

## HIGHLIGHTS OF PRESCRIBING INFORMATION

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

**ZINPLAVA™ (bezlotoxumab) injection, for intravenous use**  
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### -----RECENT MAJOR CHANGES-----

Indications and Usage (1) 5/2023  
Dosage and Administration, Dosing Recommendations in Adults and Pediatric Patients 1 year of age and older (2.2) 5/2023

### -----INDICATIONS AND USAGE-----

ZINPLAVA is a human monoclonal antibody that binds to *Clostridioides difficile* toxin B, indicated to reduce recurrence of *Clostridioides difficile* infection (CDI) in adults and pediatric patients 1 year of age and older who are receiving antibacterial drug treatment for CDI and are at a high risk for CDI recurrence. (1)

#### Limitation of Use:

ZINPLAVA is not indicated for the treatment of CDI. ZINPLAVA is not an antibacterial drug. ZINPLAVA should only be used in conjunction with antibacterial drug treatment of CDI. (1)

### -----DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION-----

- Administer ZINPLAVA during antibacterial drug treatment for CDI. (2.1)
- The recommended dose is a single dose of 10 mg/kg administered as an intravenous infusion over 60 minutes. (2.2)

- Dilute prior to intravenous infusion. Administer via a low-protein binding 0.2 micron to 5 micron in-line or add-on filter. See Full Prescribing Information for dilution and administration instructions. (2.3)

### -----DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS-----

Injection: 1,000 mg/40 mL (25 mg/mL) solution in a single-dose vial. (3)

### -----CONTRAINDICATIONS-----

None (4)

### -----WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS-----

Heart Failure: Was reported more commonly in ZINPLAVA-treated patients with a history of congestive heart failure (CHF) in Trial 1 and Trial 2. In patients with a history of CHF, ZINPLAVA should be reserved for use when the benefit outweighs the risk. (5.1)

### -----ADVERSE REACTIONS-----

- Adult Patients: The most common adverse reactions (reported in  $\geq 4\%$  of adult patients) included nausea, pyrexia, and headache. (6.1)
- Pediatric Patients: The most common adverse reactions (reported in  $>10\%$  of pediatric patients) were pyrexia and headache (6.1)

**To report SUSPECTED ADVERSE REACTIONS, contact Merck Sharp & Dohme LLC at 1-877-888-4231 or FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088 or [www.fda.gov/medwatch](http://www.fda.gov/medwatch) .**

**See 17 for PATIENT COUNSELING INFORMATION and FDA-approved patient labeling.**

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## FULL PRESCRIBING INFORMATION

### 1 INDICATIONS AND USAGE

ZINPLAVA™ is indicated to reduce recurrence of *Clostridioides difficile* infection (CDI) in adults and pediatric patients 1 year of age and older who are receiving antibacterial drug treatment for CDI and are at a high risk for CDI recurrence.

#### Limitation of Use:

ZINPLAVA is not indicated for the treatment of CDI. ZINPLAVA is not an antibacterial drug. ZINPLAVA should only be used in conjunction with antibacterial drug treatment of CDI. [See *Dosage and Administration (2.1)*.]

### 2 DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

#### 2.1 Important Administration Instructions

Administer ZINPLAVA during antibacterial drug treatment for CDI.

#### 2.2 Dosing Recommendations in Adults and Pediatric Patients 1 year of age and older

The recommended dose of ZINPLAVA is a single dose of 10 mg/kg administered as an intravenous infusion over 60 minutes. The safety and efficacy of repeat administration of ZINPLAVA in patients with CDI have not been studied.

#### 2.3 Preparation and Administration

##### Preparation of Diluted Solution

- ZINPLAVA must be diluted prior to intravenous infusion.
- Prepare the diluted solution immediately after removal of the vial(s) from refrigerated storage, or the vial(s) may be stored at room temperature protected from light for up to 24 hours prior to preparation of the diluted solution.
- Inspect vial contents for discoloration and particulate matter prior to dilution. ZINPLAVA is a clear to moderately opalescent, colorless to pale yellow solution. Do not use the vial if the solution is discolored or contains visible particles.
- Do not shake the vial.
- Withdraw the required volume from the vial(s) based on the patient's weight (in kg) and transfer into an intravenous bag containing either 0.9% Sodium Chloride Injection, USP or 5% Dextrose Injection, USP to prepare a diluted solution with a final concentration ranging from 1 mg/mL to 10 mg/mL. Mix diluted solution by gentle inversion. Do not shake.
- Discard vial(s) and all unused contents.

