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HIGHLIGHTS OF PRESCRIBING INFORMATION

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

POMALIDOMIDE capsules, for oral use
Initial U.S. Approval: 2013

WARNING: EMBRYO-FETAL TOXICITY AND VENOUS AND ARTERIAL THROMBOEMBOLISM
See full prescribing information for complete boxed warning

- EMBRYO-FETAL TOXICITY**
 - Pomalidomide is contraindicated in pregnancy. Pomalidomide is a thalidomide analogue. Thalidomide is a known human teratogen that causes severe life-threatening birth defects (4, 5.1, 8.1).
 - In females of reproductive potential: Exclude pregnancy before start of treatment. Prevent pregnancy during treatment by the use of 2 reliable methods of contraception (5.1, 8.3).

Pomalidomide is available only through a restricted program called PS-Pomalidomide REMS (5.2).

VENOUS AND ARTERIAL THROMBOEMBOLISM

- Deep venous thrombosis (DVT), pulmonary embolism (PE), myocardial infarction, and stroke occur in patients with multiple myeloma treated with pomalidomide. Antithrombotic prophylaxis is recommended (5.3).

RECENT MAJOR CHANGES

Boxed Warnings and Precautions (5.1, 5.2) 2/2025
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INDICATIONS AND USAGE

- Pomalidomide is indicated for the treatment of adult patients:
 - in combination with dexamethasone, for patients with multiple myeloma (MM) who have received at least two prior therapies including lenalidomide and a proteasome inhibitor and have demonstrated disease progression or within 60 days of completion of the last therapy (1.1).

DOSE AND ADMINISTRATION

- MM: 4 mg per day taken orally on Days 1 through 21 of repeated 28-day cycles until disease progression (2.2). Refer to section 14.1 for dexamethasone dosing (14.1).
- Modify the dosage for certain patients with renal impairment (2.7, 8.6) or hepatic impairment (2.8, 8.7).

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WARNING: EMBRYO-FETAL TOXICITY AND VENOUS AND ARTERIAL THROMBOEMBOLISM
Embryo-Fetal Toxicity

- Pomalidomide is contraindicated in pregnancy. Pomalidomide is a thalidomide analogue. Thalidomide is a known human teratogen that causes severe birth defects or embryo-fetal death. In females of reproductive potential, obtain 2 negative pregnancy tests before starting pomalidomide treatment.
- In females of reproductive potential: Exclude pregnancy before start of treatment. Prevent pregnancy during treatment by the use of 2 reliable methods of contraception or continuously abstain from heterosexual sex during and for 4 weeks after stopping pomalidomide treatment (see **Contraindications (4)**, **Warnings and Precautions (5.1)** and **Use in Specific Populations (8.1, 8.3)**).

Pomalidomide is only available through a restricted distribution program called PS-Pomalidomide REMS (see **Warnings and Precautions (5.2)**). Information about PS-Pomalidomide REMS is available at www.PS-PomalidomideREMS.com or by calling the REMS Call Center at 1-888-423-5436.

Venous and Arterial Thromboembolism

- Deep venous thrombosis (DVT), pulmonary embolism (PE), myocardial infarction, and stroke occur in patients with multiple myeloma treated with pomalidomide. Prophylactic antithrombotic measures were employed in clinical trials. Thromboprophylaxis is recommended, and the choice of regimen should be based on assessment of the patient's underlying risk factors (see **Warnings and Precautions (5.3)**).

1 INDICATIONS AND USAGE

- 1.1 Multiple Myeloma
Pomalidomide capsules, in combination with dexamethasone, is indicated for adult patients with multiple myeloma (MM) who have received at least two prior therapies including lenalidomide and a proteasome inhibitor and have demonstrated disease progression or within 60 days of completion of the last therapy.

2 DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

- 2.1 Pregnancy Testing Prior to Administration
Females of reproductive potential must have negative pregnancy testing and use contraception methods before initiating pomalidomide capsules (see **Warnings and Precautions (5.1)** and **Use in Specific Populations (8.1, 8.3)**).

- 2.2 Recommended Dosage for Multiple Myeloma
The recommended dosage of pomalidomide capsules is 4 mg once daily orally with or without food on Days 1 through 21 of each 28-day cycle until disease progression. Give pomalidomide capsules in combination with dexamethasone (see **Clinical Studies (14.1)**).

- 2.4 Dosage Modifications for Hematologic Adverse Reactions
Multiple Myeloma: Dosage Modifications for Hematologic Adverse Reactions
Initiate a new cycle of pomalidomide capsules in patients with multiple myeloma (MM) when the neutrophil count is at least 500 per mL and the platelet count is at least 50,000 per mL.
Dosage modification for pomalidomide capsules for hematologic adverse reactions in patients with MM are summarized in Table 1.

Table 1: Dosage Modifications for Pomalidomide Capsules for Hematologic in MM

Adverse Reaction	Severely	Dosage Modification
Neutropenia (see Warnings and Precautions (5.5))	ANC less than 500 per mL or febrile neutropenia (fever greater than or equal to 38.5°C and ANC less than 1,000 per mL).	Withhold pomalidomide capsules until ANC is greater than or equal to 500 per mL; follow CBC weekly. Resume pomalidomide capsules dose at 1 mg less than the previous dose.*
	For each subsequent drop of ANC less than 500 per mL.	Withhold pomalidomide capsules until ANC is greater than or equal to 500 per mL. Resume pomalidomide capsules dose at 1 mg less than the previous dose.*
Thrombocytopenia (see Warnings and Precautions (5.5))	Platelets less than 25,000 per mL.	Withhold pomalidomide capsules until platelets are greater than or equal to 50,000 per mL; follow CBC weekly. Resume pomalidomide capsules dose at 1 mg less than the previous dose.*
	For each subsequent drop of platelets less than 25,000 per mL.	Withhold pomalidomide capsules until platelets are greater than or equal to 50,000 per mL. Resume pomalidomide capsules at 1 mg less than the previous dose.*

* Permanently discontinue pomalidomide capsules if unable to tolerate 1 mg once daily. ANC= absolute neutrophil count.

