

## Oxurion NV to Present Preclinical Evaluation of Plasma Kallikrein Inhibition for DME at 2019 EURETINA Winter Meeting

**Leuven, Belgium, 28 February 2019** – [Oxurion NV](#) (Euronext Brussels: OXUR), a biopharmaceutical company developing innovative treatments to preserve vision in patients with diabetic eye disease, announces today that it will present at the [9th European Society of Retina Specialists \(EURETINA\) Winter Meeting](#), which is being held March 1-2, 2019 in Prague, Czech Republic at the Clarion Congress Hotel.

The poster [“Targeting plasma kallikrein with a novel bicyclic peptide inhibitor alleviates diabetic retinopathy disease hallmarks in a preclinical rat model”](#) shows results of the inhibitory effect of repeated administration of THR-149, Oxurion’s novel plasma kallikrein (PKal) inhibitor, on retinal vascular leakage and inflammation in the diabetic rat STZ model, compared to vehicle-treated eyes. These positive results highlight THR-149’s potential as a treatment option for diabetic macular edema (DME). Oxurion is currently conducting a Phase 1 clinical study evaluating the safety of THR-149 in DME patients with initial data read out expected towards the end of 2019.

**Patrik De Haes, M.D., CEO of Oxurion nv**, commented: *“We look forward to presenting the results of our preclinical research with THR-149 in the field of DME at the EURETINA Winter Meeting. The results of the study demonstrate the potential therapeutic benefits of THR-149, our plasma kallikrein inhibitor, on the key disease hallmarks of DME including retinal vascular leakage and inflammation. These results further substantiate the disease-modifying capabilities of this novel drug candidate and its potential to address the clear unmet need for improved treatment options for diabetic eye disease.”*

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## **About Oxurion**

Oxurion (Euronext Brussels: OXUR) is a biopharmaceutical company currently developing a competitive pipeline of disease-modifying drug candidates for diabetic eye disease, a leading cause of blindness of people of working age worldwide.

Oxurion's most advanced drug candidate is THR-317, a PIGF inhibitor for the treatment of diabetic macular edema (DME), which is currently in a Phase 2 study in combination with Lucentis<sup>®</sup>. THR-317 is also being evaluated in a Phase 2 study for the treatment of Idiopathic Macular Telangiectasia Type 1 (MacTel 1), a rare retinal disease that affects the macula and can lead to vision loss.

Oxurion has two further pipeline candidates, THR-149, a plasma kallikrein inhibitor being developed for the treatment of DME; and THR-687, a pan-RGD integrin antagonist in development for the treatment of diabetic retinopathy and DME. Both THR-149 and THR-687 are in Phase 1 clinical studies.

Oxurion is headquartered in Leuven, Belgium, and is listed on the Euronext Brussels exchange under the symbol OXUR.

More information is available at [www.oxurion.com](http://www.oxurion.com).

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