##### Storage of Diluted Solution

- The product does not contain preservative. The diluted solution of ZINPLAVA may be stored either at room temperature for up to 16 hours or under refrigeration at 2°C to 8°C (36°F to 46°F) for up to 24 hours. If refrigerated, allow the intravenous bag to come to room temperature prior to use.
- These time limits include storage of the infusion solution in the intravenous bag through the duration of infusion.
- Do not freeze the diluted solution.

##### Administration

- Administer the diluted solution as an intravenous infusion over 60 minutes using a sterile, non-pyrogenic, low-protein binding 0.2 micron to 5 micron in-line or add-on filter.
- The diluted solution can be infused via a central line or peripheral catheter. Do not administer ZINPLAVA as an intravenous push or bolus.
- Do not co-administer other drugs simultaneously through the same infusion line.

### 3 DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS

Injection: 1,000 mg/40 mL (25 mg/mL) clear to moderately opalescent, colorless to pale yellow solution in a single-dose vial.

### 4 CONTRAINDICATIONS

None.

### 5 WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

#### 5.1 Heart Failure

Heart failure was reported more commonly in Trial 1 and Trial 2 in ZINPLAVA-treated patients compared to placebo-treated patients. These adverse reactions occurred primarily in patients with underlying congestive heart failure (CHF). In patients with a history of CHF, 12.7% (15/118) of ZINPLAVA-treated patients and 4.8% (5/104) of placebo-treated patients had the serious adverse reaction of heart failure during the 12-week study period [see *Adverse Reactions* (6.1)]. Additionally, in patients with a history of CHF, there were more deaths in ZINPLAVA-treated patients, 19.5% (23/118) than in placebo-treated patients, 12.5% (13/104) during the 12-week study period. The causes of death varied and included cardiac failure, infections, and respiratory failure.

In patients with a history of CHF, ZINPLAVA should be reserved for use when the benefit outweighs the risk.

### 6 ADVERSE REACTIONS

#### 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.

##### Clinical Trials Experience in Adults

The safety of ZINPLAVA was evaluated in two placebo-controlled Phase 3 trials (Trial 1 n=390 and Trial 2 n=396). Patients received a single 10 mg/kg intravenous infusion of ZINPLAVA and concomitant standard of care (SoC) antibacterial drugs (metronidazole, vancomycin or fidaxomicin) for CDI. Adverse reactions reported within the first 4 weeks after ZINPLAVA was administered are described for the pooled Phase 3 trial population of 786 patients. The median age of patients receiving ZINPLAVA was 65 years (range 18 to 100), 50% were age 65 years or older, 56% were female, and 83% were white.

##### *Serious Adverse Reactions in Adults*

Serious adverse reactions occurring within 12 weeks following infusion were reported in 29% of ZINPLAVA-treated patients and 33% of placebo-treated patients. Heart failure was reported as a serious adverse reaction in 2.3% of the ZINPLAVA-treated patients and 1.0% of the placebo-treated patients [see *Warnings and Precautions* (5.1)].

One patient discontinued the ZINPLAVA infusion due to ventricular tachyarrhythmia that occurred 30 minutes after the start of the infusion.

Mortality rates were 7.1% and 7.6% in ZINPLAVA-treated patients and placebo-treated patients, respectively, during the 12-week follow-up period.

##### *Most Common Adverse Reactions in Adults*

The most common adverse reactions following treatment with ZINPLAVA (reported in  $\geq 4\%$  of patients within the first 4 weeks of infusion and with a frequency greater than placebo) were nausea, pyrexia, and headache (see Table 1).