- 2.5 Dosage Modifications for Non-Hematologic Adverse Reactions
Permanently discontinue pomalidomide capsules for angioedema, anaphylaxis, Grade 4 rash, skin exfoliation, bullae, or any other severe dermatologic reaction (see **Warnings and Precautions (5.7, 5.12)**).

For other Grade 3 or 4 toxicities, hold treatment and restart treatment at 1 mg less than the previous dose when toxicity has resolved to less than or equal to Grade 2 at the physician's discretion.

- 2.6 Dosage Modifications for Strong CYP1A2 Inhibitors
Avoid concomitant use of pomalidomide capsules with strong CYP1A2 inhibitors. If concomitant use of a strong CYP1A2 inhibitor is unavoidable, reduce pomalidomide capsules dose to 2 mg (see **Drug Interactions (7.1)** and **Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)**).

- 2.7 Dosage Modification for Severe Renal Impairment on Hemodialysis
Take pomalidomide capsules after completion of dialysis procedure on hemodialysis days (see **Use in Specific Populations (8.6)** and **Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)**).
- For patients with MM with severe renal impairment requiring dialysis, reduce the recommended dosage to 3 mg orally daily.

- 2.8 Dosage Modification for Hepatic Impairment
Multiple Myeloma
For patients with MM with mild or moderate hepatic impairment (Child-Pugh A or B), reduce the recommended dosage to 3 mg orally daily.

- For patients with MM with severe hepatic impairment (Child-Pugh C), reduce the recommended dosage to 2 mg (see **Use in Specific Populations (8.7)** and **Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)**).

- 2.9 Administration
Swallow capsules whole with water. Do not break, chew, or open the capsules.
Pomalidomide capsules may be taken with or without food.

3 DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS

Pomalidomide capsules are available in the following capsule strengths:

- 1 mg: Opaque, white cap and opaque white, hard gelatin capsules imprinted with 'H' on cap and 'P1' on body, filled with pale yellow to yellowish color powder.
- 2 mg: Opaque, white cap and opaque brown body, hard gelatin capsules imprinted with 'H' on cap and 'P2' on body, filled with pale yellow to yellowish color powder.

DOSE FORMS AND STRENGTHS

Capsules: 1 mg, 2 mg, 3 mg, and 4 mg (3)

CONTRAINDICATIONS

- Pregnancy (4.1)
- Hypersensitivity (4.2)

WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

- Increased Mortality: Observed in patients with MM when pembrolizumab was added to dexamethasone and a thalidomide analogue (5.4).
- Hematologic Toxicity: Neutropenia was the most frequently reported Grade 3/4 adverse event. Monitor patients for hematologic toxicities, especially neutropenia (5.5).
- Hepatotoxicity: Hepatic failure including fatalities; monitor liver function tests monthly (5.6).
- Severe Cutaneous Reactions: Discontinue pomalidomide for severe reactions (5.7).
- Tumor Lysis Syndrome (TLS): Monitor patients at risk of TLS (i.e., those with high tumor burden) and take appropriate precautions (5.11).
- Hypersensitivity: Monitor patients for potential hypersensitivity. Discontinue pomalidomide for angioedema and anaphylaxis (5.12).

ADVERSE REACTIONS

- MM: Most common adverse reactions (>30%) included fatigue and asthenia, neutropenia, anemia, constipation, nausea, diarrhea, dyspnea, upper respiratory tract infections, back pain, and pyrexia (6.1).

To report SUSPECTED ADVERSE REACTIONS, contact Helsco Labs Limited at 1-866-495-1995 or FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088 or www.fda.gov/medwatch.

DRUG INTERACTIONS

Strong CYP1A2 Inhibitors: Avoid concomitant use of strong CYP1A2 inhibitors. If concomitant use of a strong CYP1A2 inhibitor is unavoidable, reduce pomalidomide dose to 2 mg (2.6, 7.1, 12.3).

USE IN SPECIFIC POPULATIONS

- Lactation: Advise women not to breastfeed (8.2).

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- 3 mg: Opaque, white cap and opaque pink body, hard gelatin capsules imprinted with 'H' on cap and 'P3' on body, filled with pale yellow to yellowish color powder.
- 4 mg: Opaque, white cap and opaque white body, hard gelatin capsules imprinted with 'H' on cap and 'P4' on body, filled with pale yellow to yellowish color powder.

4 CONTRAINDICATIONS

- 4.1 Pregnancy
Pomalidomide is contraindicated in females who are pregnant. Pomalidomide can cause fetal harm when administered to a pregnant female (see **Warnings and Precautions (5.1)** and **Use in Specific Populations (8.1)**). Pomalidomide is a thalidomide analogue and is teratogenic in both rats and rabbits when administered during the period of organogenesis. If the patient becomes pregnant while taking this drug, the patient should be apprised of the potential risk to a fetus.

4.2 Hypersensitivity

Pomalidomide is contraindicated in patients who have demonstrated severe hypersensitivity (e.g., angioedema, anaphylaxis) to pomalidomide or any of the excipients (see **Warnings and Precautions (5.7)**, **Description (11)**).

5 WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

5.1 Embryo-Fetal Toxicity

Pomalidomide is a thalidomide analogue and is contraindicated in use during pregnancy. Thalidomide is a known human teratogen that causes severe birth defects or embryo-fetal death (see **Use in Specific Populations (8.1)**). Pomalidomide is only available through PS-Pomalidomide REMS (see **Warnings and Precautions (5.2)**).

Females of Reproductive Potential
Females of reproductive potential must avoid pregnancy for at least 4 weeks before beginning pomalidomide therapy, during therapy, during dose interruptions and for at least 4 weeks after completing therapy.

