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Bristol Myers Squibb launches RELOPDUOâ?¢ for metastatic melanoma treatment in India

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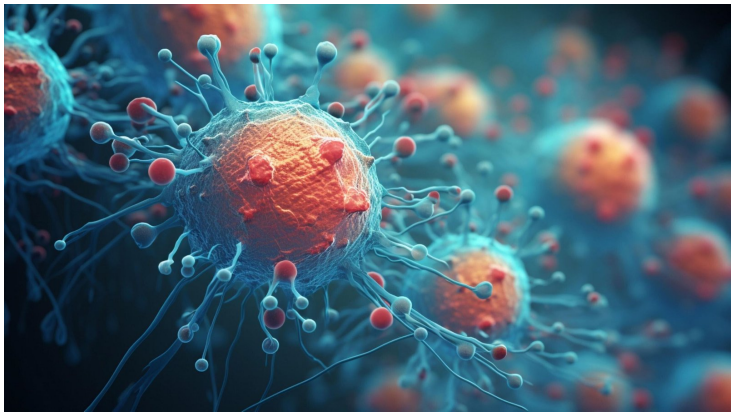
RELOPDUOâ?¢ is a fixed-dose combination of anti PDâ??1 Nivolumab and anti LAG-3 Relatlimab



Bristol Myers Squibb (BMS) has announced the launch of RELOPDUO™ [fixed-dose combination (FDC) of nivolumab and relatlimab] in India following an approval from the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO), Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS), authorising its sale and distribution.

With this milestone, BMS becomes the only company in India to have received permission to offer three distinct immune-oncology assets, including the country's first FDC of two immune checkpoint inhibitors. RELOPDUO™ is also India's first LAG-3-based dual immunotherapy, representing an important scientific advancement in immuno-oncology and expanding treatment options for adult and paediatric patients 12 years of age or older with unresectable or metastatic melanoma.

RELOPDUO™ combines the PDâ??1 inhibitor nivolumab with the LAGâ??3â??blocking antibody relatlimab in a fixedâ??dose combination regimen, simultaneously targeting two distinct immune checkpoints to help restore the body's immune response against cancer cells.

In India, melanoma is often diagnosed late and includes aggressive subtypes such as mucosal melanoma, underscoring the need for timely access to innovative therapies and addressing a significant unmet need in the treatment of unresectable or metastatic melanoma.

The launch is supported by findings from the Phase 2/3 RELATIVITYâ??047 study, which showed RELOPDUO™ increased median progressionâ??free survival compared with nivolumab monotherapy (10.1 months vs. 4.6 months). RELOPDUO™ demonstrated a manageable safety profile consistent with the known mechanisms of action. RELOPDUO™ is an oncologist-prescribed treatment.