**Table 1: Adverse Reactions Reported in  $\geq 4\%$  of ZINPLAVA-Treated Patients with CDI and at a Frequency Greater than Placebo in Trial 1 and Trial 2\*†**

Adverse Reaction	ZINPLAVA with SoC <sup>‡</sup> N=786 %	Placebo with SoC <sup>‡</sup> N=781 %
<b>Gastrointestinal disorders</b>		
Nausea	7%	5%
<b>General disorders and administration site conditions</b>		
Pyrexia	5%	3%
<b>Nervous system disorders</b>		
Headache	4%	3%

\* All patients as treated population, defined as all randomized patients who received a dose of study medication, by treatment received

† Adverse reactions reported within 4 weeks of administration of ZINPLAVA or placebo

‡ SoC = Standard of Care antibacterial drugs (metronidazole or vancomycin or fidaxomicin) for CDI

#### Infusion Related Adverse Reactions in Adults

Overall, 10% of ZINPLAVA-treated patients experienced one or more infusion specific adverse reactions on the day of, or the day after, the infusion compared to 8% of placebo-treated patients. Infusion specific adverse reactions reported in  $\geq 0.5\%$  of patients receiving ZINPLAVA and at a frequency greater than placebo were nausea (3%), fatigue (1%), pyrexia (1%), dizziness (1%), headache (2%), dyspnea (1%) and hypertension (1%). Of these patients, 78% and 20% of patients experienced mild and moderate adverse reactions, respectively. These reactions resolved within 24 hours following onset.

#### Clinical Trial Experience in Pediatric Patients

The safety and pharmacokinetics of ZINPLAVA in pediatric patients 1 year of age and older were evaluated in a randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled, multi-center trial (Trial 3). Enrolled patients had a diagnosis of CDI and received SoC (vancomycin, metronidazole, or fidaxomicin) for the baseline CDI episode. In this trial, 143 patients were randomized and treated, of whom 107 received a single infusion of ZINPLAVA (10 mg/kg) and 36 received a placebo infusion. Of these randomized patients, 58% were 1 to <12 years of age, 52% were male, 80% were white, and 7% were multi-racial. The majority (94%) of patients had one or more risk factors for CDI recurrence. [See *Clinical Pharmacology* (12.3).]

The adverse reactions observed in pediatric patients were comparable to those observed in adult patients. Five of 107 pediatric patients (5%) receiving ZINPLAVA and one of 36 pediatric patients receiving placebo (3%) died in Trial 3. There were no treatment discontinuations due to adverse reactions. The most common adverse reactions occurring in greater than 10% of pediatric patients treated with ZINPLAVA were pyrexia (19 patients, 18%) and headache (15 patients, 14%). One ZINPLAVA-treated pediatric patient (1%) experienced an infusion-related adverse reaction.

## 7 DRUG INTERACTIONS

Since ZINPLAVA is eliminated by catabolism, no metabolic drug-drug interactions are expected [see *Clinical Pharmacology* (12.3)].

## 8 USE IN SPECIFIC POPULATIONS

### 8.1 Pregnancy

#### Risk Summary

Adequate and well controlled studies with ZINPLAVA have not been conducted in pregnant women. No animal reproductive and developmental studies have been conducted with bezlotoxumab.

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

## 8.2 Lactation

### Risk Summary

There is no information regarding the presence of bezlotoxumab in human milk, the effects on the breast-fed infant, or the effects on milk production.

The developmental and health benefits of breastfeeding should be considered along with the mother's clinical need for ZINPLAVA and any potential adverse effects on the breastfed child from ZINPLAVA or from the underlying maternal condition.

## 8.4 Pediatric Use

The safety and effectiveness of ZINPLAVA to reduce recurrence of CDI have been established in pediatric patients 1 year of age and older. Use of ZINPLAVA in pediatric patients 1 year of age and older is supported by evidence from adequate and well-controlled trials in adults with additional pharmacokinetic and safety data in pediatric patients aged 1 year and older. The adverse reactions and the pharmacokinetics observed in pediatric patients were comparable to that observed in adult patients [see *Adverse Reactions (6.1) and Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)*].

The safety and effectiveness of ZINPLAVA have not been established in pediatric patients younger than 1 year of age.

## 8.5 Geriatric Use

Of the 786 patients treated with ZINPLAVA, 50% were 65 years of age and over, and 27% were 75 years of age and over. No overall differences in safety and efficacy were observed between these subjects and younger subjects [see *Clinical Studies (14)*]. No dose adjustment is necessary for patients  $\geq 65$  years of age [see *Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)*].

