



Janssen Submits New Drug Application for YONDELIS® (trabectedin) to U.S. FDA for the Treatment of Patients with Advanced Soft Tissue Sarcoma

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RARITAN, N.J., Nov. 24, 2014 /PRNewswire/ -- Janssen Research & Development, LLC (Janssen) has submitted a New Drug Application (NDA) for YONDELIS® (trabectedin) to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for the treatment of patients with advanced soft tissue sarcoma (STS), including liposarcoma and leiomyosarcoma subtypes, who have received prior chemotherapy including an anthracycline.

"We are particularly proud of this filing, as it represents our commitment to YONDELIS and the people it may help," said Peter F. Lebowitz, M.D., Ph.D., Global Oncology Head, Janssen. "The advanced soft tissue sarcoma treatment landscape has been relatively stagnant for decades and it's our hope that YONDELIS will be a new treatment option for people living with this aggressive disease."

Janssen also announced plans to amend the protocol for the Phase 3 randomized, open-label study ET743-SAR-3007, on which the NDA submission is based. The protocol will be revised to offer patients who were randomized to the dacarbazine comparator arm the option of receiving trabectedin treatment at their physician's discretion. This trial is evaluating the safety and efficacy of trabectedin versus dacarbazine for the treatment of advanced liposarcoma and leiomyosarcoma, the most common types of STS in adults, in more than 500 patients previously treated with an anthracycline and ifosfamide, or an anthracycline followed by one additional line of chemotherapy. Results of the study will be presented at a future date.

"Today, we are one step closer to our goal of making another treatment option available for people living with advanced soft tissue sarcoma," said Denise Reinke, President and CEO of Sarcoma Alliance for Research through Collaboration. "People living with this type of cancer are in urgent need of new options to help treat their disease, and we welcome new medicines that may help make a difference in their lives."

In related news, Janssen will be revising the current U.S. trabectedin expanded access program (EAP), ET743-SAR-3002, to allow entry of eligible patients with liposarcoma and leiomyosarcoma. The program was developed to provide trabectedin to eligible patients with previously treated STS who cannot be expected to benefit from limited currently available therapeutic options. Patient enrollment will be extended to those with liposarcoma or leiomyosarcoma as soon as the protocol amendment is implemented at participating sites. Interested patients should discuss the option of accessing trabectedin through the EAP with their physician to understand if this is an appropriate option for them.

Information about the Study ET743-SAR-3007 (NCT01343277) and the EAP treatment protocol (NCT00210665) may be found on www.clinicaltrials.gov. U.S. healthcare professionals may also contact 1-800-JANSSEN.

About Soft Tissue Sarcoma

Soft tissue sarcomas are a type of cancer originating in the soft tissues that connect, support and surround other body structures,^[1] such as muscle, fat, blood vessels, nerves, tendons and the lining of joints. More than 12,000 people will be diagnosed^{[2],[3]} and approximately 4,700 are expected to die of soft tissue sarcomas in 2014.^[3] Leiomyosarcoma is an aggressive type of soft tissue sarcoma^[4] that occurs in smooth muscles, such as those in the uterus, gastrointestinal tract or lining of blood vessels.^[1] Liposarcoma originates in fat cells and most commonly occurs in the thigh and abdominal cavity, though it can occur in fat cells in any part of the body.^{[5],[6]}

About YONDELIS® (trabectedin)

YONDELIS® (trabectedin) is a novel, multimodal, synthetically produced antitumor agent, originally derived from the sea squirt, *Ecteinascidia turbinata*. The anti-cancer medicine works by preventing the tumor cells from multiplying and is approved in 76 countries in North America, Europe, South America and Asia for the treatment of advanced soft-tissue sarcomas as a single-agent, and in 69 countries for relapsed ovarian cancer in combination with DOXIL®/CAELYX® (doxorubicin HCl liposome injection).

Under a licensing agreement with PharmaMar, a wholly owned member of the Zeltia Group, Janssen Products, LP has the rights to develop and sell YONDELIS globally except in Europe, where PharmaMar SA holds the rights, and in Japan, where PharmaMar has granted a license to Taiho Pharmaceuticals Co., Ltd. If approved in the U.S., YONDELIS would be commercialized by Janssen Biotech, Inc.

About Janssen Research & Development, LLC

At Janssen, we are dedicated to addressing and solving some of the most important unmet medical needs of our time in oncology, immunology, neuroscience, infectious diseases and vaccines, and cardiovascular and metabolic diseases. Driven by our commitment to patients, we develop innovative products, services and healthcare solutions to help people throughout the world. Janssen Research & Development, LLC; Janssen Products, LP; and Janssen Biotech, Inc. are part of the Janssen Pharmaceutical Companies of Johnson & Johnson. Please visit www.janssenrnd.com for more information.

Janssen in Oncology

In oncology, our goal is to fundamentally alter the way cancer is understood, diagnosed, and managed, reinforcing our commitment to the patients who inspire us. In looking to find innovative ways to address the cancer challenge, our primary efforts focus on several treatment and prevention solutions. These include a focus on hematologic malignancies, prostate cancer and lung cancer; cancer interception with the goal of developing products that interrupt the carcinogenic process; biomarkers that may help guide targeted, individualized use of our therapies; as well as safe and effective identification and treatment of early changes in the tumor microenvironment.

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