ThromboGenics’ JETREA® Receives Positive Common Drug Review in Canada

Leuven, Belgium – 27 December, 2013 - ThromboGenics NV (Euronext Brussels: THR), an integrated biopharmaceutical company focused on developing and commercializing innovative ophthalmic medicines, announces today that JETREA® has received a positive Common Drug Review (CDR) in Canada. ThromboGenics signed a strategic partnership in 2012 with Alcon, a division of Novartis, for the commercialization of JETREA® outside of the United States.

In August 2013, Health Canada approved JETREA® (ocriplasmin) for the treatment of symptomatic vitreomacular adhesion (VMA). In November, JETREA® was made commercially available to Canadians who suffer from this sight-threatening condition.

The Common Drug Review, which is carried out by the Canadian Agency for Drugs and Technologies in Health (CADTH), is a pan-Canadian process for conducting objective, rigorous reviews of the clinical, cost-effectiveness, and patient evidence for drugs. CDR also provides formulary listing recommendations to Canada’s publicly funded drug plans (except Quebec).

JETREA® is already covered by most of the major private payers in Canada.

ThromboGenics and Alcon intend to share the costs equally of developing JETREA® for a number of new vitreoretinal indications.

Dr Patrik De Haes, CEO of ThromboGenics said: “I am pleased that JETREA® has received a positive Common Drug Review in Canada. To-date only 30% of all first-in-class products has received a positive CDR listing recommendation. This follows and confirms positive outcomes with the reimbursement agencies in the UK and Germany. I believe today’s CDR review and recognition of the clinical and economic value of this novel treatment for symptomatic VMA augurs well for the future success of JETREA®.”

In Europe, JETREA® is approved for the treatment of vitreomacular traction (VMT), including when associated with macular hole of diameter less than or equal to 400 microns. Alcon has launched JETREA® in the UK, Germany, Finland, Denmark, Norway, Sweden and Canada.

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About JETREA® (ocriplasmin)

JETREA® (ocriplasmin) is a truncated form of human plasmin. In the US, JETREA® is indicated for the treatment of symptomatic VMA. In Europe, JETREA® is indicated for the treatment of vitreomacular traction (VMT), including when associated with macular hole of diameter ≤ 400 microns. JETREA® is a selective proteolytic enzyme that cleaves fibronectin, laminin and collagen, three major components of the vitreoretinal interface that play an important role in vitreomacular adhesion.

JETREA® has been evaluated in two multi-center, randomized, double-masked Phase III trials conducted in the U.S. and Europe involving 652 patients with vitreomacular adhesion. Both studies met the primary endpoint of resolution of VMA at day 28.

JETREA’s Phase III program found that 26.5% of patients treated with ocriplasmin saw resolution of VMA, compared with 10.1% of patients receiving placebo (p<0.01). The Phase III program also showed that JETREA was generally well tolerated with most adverse events being transient and mild in severity.

About ThromboGenics

ThromboGenics is an integrated biopharmaceutical company focused on developing and commercializing innovative ophthalmic and oncology medicines. The Company’s lead product, JETREA® (ocriplasmin), has been approved by the US FDA for the treatment of symptomatic VMA and was launched in January 2013.

ThromboGenics is also further exploring anti-PIGF (Placental Growth Factor), also referred to as TB-403, for the treatment of ophthalmic and oncology indications. ThromboGenics is headquartered in Leuven, Belgium, and has offices in Iselin, NJ (US) and Dublin, Ireland. The Company is listed on the NYSE Euronext Brussels exchange under the symbol THR. More information is available at www.thrombogenics.com.
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