## 10 OVERDOSAGE

There is no clinical experience with overdosage of ZINPLAVA. In case of overdose, patients should be closely monitored for signs or symptoms of adverse reactions, and appropriate symptomatic treatment should be instituted.

## 11 DESCRIPTION

Bezlotoxumab is a human monoclonal antibody that binds to *C. difficile* toxin B and neutralizes its effects. Bezlotoxumab is an IgG<sub>1</sub> immunoglobulin with an approximate molecular weight of 148.2 kDa.

ZINPLAVA (bezlotoxumab) Injection is a sterile, preservative-free, clear to moderately opalescent, colorless to pale yellow solution that requires dilution for intravenous infusion. The product is provided in a 50 mL vial that contains 1000 mg of bezlotoxumab in 40 mL of solution. Each mL of solution contains bezlotoxumab (25 mg), citric acid monohydrate (0.8 mg), diethylenetriaminepentaacetic acid (0.0078 mg), polysorbate 80 (0.25 mg), sodium chloride (8.77 mg), sodium citrate dihydrate (4.75 mg), and Water for Injection, USP. The vial may contain sodium hydroxide to adjust the pH to 6.0.

## 12 CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY

### 12.1 Mechanism of Action

ZINPLAVA (bezlotoxumab) is a human monoclonal antibody that binds to *C. difficile* toxin B and neutralizes its effects [see *Microbiology (12.4)*].

### 12.3 Pharmacokinetics

The pharmacokinetics of bezlotoxumab were studied in 1515 adult CDI patients in two Phase 3 trials (Trial 1 and Trial 2). Based on a population PK analysis, the geometric mean (%CV) clearance of

bezlotoxumab was 0.317 L/day (41%), with a mean volume of distribution of 7.33 L (16%), and elimination half-life ( $t_{1/2}$ ) of approximately 19 days (28%). After a single intravenous dose of 10 mg/kg ZINPLAVA, geometric mean  $AUC_{0-1NF}$  and  $C_{max}$  were 53000 mcg·h/mL and 185 mcg/mL, respectively, in the adult patients with CDI. The clearance of bezlotoxumab increased with increasing body weight; the resulting exposure differences are adequately addressed by the administration of a weight-based dose. Bezlotoxumab is eliminated by catabolism.

### Specific Populations

#### *Gender, Race, Ethnicity, and Co-Morbid Conditions*

The following factors had no clinically meaningful effect on the exposure of bezlotoxumab in adults: gender, race, ethnicity, and presence of co-morbid conditions.

#### Patients with Renal Impairment

The effect of renal impairment on the pharmacokinetics of bezlotoxumab was evaluated in adult patients with mild (eGFR 60 to <90 mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>), moderate (eGFR 30 to <60 mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>), or severe (eGFR 15 to <30 mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>) renal impairment, or with end stage renal disease (eGFR <15 mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>), as compared to adult patients with normal (eGFR ≥90 mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>) renal function. No clinically meaningful differences in the exposure of bezlotoxumab were found between adult patients with renal impairment and adult patients with normal renal function.

#### Patients with Hepatic Impairment

The effect of hepatic impairment on the pharmacokinetics of bezlotoxumab was evaluated in adult patients with hepatic impairment (defined as having two or more of the following: [1] albumin ≤3.1 g/dL; [2] ALT ≥2X ULN; [3] total bilirubin ≥1.3X ULN; or [4] mild, moderate or severe liver disease as reported by the Charlson Co-morbidity Index), as compared to adult patients with normal hepatic function. No clinically meaningful differences in the exposure of bezlotoxumab were found between adult patients with hepatic impairment and adult patients with normal hepatic function.

#### Geriatric Patients

The effect of age on the pharmacokinetics of bezlotoxumab was evaluated in patients ranging from 18 to 100 years of age. No clinically meaningful differences in the exposure of bezlotoxumab were found between patients 65 years and older and patients under 65 years of age.

#### Pediatric Patients

The pharmacokinetics of bezlotoxumab were studied in 90 pediatric patients (1 year to less than 18 years) and after a single intravenous dose of 10 mg/kg ZINPLAVA, geometric mean (%CV)  $AUC_{0-1NF}$  and  $C_{max}$  were 47,900 (35.9) mcg·h/mL and 139 (32.4) mcg/mL, respectively.