Females must commit either to abstain continuously from heterosexual sexual intercourse or to use 2 methods of reliable birth control, beginning 4 weeks prior to initiating treatment with pomalidomide, during therapy, during dose interruptions, and continuing for 4 weeks following discontinuation of pomalidomide therapy.

Two negative pregnancy tests must be obtained prior to initiating therapy. The first test should be performed within 10 to 14 days before the start of therapy and the second test within 24 hours prior to prescribing pomalidomide therapy and then weekly during the first month, then monthly thereafter (see **Use in Specific Populations (8.3)**), or every 2 weeks in females with irregular menstrual cycles (see **Use in Specific Populations (8.3)**).

Males

Pomalidomide is present in the semen of patients receiving the drug. Therefore, males must always use a latex or synthetic condom during any sexual contact with females of reproductive potential while taking pomalidomide and for up to 4 weeks after discontinuing pomalidomide, even if they have undergone a successful vasectomy. Male patients taking pomalidomide must not donate sperm (see **Use in Specific Populations (8.3)**).

Blood Donation

Patients must not donate blood during treatment with pomalidomide and for 4 weeks following discontinuation of the drug because the blood might be given to a pregnant female patient whose fetus must be exposed to pomalidomide.

5.2 PS-Pomalidomide REMS

Because of the embryo-fetal risk (see **Warnings and Precautions (5.1)**), pomalidomide is available only through a restricted program under a Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategy (REMS), "PS-Pomalidomide REMS".

Required components of PS-Pomalidomide REMS include the following:

- Prescribers must be certified with PS-Pomalidomide REMS by enrolling and complying with the REMS requirements.
- Patients must sign a Patient-Physician Agreement Form and comply with the REMS requirements. In particular, female patients of reproductive potential who are not pregnant must comply with the pregnancy testing and contraception requirements (see **Use in Specific Populations (8.3)**) and males must comply with contraception requirements (see **Use in Specific Populations (8.3)**).
- Pharmacies must be certified with PS-Pomalidomide REMS, must only dispense to patients who are authorized to receive pomalidomide and comply with REMS requirements.

Further information about PS-Pomalidomide REMS is available at www.PS-PomalidomideREMS.com or by telephone at 1-888-423-5436.

5.3 Venous and Arterial Thromboembolism

Venous thromboembolic events (deep venous thrombosis and pulmonary embolism) and arterial thromboembolic events (myocardial infarction and stroke) have been observed in patients treated with pomalidomide. In particular, femoral vein thrombosis and stroke have been observed in patients. Events occurred in 8.0% of patients treated with pomalidomide and low-dose-dexamethasone (Low-dose Dex), and 3.3% of patients treated with high-dose dexamethasone. Venous thromboembolic events (VTE) occurred in 4.7% of patients treated with pomalidomide and Low-dose Dex, and 1.3% of patients treated with high-dose dexamethasone. Arterial thromboembolic events include terms for arterial thromboembolic events, ischemic cerebrovascular conditions, and ischemic heart disease. Arterial thromboembolic events occurred in 3.0% of patients treated with pomalidomide and Low-dose Dex, and 1.3% of patients treated with high-dose dexamethasone.

Patients with known risk factors, including prior thrombosis, may be at greater risk, and actions should be taken to try to minimize all modifiable factors (e.g., hyperlipidemia, hypertension, smoking). Thromboprophylaxis is recommended, and the choice of regimen should be based on assessment of the patient's underlying risk factors.

- 5.4 Increased Mortality in Patients with Multiple Myeloma When Pembrolizumab is Added to a Thalidomide Analogue and Dexamethasone
In two randomized clinical trials in patients with MM, the addition of pembrolizumab to a thalidomide analogue plus dexamethasone, a use for which no PD-1 or PD-L1 blocking antibody is indicated, resulted in increased mortality. Treatment of patients with MM with a PD-1 or PD-L1 blocking antibody in combination with a thalidomide analogue plus dexamethasone is not recommended outside of controlled clinical trials.

5.5 Hematologic Toxicity

In trials 1 and 2 in patients who received pomalidomide + Low-dose Dex, neutropenia was the most frequently reported Grade 3 or 4 adverse reaction, followed by anemia and thrombocytopenia. Neutropenia of any grade was reported in 51% of patients in both trials. The rate of Grade 3 or 4 neutropenia was 46%. The rate of febrile neutropenia was 8%.

Monitor patients for hematologic toxicities, especially neutropenia. Monitor complete blood counts weekly for the first 8 weeks and monthly thereafter. Patients may require dose interruption and/or modification (see **Dosage and Administration (2.4)**).

5.6 Hepatotoxicity

Hepatic failure, including fatal cases, has occurred in patients treated with pomalidomide. Elevated levels of alanine aminotransferase and bilirubin have also been observed in patients treated with pomalidomide. Monitor liver function tests monthly. Stop pomalidomide upon elevation of liver enzymes and evaluate. After return to baseline values, treatment at a lower dose may be considered.

5.7 Severe Cutaneous Reactions

Severe cutaneous reactions including Stevens-Johnson syndrome (SJS), toxic epidermal necrolysis (TEN), and drug reaction with eosinophilia and systemic symptoms (DRESS) have been reported. DRESS may present with a cutaneous reaction (such as rash or exfoliative dermatitis), eosinophilia, fever, and/or lymphadenopathy with systemic complications such as hepatitis, nephritis, pneumonitis, myocarditis, and/or pericarditis. These reactions can be fatal. Consider pomalidomide interruption or discontinuation for Grade 2 or 3 skin rash. Permanently discontinue pomalidomide for Grade 4 rash, exfoliative or bullous rash, or for other severe cutaneous reactions such as SJS, TEN or DRESS (see **Dosage and Administration (2.5)**).

