

PRESS RELEASE

Servier and Galapagos complete enrollment of global ROCCELLA Phase 2 clinical trial with GLPG1972/S201086 in knee osteoarthritis patients

Mechelen, Belgium and Paris, France, 11 JUNE 2019, 07.00 CET – Servier and Galapagos NV (Euronext & NASDAQ: GLPG) completed recruitment for their ROCCELLA Phase 2 trial with GLPG1972/S201086, ahead of schedule.

ROCCELLA is a multi-regional, randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled, dose ranging trial evaluating the efficacy and safety of three different once-daily oral doses of GLPG1972/S201086 in patients with knee osteoarthritis (OA). ROCCELLA includes more than 850 patients in 12 countries in Europe, Asia, North and South America. Galapagos is responsible for ROCCELLA in the United States, where more than 300 patients were recruited. Servier is responsible for this trial in all other countries, where the rest of the patients were recruited.

The primary objective of ROCCELLA is to evaluate the efficacy of at least one dose of GLPG1972/S201086 compared to placebo in reducing knee OA progression after 52 weeks of treatment. This will be assessed by measuring cartilage thickness with MRI. Secondary objectives include safety and tolerability, several additional measures of structural progression, pain, function, stiffness, and patient global assessment.

“We are thrilled with the willingness of OA clinical centers and patients worldwide to participate in ROCCELLA,” said Dr Walid Abi-Saab, Chief Medical Officer of Galapagos. “We look forward to learning about the trial results next year. The OA community eagerly awaits clinical evidence of a disease-modifying candidate in this disease with substantial unmet medical need.”

“The completion of the overall recruitment in nine months reflects the high interest expressed by patients for GLPG1972/S201086,” said Philippe Moingeon, Head of Center for Therapeutic Innovation Immuno-Inflammatory Disease at Servier. “We are pleased that the constructive collaboration established between Servier and Galapagos allows us both to streamline efficiently the development of this orally administered drug candidate, potentially to the ultimate benefit of patients with knee OA.”

GLPG1972/S201086 is a disease-modifying osteoarthritis drug (DMOAD) candidate that, in two animal models, has been shown to efficiently target a cartilage degrading enzyme called ADAMTS-5. A Phase 1 study in healthy subjects met all of its safety and pharmacokinetic targets and also demonstrated that GLPG1972/S201086 reduced the blood level of the ARGS neo-epitope by approximately 50% within two weeks. ARGS is a biomarker for ADAMTS-5 activity and, as such, increased levels of ARGS reflect increased cartilage breakdown. In a more recent Phase 1b trial in OA patients in the United States, similar findings were seen over a four-week period. Specifically, GLPG1972/S201086 was well tolerated and reduced ARGS blood levels up to 50%.

OA is a highly prevalent and disabling pathology. There are no treatments available today that counteract disease progression. Patients are left with only symptomatic treatments. As a result, OA represents an important unmet medical need. Galapagos developed investigational molecule GLPG1972/S201086 with the potential of becoming a first-in-class DMOAD as part of a collaboration with Servier that began in 2010. Galapagos has full U.S. commercial rights to GLPG1972/S201086 and is eligible to receive development, regulatory and other milestone payments plus royalties from Servier upon commercialization outside the United States, if approved. Galapagos has received Fast Track designation for osteoarthritis from the US FDA for GLPG1972/S201086.

GLPG1972/S201086 is an investigational drug candidate and its safety and efficacy have not yet been established. More information on the ROCCELLA trial can be found at www.clinicaltrials.gov (NCT03595618) and www.clinicaltrialsregister.eu.

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