There is no clinically meaningful relationship between bezlotoxumab exposure and body weight following weight-based dosing of ZINPLAVA in pediatric patients.

#### Drug Interaction Studies

Because bezlotoxumab is eliminated by catabolism, no metabolic drug-drug interactions are expected.

## **12.4 Microbiology**

### Mechanism of Action

Bezlotoxumab is a human monoclonal antibody that binds *C. difficile* toxin B with an equilibrium dissociation constant ( $K_d$ ) of  $<1 \times 10^{-9}$ M. Bezlotoxumab inhibits the binding of toxin B and prevents its effects on mammalian cells. Bezlotoxumab does not bind to *C. difficile* toxin A.

### Activity In Vitro

Bezlotoxumab binds to an epitope on toxin B that is conserved across reported strains of *C. difficile*, although amino acid sequence variation within the epitope does occur. *In vitro* studies in cell-based assays using Vero cells or Caco-2 cells, suggest that bezlotoxumab neutralizes the toxic effects of toxin B.

## 12.6 Immunogenicity

The observed incidence of anti-drug antibodies (ADA) is highly dependent on the sensitivity and specificity of the assay. Differences in assay methods preclude meaningful comparisons of the incidence of ADA in the studies described below with the incidence of ADA in other studies, including those of ZINPLAVA or of other bezlotoxumab products.

Following treatment with a single dose of ZINPLAVA in:

- Trial 1 and Trial 2 [see *Clinical Studies (14)*], none of the 710 evaluable adult patients with CDI developed anti-bezlotoxumab antibodies (referred to as ADA) through 12 weeks post-treatment.
- Trial 3 [see *Adverse Reactions (6.1)*], 2 of the 100 evaluable pediatric patients with CDI developed ADA through 12 weeks post-treatment.

Because of the low occurrence of ADA, the effect of these ADA on the pharmacokinetics, pharmacodynamics, safety and/or effectiveness of ZINPLAVA is unknown.

## 13 NONCLINICAL TOXICOLOGY

### 13.1 Carcinogenesis, Mutagenesis, Impairment of Fertility

No studies have been performed to test the potential of bezlotoxumab for carcinogenicity or genotoxicity.

Fertility studies have not been conducted with bezlotoxumab.

## 14 CLINICAL STUDIES

### Clinical Trials in Adults

The safety and efficacy of ZINPLAVA were investigated in two randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled, multicenter, Phase 3 trials (Trial 1 and Trial 2) in patients receiving Standard of Care antibacterial drugs for treatment of CDI (SoC).

Randomization was stratified by SoC (metronidazole, vancomycin, or fidaxomicin) and hospitalization status (inpatient vs. outpatient) at the time of study entry.

Enrolled patients were 18 years of age or older and had a confirmed diagnosis of CDI, which was defined as diarrhea (passage of 3 or more loose bowel movements in 24 or fewer hours) and a positive stool test for toxigenic *C. difficile* from a stool sample collected no more than 7 days before study entry. Patients were excluded if surgery for CDI was planned, or if they had uncontrolled chronic diarrheal illness. Patients received a 10- to 14-day course of oral SoC and a single infusion of ZINPLAVA or placebo was administered during the course of SoC. Patients on oral vancomycin or oral fidaxomicin could have also received intravenous metronidazole. Choice of SoC was at the discretion of the health care provider. The day of the infusion of ZINPLAVA or placebo in relation to the start of SoC ranged from the day prior to the start of SoC to 14 days after the start of SoC with the median being day 3 of SoC.

In Trial 1, 403 patients were randomized to receive ZINPLAVA and 404 patients were randomized to receive placebo. In Trial 2, 407 subjects were randomized to receive ZINPLAVA and 399 patients were randomized to receive placebo. The Full Analysis Set (FAS) was a subset of all randomized subjects with exclusions for: (i) not receiving infusion of study medication; (ii) not having a positive local stool test for toxigenic *C. difficile*; (iii) not receiving protocol defined standard of care therapy within a 1 day window of the infusion. The baseline characteristics of the 1554 patients randomized to ZINPLAVA or placebo in the FAS were similar across treatment arms and in Trial 1 and Trial 2. The median age was 65 years, 85% were white, 57% were female, and 68% were inpatients. A similar proportion of patients received oral

metronidazole (48%) or oral vancomycin (48%) and 4% of the patients received oral fidaxomicin as their SoC.

