

3M Pharmaceuticals and Takeda to Collaborate on Potential Treatment for Cervical High-Risk HPV Infection and Cervical Dysplasia

3M and Takeda Pharmaceutical Company Limited (Takeda) announced today that the two companies entered into an exclusive co-development and joint marketing agreement to collaborate on a potential topical treatment for cervical high-risk human papillomavirus (HPV) infection and cervical dysplasia.

The compound is currently in early stage (Phase I) clinical testing. Under the terms of this agreement, 3M and Takeda will share further costs of development. Upon successful clinical development and regulatory approvals, the companies will jointly commercialize in the United States and European Union. Takeda will retain exclusive rights in Japan and certain Asian countries, and 3M will have exclusive commercialization rights in all other areas of the world.

The compound is part of the family of immune response modifier (IRM) molecules developed by 3M Pharmaceuticals. IRMs act in a novel way to stimulate the human body's immune system to fight virus-infected cells and tumor cells. 3M currently markets Aldara (imiquimod) Cream, 5%, the first topical IRM to be marketed globally, for the treatment of actinic keratosis, primary superficial basal cell carcinoma, and external genital and perianal warts.

"This is an excellent opportunity to advance the development and commercialization of a new pharmacological treatment for HPV infection in women at risk for cervical cancer," said Barry Labinger, division vice president, 3M Pharmaceuticals. "Working with Takeda enables us to combine 3M's proven IRM platform with Takeda's world-renowned leadership in delivering superior pharmaceuticals."

"We are excited to team with 3M on this program," said Yasuchika Hasegawa, president and chief operating officer, Takeda. "Combining 3M's ingenuity and IRM development expertise with Takeda's global development organization and commercialization capabilities will enable us to deliver a potentially innovative treatment for patients."

About HPV

HPV can infect the skin surface in any part of the body and is one of the most common sexually transmitted viruses(1). More than 100 types of HPV exist, including over 20 high-risk types that may cause abnormal cervical Pap smears(2). High-risk HPV is associated with 99.7 percent of cervical cancers(3). Of the 5.7 million abnormal Pap tests annually in the United States, an estimated 3 million represent one form of high-risk cervical HPV infection to be studied under this agreement(4). Additionally, high-risk HPV types in women over 30 years of age are likely to be persistent high-risk infections. Women with persistent high-risk HPV infections are at greater risk for progressing to cervical cancer(5).

The HPV infection market has significant unmet medical needs, including a pharmacological treatment that accelerates regression and prevents progression of cervical HPV infections. According to the American Social Health Association, most cervical HPV infections can be controlled by the woman's own immune system(6). The IRM in development may improve clearance of HPV infection by boosting the immune response for those patients experiencing persistent infection.

Forward-Looking Statements

This press release contains forward-looking statements about the potential of a new IRM molecule under development for the treatment of HPV infection and cervical dysplasia that reflect the current beliefs of 3M and Takeda. However, as with any pharmaceutical under development, there are substantial risks and uncertainties in the process of development and regulatory review. There are no guarantees that the product will be developed, receive regulatory approvals or prove to be commercially successful. 3M and Takeda undertake no duty to update forward-looking statements.

About 3M Pharmaceuticals -- Part of the 3M Health Care Family

3M Health Care, the largest of seven major 3M businesses, is dedicated to improving the practice, delivery and outcome of care in medical, dental, pharmaceutical, health information and personal care markets. 3M Pharmaceuticals, part of the 3M Health Care family, develops, manufactures and sells branded prescription drug products for dermatology, women's health, sexual health, cardiology and respiratory medicine.

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Takeda Pharmaceutical Company Limited is a research-based global company with its main focus on pharmaceuticals. As the largest pharmaceutical company in Japan and one of the industry's leaders worldwide, Takeda is committed to strive toward better health for individuals and progress in medicine by developing superior pharmaceutical products. Takeda is actively dedicated to enhance its pipeline for future growth through alliance as well as in-house R&D activities. For more information, visit www.takeda.com.

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