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Janssen Submits Marketing Authorisation Extension to the European Medicines Agency to Register Paliperidone Palmitate 6-Monthly (PP6M) for Treatment of Schizophrenia in Adults

If approved, PP6M will be the first long-acting injectable schizophrenia treatment with a twice-yearly dosing regimen

BEERSE, BELGIUM, December 4, 2020 – The Janssen Pharmaceutical Companies of Johnson & Johnson submitted a Marketing Authorisation Extension Application to the European Medicines Agency (EMA) to register paliperidone palmitate 6-monthly (PP6M) for the maintenance treatment of schizophrenia in adult patients who are clinically stable on paliperidone palmitate 1-monthly (PP1M)¹ or 3-monthly (PP3M)² injectable products. If approved, this long-acting injectable will provide adults living with schizophrenia a twice-yearly dosing regimen, the longest dosing interval available for an antipsychotic medication in the European Economic Area.³

“Janssen’s roots in neuroscience began with research and development of novel therapeutic options for schizophrenia, and this filing builds on that 60-year commitment,” said Bill Martin, Global Therapeutic Area Head, Neuroscience, Janssen Research & Development, LLC. “We designed this unique dosing regimen so people

with schizophrenia and their healthcare team can focus less on medication intervals and more on other aspects of their treatment plan, such as psychosocial interventions. We look forward to working with the European Medicines Agency to add a 6-month formulation to our family of paliperidone palmitate products.”

The extension application is based on the Route 6 Study, a randomised, double-blind, non-inferiority Phase 3 global study that enrolled 702 adults living with schizophrenia from 20 countries, including Bulgaria, Czech Republic, France, Hungary, Italy, Poland and Spain.⁴ Of these individuals, 81.3 percent completed the 12-month double-blind phase without a relapse event.⁵ Data showed non-inferior efficacy of PP6M compared to PP3M on the primary endpoint of time to relapse at the end of the 12-month period in both intent-to-treat and per-protocol analysis sets.⁵ The safety profile observed for PP6M was consistent with previous studies of PP1M and PP3M with no new safety signals emerging.⁵ The most common treatment emergent adverse events in the study’s PP6M group were weight increase (8.4 percent), injection site pain (7.7 percent), headache (6.7 percent) and upper respiratory infection (5.0 percent).⁵ There were no unexpected serious adverse reactions.⁵

“Antipsychotic medication plays an important role in schizophrenia symptom control; however, non-adherence to prescribed medicines has been recognised as a problem worldwide,” said Mathai Mammen, Global Head of Janssen Research & Development, Johnson & Johnson. “Addressing this challenging aspect of treatment has been the catalyst for our research and development of long-acting injectable medications for people living with schizophrenia.”

PP6M is intended to be used only after patients have been stabilised on a shorter acting formulation of paliperidone palmitate such as XEPLION^{®1} (PP1M) or TREVICTA^{®2} (PP3M), with the goal of administering fewer injections.

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About the Route 6 Trial

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The Route 6 Study was a randomised, double-blind, non-inferiority global Phase 3 study of 702 adults with schizophrenia, designed to demonstrate that injection of PP6M is not less effective than PP3M for the prevention of relapse in participants previously stabilised on corresponding doses of PP1M (100 or 150 mg dose) or PP3M (350 or 525 mg dose).⁴

The study consisted of mainly three phases: a screening phase (up to 28 days), a maintenance phase (of one or three months), and a double-blind phase (of 12 months). The maintenance phase was used to stabilise patients on PP1M or PP3M prior to the double-blind phase. Study evaluations included efficacy, pharmacokinetics, pharmacodynamics, and safety. The study's duration varied from approximately 13 months to 19 months.⁴

About Long-Acting Injectables

Long-acting injectables (LAIs) allow for the slow release of a drug into the blood and have been on the market for more than 50 years.⁶ LAI antipsychotics offer a number of advantages compared with oral medication, including not having to remember to take drugs daily, improved patient outcomes, improved patient and physician satisfaction, and lower relapse rates.⁷

About Schizophrenia

Schizophrenia is a chronic and severe brain disorder affecting approximately 20 million people worldwide⁸ and an estimated 3.7 million people in the EU.⁹ The disease is characterised by distortions in thinking, perception, emotions, language, sense of self and behavior leading to neurological impairment, severe disability and increased mortality.⁷

Antipsychotic medication is recognised as an essential component in the treatment of schizophrenia, and adherence to medication plays a critical role in preventing symptoms and relapses.¹⁰ However, nearly 75 percent of patients with schizophrenia

experience a relapse, often driven by non-adherence to prescribed medication.¹¹ Early intervention in schizophrenia may improve patient outcomes as more than 69 percent of people with schizophrenia do not receive appropriate care.⁸

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