The following risk factors associated with a high risk of CDI recurrence or CDI-related adverse outcomes were present in the study population: 51% were  $\geq 65$  years of age, 39% received one or more systemic antibacterial drugs (during the 12-week follow-up period), 28% had one or more episodes of CDI within the six months prior to the episode under treatment (15% had two or more episodes prior to the episode under treatment), 21% were immunocompromised and 16% presented at study entry with clinically severe CDI (as defined by a Zar score of  $\geq 2^1$ ). A hypervirulent strain (ribotypes 027, 078 or 244) was isolated in 22% of patients who had a positive baseline culture, of which 87% (189 of 217 strains) were ribotype 027.

Patients were assessed for clinical cure of the presenting CDI episode, defined as no diarrhea for 2 consecutive days following the completion of a  $\leq 14$  day SoC regimen. Patients who achieved clinical cure were then assessed for recurrence of CDI through 12 weeks following administration of the infusion of ZINPLAVA or placebo. CDI recurrence was defined as the development of a new episode of diarrhea associated with a positive stool test for toxigenic *C. difficile* following clinical cure of the presenting CDI episode. Sustained clinical response was defined as clinical cure of the presenting CDI episode and no CDI recurrence through 12 weeks after infusion. Table 2 contains the results for Trial 1 and Trial 2.

**Table 2: Efficacy Results Through 12 Weeks After Infusion  
(Trial 1 and Trial 2, Full Analysis Set\*)**

Trial	ZINPLAVA with SoC <sup>†</sup>	Placebo with SoC <sup>†</sup>	Adjusted Difference (95% CI) <sup>‡</sup>	
	n (%)	n (%)		
1	N=386	N=395		
	Sustained clinical response	232 (60.1)	218 (55.2)	4.8 (-2.1, 11.7)
	Reasons for failure to achieve sustained clinical response:			
	Clinical failure	87 (22.5)	68 (17.2)	
	Recurrence	67 (17.4)	109 (27.6)	
2	N=395	N=378		
	Sustained clinical response	264 (66.8)	197 (52.1)	14.6 (7.7, 21.4)
	Reasons for failure to achieve sustained clinical response:			
	Clinical failure	69 (17.5)	84 (22.2)	
	Recurrence	62 (15.7)	97 (25.7)	

n (%) = Number (percentage) of subjects in the analysis population meeting the criteria for endpoint

N = Number of subjects included in the analysis population

\* Full Analysis Set = a subset of all randomized subjects with exclusions for: (i) did not receive infusion of study medication; (ii) did not have a positive local stool test for toxigenic *C. difficile*; (iii) did not receive protocol defined standard of care therapy within a 1 day window of the infusion

<sup>†</sup> SoC = Standard of Care antibacterial drugs (metronidazole or vancomycin or fidaxomicin) for CDI

<sup>‡</sup> Adjusted difference of ZINPLAVA-placebo (95% confidence interval) based on Miettinen and Nurminen method stratified by SoC antibacterial drugs (metronidazole vs. vancomycin vs. fidaxomicin) and hospitalization status (inpatient vs. outpatient).

In Trial 1, the clinical cure rate of the presenting CDI episode was lower in the ZINPLAVA arm as compared to the placebo arm and in Trial 2, the clinical cure rate was lower in the placebo arm compared to the ZINPLAVA arm. Patients in the ZINPLAVA and placebo arms who did not achieve clinical cure of the presenting CDI episode (no diarrhea for 2 consecutive days following the completion of a ≤14 day SoC regimen) received a mean of 18 to 19 days of SoC and had a mean of 4 additional days of diarrhea following completion of SoC. Additional analyses showed that by 3 weeks post study drug infusion the clinical cure rates of the presenting CDI episode were similar between treatment arms.

Efficacy results in patients at high risk for CDI recurrence (i.e., patients aged 65 years and older, with a history of CDI in the past 6 months, immunocompromised state, severe CDI at presentation, or *C. difficile* ribotype 027) were consistent with the efficacy results in the overall trial population in Trials 1 and 2.