5.8 Dizziness and Confusional State

In trials 1 and 2 in patients who received pomalidomide + Low-dose Dex, 14% of patients experienced dizziness and 7% of patients experienced a confusional state. 1% of patients experienced Grade 3 or 4 dizziness, and 3% of patients experienced Grade 3 or 4 confusional state. Instruct patients to avoid situations where dizziness or confusional state may be a problem and to take other medications that may cause dizziness or confusional state without adequate medical advice.

5.9 Neuropathy

In trials 1 and 2 in patients who received pomalidomide + Low-dose Dex, 18% of patients experienced neuropathy, with approximately 12% of the patients experiencing peripheral neuropathy. Two percent of patients experienced Grade 3 neuropathy in trial 2. There were no cases of Grade 4 neuropathy adverse reactions reported in either trial.

5.10 Risk of Second Primary Malignancies

Cases of acute myelogenous leukemia have been reported in patients receiving pomalidomide as an investigational therapy outside of MM.

5.11 Tumor Lysis Syndrome

Tumor lysis syndrome (TLS) may occur in patients treated with pomalidomide. Patients at risk for TLS are those with high tumor burden prior to treatment. These patients should be monitored closely and appropriate precautions taken.

5.12 Hypersensitivity

Hypersensitivity, including angioedema, anaphylaxis, and anaphylactic reactions to pomalidomide have been reported. Permanently discontinue pomalidomide for angioedema or anaphylaxis (see **Dosage and Administration (2.5)**).

6 ADVERSE REACTIONS

The following potentially significant adverse reactions are described in detail in other labeling sections:

- Embryo-Fetal Toxicity (see **Warnings and Precautions (5.1, 5.2)**)
- Venous and Arterial Thromboembolism (see **Warnings and Precautions (5.3)**)
- Increased Mortality in Patients with Multiple Myeloma When Pembrolizumab is Added to a Thalidomide Analogue and Dexamethasone (see **Warnings and Precautions (5.4)**)
- Hematologic Toxicity (see **Warnings and Precautions (5.5)**)
- Hepatotoxicity (see **Warnings and Precautions (5.6)**)
- Severe Cutaneous Reactions (see **Warnings and Precautions (5.7)**)
- Dizziness and Confusional State (see **Warnings and Precautions (5.8)**)
- Neuropathy (see **Warnings and Precautions (5.9)**)
- Risk of Second Primary Malignancies (see **Warnings and Precautions (5.10)**)
- Tumor Lysis Syndrome (see **Warnings and Precautions (5.11)**)
- Hypersensitivity (see **Warnings and Precautions (5.12)**)

6.1 Clinical Trials Experience

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

Multiple Myeloma (MM)

In Trial 1, data were evaluated from 219 patients (safety population) who received treatment with pomalidomide + Low-dose Dex (112 patients) or pomalidomide alone (107 patients). Median number of treatment cycles was 5. Sixty-seven percent of patients in the study had a dose interruption of either drug due to adverse reactions. Forty-two percent of patients in the study had a dose reduction of either drug due to adverse reactions. The discontinuation rate due to adverse reactions was 11%. In Trial 2, data were evaluated from 450 patients (safety population) who received treatment with pomalidomide + Low-dose Dex (300 patients) or High-dose Dexamethasone (High-dose Dex) (150 patients). The median number of treatment cycles for the pomalidomide + Low-dose Dex arm was 5. In the pomalidomide + Low-dose Dex arm, 67% of patients had a dose interruption of pomalidomide, the median time to the first dose interruption of pomalidomide was 4.1 weeks. Twenty-seven percent of patients had a dose reduction of pomalidomide, the median time to the first dose reduction of pomalidomide was 4.5 weeks. Eight percent of patients discontinued pomalidomide due to adverse reactions.

Tables 3 and 4 summarize the adverse reactions reported in Trials 1 and 2, respectively.

Table 3: Adverse Reactions in Any Pomalidomide Treatment Arm in Trial 1*

Body System Adverse Reaction	All Adverse Reactions ≥10% in Either Arm		Grade 3 or 4 ≥5% in Either Arm	
	Pomalidomide ^a (N=107)	Pomalidomide + Low-dose Dex (N=112)	Pomalidomide (N=107)	Pomalidomide + Low-dose Dex (N=112)
Number (%) of patients with at least one adverse reaction	107 (100)	112 (100)	98 (92)	102 (91)
Blood and lymphatic system disorders				
Neutropenia ^b	57 (53)	55 (49)	51 (48)	46 (41)
Anemia ^b	41 (38)	47 (42)	25 (23)	24 (21)
Thrombocytopenia ^b	28 (26)	26 (23)	24 (22)	21 (19)
Leukopenia ^b	14 (13)	22 (20)	7 (7)	11 (10)
Febrile neutropenia ^b	<10%	<10%	6 (6)	3 (3)
Lymphopenia ^b	4 (4)	17 (15)	2 (2)	8 (7)
General disorders and administration site conditions				
Fatigue and asthenia ^b	62 (58)	70 (63)	13 (12)	19 (17)
Edema peripheral ^b	27 (25)	19 (17)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)
Pyrexia ^b	25 (23)	36 (32)	<5%	<5%
Chills ^b	11 (10)	14 (13)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)
Gastrointestinal disorders				



Pomalidomide is a thalidomide analogue. Thalidomide is a human teratogen, inducing a high frequency of severe and life-threatening birth defects such as amelia (absence of limbs), phocomelia (short limbs), hypoplasia of the bones, absence of bones, external ear abnormalities (including anota, microgria, small or absent external auditory canals), facial palsy, eye abnormalities (anophthalmos, microphthalmos), and congenital heart defects. Alimentary tract, urinary tract, and genital malformations have also been documented, and mortality at or shortly after birth has been reported in about 40% of infants.

