DIAGNOSTIC EFFECTIVENESS OFIOFLUPANE I123 INJECTION (DATSCAN) SPECT IN PATIENTS WITH MOVEMENT DISORDERS AND/OR DEMENTIA

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Background: Early and accurate diagnosis of movement disorders and dementia is critical to ensuring optimal clinical management. Ioflupane I 123 injection (DaTSCANTM or ioflupane (¹²³I) is approved to visualize loss of striatal dopamine transporter in a subset of patients with dementia and movement disorders. Methods: Three Phase 3 and one Phase 4 clinical trials were pooled to determine the overall sensitivity and specificity of ioflupane (¹²³I) images in detecting or excluding a striatal dopaminergic deficit (SDD), which is associated with Parkinsonian syndrome and dementia with Lewy bodies. Patients with either a movement disorder or dementia, and healthy volunteers were administered ioflupane (¹²³I). Images were assessed by panels of 3-5 blinded experts and/or on-site nuclear medicine physicians, classified as normal or abnormal, and compared with clinical diagnosis (reference standard) to determine sensitivity and specificity.

Results: Pooling the four studies, 928 subjects were enrolled, 849 were dosed, and 764 completed their study. Across all studies, when images were assessed by on-site readers, ioflupane (¹²³I) diagnostic effectiveness had an overall (95% CI) sensitivity of 91.9% (88.7 to 94.5) and specificity of 83.6% (78.7 to 87.9). When reads were conducted blindly by a panel of independent experts, the overall sensitivity was 88.7% (86.8 to 90.4) and specificity was 91.2% (89.0 to 93.0).

Conclusions: In this pooled analysis, the visual assessment of ioflupane (¹²³I) images provided high levels of sensitivity and specificity in detecting the presence/absence of an SDD. Ioflupane (¹²³I) imaging has the potential to improve diagnostic accuracy in patients with signs and symptoms of a movement disorder and/or dementia.