## 15 REFERENCES

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## 16 HOW SUPPLIED/STORAGE AND HANDLING

ZINPLAVA Injection: is a sterile, preservative-free, clear to moderately opalescent, colorless to pale yellow solution and is supplied in the following packaging configuration:

Carton (NDC 0006-3025-00) containing one (1) single-dose vial of ZINPLAVA 1,000 mg/40 mL (25 mg/mL).

Store in a refrigerator, 2°C to 8°C (36°F to 46°F) in original carton to protect from light. *Do Not Freeze. Do Not Shake.*

## 17 PATIENT COUNSELING INFORMATION

Advise the patient to read the FDA-approved patient labeling (Patient Information).

### Concurrent Antibacterial Therapy

Advise patients, their families, or caregivers that ZINPLAVA does not take the place of their antibacterial treatment for their CDI infection. They must continue their antibacterial treatment as directed [see *Indications and Usage (1) and Dosage and Administration (2.1)*].

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**Patient Information**  
**ZINPLAVA™ (zin-PLAH-va)**  
**(bezlotoxumab)**  
**injection, for intravenous use**

**What is ZINPLAVA?**

ZINPLAVA is a prescription medicine used to help decrease the risk of C-diff (*Clostridioides difficile* infection) from coming back in adults and children 1 year of age and older who are taking an antibiotic for C-diff and who have a high risk of C-diff coming back.

ZINPLAVA is not used to treat C-diff and is not an antibiotic. ZINPLAVA should only be used along with the antibiotic that you are taking to treat C-diff. Keep taking your antibiotic for your C-diff as directed by your doctor.

It is not known if ZINPLAVA is safe and effective in children under 1 year of age.

**Before receiving ZINPLAVA, tell your doctor about all of your medical conditions, including if you:**

- have or have had congestive heart failure (CHF).
- are pregnant or trying to get pregnant. It is not known if ZINPLAVA will harm your unborn baby. You and your doctor should decide together if you will receive ZINPLAVA.
- are breastfeeding or plan to breastfeed. It is not known if ZINPLAVA passes into your breast milk. You and your doctor should decide together if you will receive ZINPLAVA.

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

**How will I receive ZINPLAVA?**

- You will receive ZINPLAVA into your vein through an IV (intravenously).
- You do not need to do anything to prepare for receiving ZINPLAVA.
- You will receive ZINPLAVA in 1 dose and it will take about 1 hour.
- If you miss your appointment, call your doctor right away to reschedule it.

**What are the possible side effects of ZINPLAVA?**

**ZINPLAVA may cause serious side effects, including:**

- **Heart failure.** Heart failure may happen in people who receive ZINPLAVA and can be serious. People with a history of congestive heart failure (CHF) who received ZINPLAVA had a higher rate of heart failure and death than those who did not receive ZINPLAVA.

**Common side effects of ZINPLAVA:**

The most common side effects that may happen on the day of or the day after receiving ZINPLAVA include:

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| • nausea        | • shortness of breath |
| • headache      | • feeling dizzy       |
| • fever         | • high blood pressure |
| • feeling tired |                       |

The most common side effects that may happen up to four weeks after receiving ZINPLAVA include:

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| • nausea | • headache |
| • fever  |            |

**If you have any side effect that bothers you or does not go away, tell your doctor.**

These are not all the possible side effects of ZINPLAVA. For more information, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

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

**General information about the safe and effective use of ZINPLAVA.**

Medicines are sometimes prescribed for purposes other than those listed in a Patient Information leaflet. You can ask your pharmacist or doctor for information about ZINPLAVA that is written for health professionals.

**What are the ingredients in ZINPLAVA?**

**The active ingredient is:** bezlotoxumab

**The inactive ingredients are:** citric acid monohydrate, diethylenetriaminepentaacetic acid, polysorbate 80, sodium chloride, sodium citrate dihydrate, and water for injection, USP. ZINPLAVA may also contain sodium hydroxide.

For more information, call the company that makes ZINPLAVA, at 1-800-444-2080, or go to the website – [www.ZINPLAVA.com](http://www.ZINPLAVA.com). You can also find the full prescribing information written for health professionals at [www.ZINPLAVA.com](http://www.ZINPLAVA.com)

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