Pomalidomide was teratogenic in both rats and rabbits when administered during the period of organogenesis. Pomalidomide crossed the placenta after administration to pregnant rabbits (see Data). If this drug is used during pregnancy or if the patient becomes pregnant while taking this drug, the patient should be apprised of the potential risk to a fetus. Following doses occur during treatment, immediately discontinue the drug. Under these conditions, refer patient to an obstetrician/gynecologist experienced in reproductive toxicity for further evaluation and counseling. Report any suspected fetal exposure to pomalidomide to the FDA via the MedWatch program at 1-800-FDA-1088 and also to the REMS Call Center at 1-888-423-5436.

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

Data
Animal Data
Pomalidomide was teratogenic in both rats and rabbits in the embryo-fetal developmental studies when administered during the period of organogenesis.

In rats, pomalidomide was administered orally to pregnant animals at doses of 25 to 1000 mg/kg/day. Malformations or absence of urinary bladder, absence of thyroid gland, and fusion and misalignment of lumbar and thoracic vertebral elements (vertebral, central, and/or neural arches) were observed at all dose levels. There was no maternal toxicity observed in this study. The lowest dose in rats resulted in an exposure (AUC) approximately 85-fold of the human exposure at the recommended dose of 4 mg/day. Other embryo-fetal toxicities included increased resorptions leading to decreased number of viable fetuses.

In rabbits, pomalidomide was administered orally to pregnant animals at doses of 10 to 250 mg/kg/day. Increased cardiac malformations such as interventricular septal defect were seen at all doses with significant increases at 250 mg/kg/day. Additional malformations observed at 250 mg/kg/day included anomalies in limbs (flexed and/or rotated fore- and/or hindlimbs, unattached or absent digit) and associated skeletal malformations (not ossified metacarpal, misaligned phalanx and metacarpal, absent digit, not ossified phalanx, and short not ossified or bent tibia), moderate dilation of the lateral ventricle in the brain, abnormal placement of the right subclavian artery, absent intervertebral discs in the lungs, low-set kidney, altered liver morphology, incompletely or not ossified pelvis, an increased average for supernumerary thoracic ribs, and a reduced average for ossified tarsals. No maternal toxicity was observed at the low dose (10 mg/kg/day) that resulted in cardiac anomalies in fetuses; this dose resulted in an exposure (AUC) approximately equal to that reported in humans at the recommended dose of 4 mg/day. Additional embryo-fetal toxicity included increased resorption.

Following daily oral administration of pomalidomide from Gestation Day 7 through Gestation Day 20 in pregnant rabbits, fetal plasma pomalidomide concentrations were approximately 50% of the maternal C_{max} at all dosages (5 to 250 mg/kg/day), indicating that pomalidomide crossed the placenta.

8.2 Lactation
Risk Summary
There is no information regarding the presence of pomalidomide in human milk, the effects of pomalidomide on the breastfed child, or the effects of pomalidomide on milk production. Pomalidomide was excreted in the milk of lactating rats (see Data). Because many drugs are excreted in human milk and because of the potential for adverse reactions in a breastfed child from pomalidomide, advise women not to breastfeed during treatment with pomalidomide.

Data
Animal Data
Following a single oral administration of pomalidomide to lactating rats approximately 14 days postpartum, pomalidomide was transferred into milk, with milk to plasma ratios of 0.63 to 1.46.

8.3 Females and Males of Reproductive Potential
Pregnancy Testing
Pomalidomide can cause fetal harm when administered during pregnancy (see Use in Specific Populations (8.1)). Verify the pregnancy status of females of reproductive potential prior to initiating pomalidomide therapy and during therapy. Advise females of reproductive potential that they must avoid pregnancy 4 weeks before therapy, while taking pomalidomide, during dose interruptions and for at least 4 weeks after completing therapy.

Females of reproductive potential must have 2 negative pregnancy tests before initiating pomalidomide. The first test should be performed within 10 to 14 days after the second test, and within 24 hours prior to prescribing pomalidomide. Once treatment has started and during dose interruptions, pregnancy testing for females of reproductive potential should occur weekly during the first 4 weeks of use, then pregnancy testing should be repeated every 4 weeks in females with regular menstrual cycles. If menstrual cycles are irregular, the pregnancy testing should occur every 2 weeks. Pregnancy testing and counseling should be performed if a patient misses her period or if there is any abnormality in her menstrual bleeding. Pomalidomide treatment must be discontinued during this evaluation.

Contraception
Females
Females of reproductive potential must commit either to abstain continuously from heterosexual sexual intercourse or to use 2 methods of reliable birth control simultaneously: one highly effective form of contraception – tubal ligation, IUD, hormonal (birth control pills, injections, hormonal patches, vaginal rings, or implants), or partner's vasectomy; and 1 additional effective contraceptive method – male latex or synthetic condom, diaphragm, or cervical cap. Contraception must begin 4 weeks prior to initiating treatment with pomalidomide, during therapy, during dose interruptions, and continuing for 4 weeks following discontinuation of pomalidomide therapy. Reliable contraception is indicated even where there has been a history of infertility, unless due to hysterectomy. Females of reproductive potential should be referred to a qualified provider of contraceptive methods, if needed.

Males
Pomalidomide is present in the semen of males who take pomalidomide capsules. Therefore, males must always use a latex or synthetic condom during any sexual contact with females of reproductive potential while taking pomalidomide capsules and for up to 4 weeks after discontinuing pomalidomide capsules, even if they have undergone a successful vasectomy. Male patients taking pomalidomide capsules must not donate sperm.

Infertility
Based on findings in animals, female fertility may be compromised by treatment with pomalidomide (see Nonclinical Toxicology (13.1)).

