decides that you or a caregiver can give the injections of KEVZARA at home, you or your caregiver should receive training on the right way to prepare and inject KEVZARA. Do not try to inject KEVZARA until you have been shown the right way to give the injections by your healthcare provider.
- Inject 1 dose of KEVZARA every 2 weeks.

#### **What are the possible side effects of KEVZARA?**

**KEVZARA can cause serious side effects, including:**

- **See "What is the most important information I should know about KEVZARA?"**
- **Serious allergic reactions.** Serious allergic reactions can happen with KEVZARA. Get medical attention right away if you have any of the following signs of a serious allergic reaction:
  - shortness of breath or trouble breathing
  - swelling of the lips, tongue, or face
  - chest pain
  - feeling dizzy or faint
  - moderate or severe stomach (abdominal) pain or vomiting

**Common side effects of KEVZARA include:**

- injection site redness
- injection site itching
- upper respiratory tract infection
- urinary tract infection
- nasal congestion, sore throat, and runny nose

These are not all of the possible side effects of KEVZARA.

**Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects. You may report side effects to FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088.**

You may also report side effects to sanofi-aventis at 1-800-633-1610.

#### **How should I store KEVZARA?**

- Store KEVZARA in the refrigerator between 36°F to 46°F (2°C to 8°C). Store KEVZARA in the original carton until use to protect it from light.
- **Do not** freeze KEVZARA.
- **Do not** shake KEVZARA.
- KEVZARA may be stored at room temperature up to 77°F (25°C) for up to **14** days in the original outer carton.
- Throw away KEVZARA if it has been kept at room temperature and not been used within **14** days.



**Keep KEVZARA and all medicines out of the reach of children.**

**General Information about the safe and effective use of KEVZARA.**

Medicines are sometimes prescribed for purposes other than those listed in a Medication Guide. Do not use KEVZARA for a condition for which it was not prescribed. Do not give KEVZARA to other people, even if they have the same symptoms you have. It may harm them.

You can ask your healthcare provider or pharmacist for information about KEVZARA that is written for health professionals.

**What are the ingredients in KEVZARA?**

**Active Ingredient:** sarilumab

**Inactive Ingredients:** arginine, histidine, polysorbate 20, sucrose, and Water for Injection, USP.

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