8.4 Pediatric Use
The safety and effectiveness of pomalidomide have not been established in pediatric patients. The safety and effectiveness were assessed but not established in two open-label studies: a dose escalation study in 25 pediatric patients aged 5 to <17 with recurrent, progressive or refractory CNS tumors (NCT02415153) and a parallel-group study conducted in 47 pediatric patients aged 4 to <17 years with recurrent or progressive high-grade glioma, medulloblastoma, ependymoma, or diffuse intrinsic pontine glioma (DIPG) (NCT02527631). No new safety signals were observed in pediatric patients across these studies.

At the same dose by body surface area, pomalidomide exposure in 55 pediatric patients aged 4 to <17 years old was within the range observed in adult patients with MM but higher than the exposure observed in adult patients with KS (see Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)).

8.5 Geriatric Use
Multiple Myeloma
Of the total number of patients in clinical studies of pomalidomide, 44% were aged older than 65 years, while 10% were aged older than 75 years. No overall differences in effectiveness were observed between these patients and younger patients. In these studies, patients older than 65 years were more likely than patients less than or equal to 65 years of age to experience pneumonia.

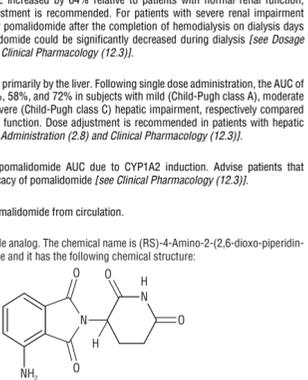
8.6 Renal Impairment
In patients with severe renal impairment requiring dialysis, the AUC of pomalidomide increased by 38% and the rate of SAE increased by 64% relative to patients with normal renal function; therefore, starting dose adjustment is recommended. For patients with severe renal impairment requiring dialysis, administer pomalidomide after the completion of hemodialysis on dialysis days because exposure of pomalidomide could be significantly decreased during dialysis (see Dosage and Administration (2.1) and Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)).

8.7 Hepatic Impairment
Pomalidomide is metabolized primarily by the liver. Following single dose administration, the AUC of pomalidomide increased 51%, 58%, and 72% in subjects with mild (Child-Pugh class A), moderate (Child-Pugh class B), and severe (Child-Pugh class C) hepatic impairment, respectively compared to subjects with normal liver function. Dose adjustment is recommended in patients with hepatic impairment (see Dosage and Administration (2.8) and Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)).

8.8 Smoking Tobacco
Cigarette smoking reduces pomalidomide AUC due to CYP1A2 induction. Advise patients that smoking may reduce the efficacy of pomalidomide (see Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)).

10 OVERDOSAGE
Hemodialysis can remove pomalidomide from circulation.

11 DESCRIPTION
Pomalidomide is a thalidomide analog. The chemical name is (RS)-4-Amino-2,2,6-dioxo-piperidin-3-yl)-1H-indolinone-1,3-dione and it has the following chemical structure:



The molecular formula for pomalidomide is C₁₃H₁₁N₃O₅ and the gram molecular weight is 273.24. Pomalidomide is a pale yellow to yellow color powder. Soluble in dimethylformamide and in dimethylsulfoxide. Pomalidomide has a chiral carbon atom which exists as a racemic mixture of the R(+)- and S(-) enantiomers.

Pomalidomide is available in 1 mg, 2 mg, 3 mg, and 4 mg capsules for oral administration. Each capsule contains pomalidomide as the active ingredient and the following inactive ingredients: black iron oxide, gelatin, mannitol, microcrystalline cellulose, potassium hydroxide, pregelatinized starch, propylene glycol, shellac, sodium stearyl fumarate, strong ammonia solution and titanium dioxide. In addition, the 2 mg and 3 mg capsules also contain iron oxide red. The 2 mg capsule also contains iron oxide yellow.

The botanical source for pregelatinized starch is corn starch.

12 CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY
12.1 Mechanism of Action
Pomalidomide is an analogue of thalidomide with immunomodulatory, antiangiogenic, and antiosteoplastic properties. Cellular activities of pomalidomide are mediated through its target cereblin, a component of a cullin ring E3 ubiquitin ligase enzyme complex. *In vitro*, in the presence of drug, substrate proteins (including Aiolos and Ikaros) are targeted for ubiquitination and subsequent degradation leading to direct cytotoxic and immunomodulatory effects. *In vitro* cellular assays, pomalidomide inhibited proliferation and induced apoptosis of hematopoietic tumor cells. Additionally, pomalidomide inhibited the proliferation of lenalidomide-resistant multiple myeloma (MM) cell lines and synergized with dexamethasone in both lenalidomide-sensitive and lenalidomide-resistant cell lines to induce tumor cell apoptosis. Pomalidomide enhanced T cell- and natural killer (NK) cell-mediated immunity and inhibited production of pro-inflammatory cytokines (e.g., TNF- α and IL-6) by monocytes. Pomalidomide demonstrated anti-angiogenic activity in a mouse tumor model and in the *in vitro* umbilical cord model.

12.2 Pharmacodynamics
Pomalidomide exposure-response analyses showed that there was no relationship between systemic pomalidomide exposure level and efficacy or safety following pomalidomide dose of 4 mg.

Cardiac Electrophysiology
The QTc prolongation potential of pomalidomide was evaluated in a single center, randomized, double-blind crossover study (N=72) using 4 mg pomalidomide, 20 mg pomalidomide, placebo, and 400 mg moxifloxacin (positive control). No significant QTc prolongation effect of pomalidomide was observed following pomalidomide doses of 4 and 20 mg.

12.3 Pharmacokinetics
Patients with MM who received pomalidomide 4 mg daily alone or in combination with dexamethasone, pomalidomide steady-state drug exposure was characterized by AUC (CV%) of 860 (37%) ng·h/mL and C_{max} (CV%) of 75 (32%) ng/mL.

Absorption
Following administration of single oral doses of pomalidomide, the maximum plasma concentration (C_{max}) for pomalidomide occurs at 2 to 3 hours postdose in patients with MM.

Effect of Food
Co-administration of pomalidomide with a high-fat meal (approximately 50% of the total caloric content) and high-calorie meal (approximately 800 to 1000 calories) (the meal contained approximately 150, 250, and 500 to 600 calories from protein, carbohydrates, and fat, respectively) delays the T_{max} by 2.5 hours, decreased mean plasma C_{max} and AUC in healthy subjects by about 27% and 8%, respectively.

Distribution
Pomalidomide has a mean apparent volume of distribution (Vd/F) between 62 and 138 L at steady state in patients with MM.

Pomalidomide is distributed in semen of healthy subjects at a concentration of approximately 67% of plasma level at 4 hours postdose ($-t_{max}$) after 4 days of 2 mg once-daily dosing. Human plasma protein binding of pomalidomide ranges from 12% to 44% and is not concentration dependent. Pomalidomide is a substrate for P-gp.

Elimination
Pomalidomide has a mean total body clearance (CL/F) of 7 to 10 L/h in patients with MM. Pomalidomide is eliminated with a median plasma half-life of 9.5 hours in healthy subjects and 7.5 hours in patients with MM.

Metabolism
Pomalidomide is primarily metabolized in the liver by CYP1A2 and CYP3A4. Minor contributions from CYP2C19 and CYP2D6 were also observed *in vitro*.

Excretion
Following a single oral administration of [¹⁴C]-pomalidomide to healthy subjects, approximately 73% and 15% of the radioactive dose was eliminated in urine and feces, respectively, with approximately 2% and 8% of the radiolabeled dose eliminated unchanged as pomalidomide in urine and feces, respectively.

Specific Populations
Age (61 to 85 years old), sex and race have no clinically significant effect on the systemic exposure of pomalidomide.

Patients with Renal Impairment
Pomalidomide pharmacokinetic parameters were not significantly affected in patients with Moderate (30 mL/min \leq CL_{Cr} < 60 mL/min) or severe (15 mL/min \leq CL_{Cr} < 30 mL/min) renal impairment relative to patients with normal renal function (CL_{Cr} \geq 60 mL/min). Mean exposure (AUC) to pomalidomide increased by 38% in patients with severe renal impairment requiring dialysis (CL_{Cr} < 30 mL/min requiring dialysis) and 40% in patients with end stage renal disease (CL_{Cr} < 15 mL/min) on non-dialysis days. In patients with severe renal impairment requiring dialysis, the estimated dialysis clearance is approximately 12 L/h which is higher than pomalidomide total body clearance, indicating hemodialysis will remove pomalidomide from the blood circulation.

Patients with Hepatic Impairment
Mean exposure (AUC) of pomalidomide increased by 51%, 58% and 72% in subjects with mild, moderate or severe hepatic impairment as defined by Child-Pugh criteria, respectively.

Drug Interaction Studies
Clinical Studies
Co-administration of pomalidomide with the following drugs did not increase pomalidomide exposure to a clinically significant extent: ketoconazole (a strong CYP3A4 and P-gp inhibitor), carbamazepine (a strong CYP3A4 inducer) and dexamethasone (a weak to moderate CYP3A4 inducer). Co-administration of pomalidomide with drugs that are CYP1A2 inducers has not been studied.

CYP1A2 Inhibitors
Co-administration of fluvoxamine (a strong CYP1A2 inhibitor) with pomalidomide increased mean 190% confidence interval) pomalidomide exposure by 125% (98% to 157%) compared to pomalidomide alone in healthy subjects. Co-administration of fluvoxamine in the presence of ketoconazole (a strong CYP3A4 and P-gp inhibitor) with pomalidomide capsules increased mean pomalidomide exposure by 146% (126% to 167%) compared to pomalidomide capsules administered alone in healthy subjects, indicating the predominant effect of CYP1A2 inhibition on the increase of pomalidomide exposure (see Dosage and Administration (2.8) and Drug Interactions (7.1)).

Strong CYP3A4 and P-gp Inhibitors
Co-administration of ketoconazole (a strong CYP3A4 and P-gp inhibitor) in 16 healthy male subjects increased AUC of pomalidomide by 19% compared to pomalidomide administered alone.

Strong CYP1A2 Inducers
Co-administration of pomalidomide with drugs that are CYP1A2 inducers has not been studied and may reduce pomalidomide exposure.

Strong CYP3A4 Inducers
Co-administration of carbamazepine (a strong P-gp inducer) with pomalidomide decreased AUC of pomalidomide by 20% with a 90% confidence interval (13% to 27%) compared to when pomalidomide was administered alone.

Dexamethasone
Co-administration of multiple doses of 4 mg pomalidomide with 20 mg to 40 mg dexamethasone (a weak to moderate inducer of CYP3A4) to patients with MM had no effect on the pharmacokinetics of pomalidomide compared to when pomalidomide was administered alone.

Smoking
In 14 healthy male subjects who smoked 25 cigarettes per day for a total of 10 days, after single oral dose of 4 mg pomalidomide, C_{max} of pomalidomide increased 14% while AUC of pomalidomide decreased 32%, compared to that in 13 healthy male subjects who were non-smokers.

In Vitro Studies
Pomalidomide does not inhibit or induce cytochrome p450 enzymes or transporters *in vitro*.

13 NONCLINICAL TOXICOLOGY
13.1 Carcinogenesis, Mutagenesis, Impairment of Fertility
Studies examining the carcinogenic potential of pomalidomide have not been conducted. One of 12 monkeys dosed with 1 mg/kg of pomalidomide (an exposure approximately 15-fold of the exposure in patients at the recommended dose of 4 mg/day) developed acute myeloid leukemia in a 9-month repeat-dose toxicology study.

Pomalidomide was not mutagenic or clastogenic in a battery of tests, including the bacteria reverse mutation assay (Ames test), the *in vitro* assay using human peripheral blood lymphocytes, and the micronucleus test in orally treated rats administered doses up to 2000 mg/kg/day.

In a fertility and early embryonic development study in rats, drug-treated males were mated with untreated or treated females. Pomalidomide was administered to males and females at doses of 25 to 1000 mg/kg/day. When treated males were mated with treated females, there was an increase in post-implantation loss and a decrease in mean number of viable embryos at all dose levels. There were no other effects on reproductive functions or the number of pregnancies. The lowest dose tested in animals resulted in an exposure (AUC) approximately 100-fold of the exposure in patients at the recommended dose of 4 mg/day. When treated males in this study were mated with untreated females, all uterine parameters were comparable to the controls. Based on these results, the observed effects were attributed to the treatment of females.

14 CLINICAL STUDIES
14.1 Multiple Myeloma
Trial 1
Trial 1 was a phase 2, multicenter, randomized open-label study in patients with relapsed multiple myeloma (MM) who were refractory to their last myeloma therapy and had received lenalidomide and bortezomib. Patients were considered relapsed if they had achieved at least stable disease for at least 1 cycle of treatment to at least 1 prior regimen and then developed progressive disease. Patients were considered refractory if they experienced disease progression on or within 60 days of their last therapy. A total of 221 patients were randomized to receive pomalidomide alone or pomalidomide with Low-dose Dex. In Trial 1, the safety and efficacy of pomalidomide 4 mg, once daily for 21 of 28 days, until disease progression, were evaluated alone and in combination with Low-dose Dex (40 mg/day given only on Days 1, 8, 15, and 22 of each 28-day cycle for patients aged 75 years or younger, or 20 mg/day given only on Days 1, 8, 15, and 22 of each 28-day cycle for patients aged greater than 75 years). Patients in the pomalidomide alone arm were allowed to add Low-dose Dex upon disease progression.

Table 7 summarizes the baseline patient and disease characteristics in Trial 1. The baseline demographics and disease characteristics were balanced and comparable between the study arms.

Table 7: Baseline Demographic and Disease-Related Characteristics – Trial 1

	Pomalidomide (n=108)	Pomalidomide + Low-dose Dex (n=113)
Patient Characteristics		
Median age, years (range)	61 (37 to 88)	64 (34 to 88)
Age distribution, n (%)		
<65 years	65 (60.2)	60 (53.1)
≥65 years	43 (39.8)	53 (46.9)
Sex, n (%)		
Male	57 (52.8)	62 (54.9)
Female	51 (47.2)	51 (45.1)
Race/ethnicity, n (%)		
White	86 (79.6)	92 (81.4)
Black or African American	16 (14.8)	17 (15)
All other race	6 (5.6)	4 (3.6)
ECOG Performance, n (%)		
Status 0 to 1	95 (87.9)	100 (88.5)
Disease Characteristics		
Number of prior therapies		
Median (min, max)	5 (2, 12)	5 (2, 13)
Prior transplant, n (%)	82 (75.9)	84 (74.3)
Refractory to bortezomib and lenalidomide, n (%)	64 (59.3)	69 (61.1)

Data cut-off: 01 April 2011

Table 8 summarizes the analysis results of overall response rate (ORR) and duration of response (DOR), based on assessments by the Independent Review Adjudication Committee for the treatment arms in Trial 1. ORR did not differ based on type of prior antineoplastic therapy.

Table 8: Trial 1 Results

	Pomalidomide ^a (n=108)	Pomalidomide + Low-dose Dex (n=113)
Response		
Overall Response Rate (ORR), ^b n (%)	8 (7.4)	33 (29.2)
95% CI for ORR (%)	(3.3, 14.1)	(21.0, 38.5)
Complete Response (CR), n (%)	0 (0.0)	1 (0.9)
Partial Response (PR), n (%)	8 (7.4)	32 (28.3)
Duration of Response (DOR)		
Median, months	NE	7.4
95% CI for DOR (months)	NE	(5.1, 9.2)

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Table 10 summarizes the progression free survival (PFS) and overall response rate (ORR) based on the assessment by the Independent Review Adjudication Committee (IRAC) review at the final PFS analysis and overall survival (OS) at the OS analysis. PFS was significantly longer with pomalidomide + Low-dose Dex than High-dose Dex. HR 0.45 (95% CI: 0.35 to 0.59 p < 0.001). OS was also significantly longer with pomalidomide + Low-dose Dex than High-dose Dex: HR 0.70 (95% CI: 0.54 to 0.92 p < 0.009). The Kaplan-Meier curves for PFS and OS for the ITT population are shown in Figures 1 and 2, respectively.

Table 10: Trial 2 Results

	Pomalidomide + Low-dose Dex (N=302)	High-dose Dex (N=153)
Progression Free Survival Time		
Number (%) of events	164 (54.3)	103 (67.3)
Median ^a (2-sided 95% CI) (months)	3.6 (3.0, 4.6)	1.8 (1.6, 2.1)
Hazard Ratio (Pom+LD-Dex/HD-Dex) 2-Sided 95% CI ^b		0.45 [0.35, 0.59]
Log-Rank Test 2-sided P-Value ^c		<0.001
Overall Survival Time^d		
Number (%) of deaths	147 (48.7)	86 (56.2)
Median ^a (2-sided 95% CI) (months)	12.4 (11.4, 15.3)	8.0 [6.9, 9.0]
Hazard Ratio (Pom+LD-Dex/HD-Dex) 2-Sided 95% CI ^b		0.70 [0.54, 0.92]
Log-Rank Test 2-sided P-Value ^c		0.009
Overall Response Rate, n (%)^e	71 (23.5)	6 (3.9)
Complete Response	1 (0.3)	0
Very Good Partial Response	8 (2.6)	1 (0.7)
Partial Response	62 (20.5)	5 (3.3)

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