

Positive topline results demonstrated by olipudase alfa, first and only investigational therapy in late-stage development for acid sphingomyelinase deficiency

- Acid sphingomyelinase deficiency (ASMD) is a rare, progressive and potentially life-threatening disease for which no treatments are approved

PARIS – January 30, 2020 – Olipudase alfa, an investigational recombinant human acid sphingomyelinase, demonstrated positive results in two separate clinical trials evaluating olipudase alfa for the treatment of acid sphingomyelinase deficiency (ASMD) in adult and pediatric patients. Olipudase alfa is the first and only investigational enzyme replacement therapy in late-stage development for the treatment of ASMD. No treatments are currently approved for ASMD.

“These significant results for olipudase alfa mark a major scientific advancement for ASMD and an important step toward providing a potential therapy for adult and pediatric patients who currently have no approved treatment options for this devastating disease,” said John Reed, M.D., Ph.D., Global Head of Research and Development at Sanofi. *“We look forward to engaging with regulatory authorities to bring this potential new treatment to patients.”*

Trial in Adult Patients with ASMD (ASCEND)

The randomized Phase 2/3 trial enrolled 36 adult patients with ASMD across 24 centers in 16 countries. Patients received either placebo or olipudase alfa intravenous infusion every two weeks at a dose of up to 3mg/kg administered every two weeks over 52 weeks.ⁱ

The trial contained two independent primary efficacy endpoints to address separate critical manifestations of ASMD, progressive lung disease and enlarged spleen, which are prominent clinical features in patients with ASMD. The study protocol defines the trial outcome as positive if one of the independent primary endpoints was met.

The first independent primary endpoint measuring improvement in lung function, using the percent predicted diffusing capacity of carbon monoxide (DLco), was met; therefore, ASCEND is declared positive. The relative improvement from baseline to week 52 was 22% for the olipudase alfa arm compared with 3% for the placebo arm. The difference between the two treatment arms (19%) was statistically significant (p=0.0004).

The other independent primary endpoint measuring the effect of olipudase alfa on spleen size, assessed as percent change from baseline in multiples of normal (MN) of spleen

volume, was met per the study protocol. In the olipudase alfa arm, spleen volume was reduced by 39.5%, compared with a 0.5% increase in the placebo arm. The difference between the two treatment arms (40%) was statistically significant ($p < 0.0001$).

For the U.S., the spleen volume endpoint was further combined with a patient-reported outcome (PRO) measurement of symptoms associated with enlarged spleen called Splenomegaly Related Score (SRS). Compared to baseline, the SRS was reduced by 8.0 points in the olipudase alfa arm and 9.3 points in the placebo arm ($p = 0.70$); therefore, this combination endpoint was not met.

“These are important data in a disease with no approved treatments available currently,” said Melissa Wasserstein, MD, Chief, Division of Pediatric Genetic Medicine, Children's Hospital at Montefiore; Professor of Pediatrics and Genetics, Albert Einstein College of Medicine; and an investigator in the ASCEND trial. *“Treatment with olipudase alfa showed clinically meaningful improvement in pulmonary function and reduction in spleen size, critical manifestations of this progressive disease. Both of these findings are consistent across the clinical studies with olipudase alfa. The absence of an effect on SRS in this trial requires exploration, in light of the significant reduction in spleen size.”*

Over the 52-week period, all patients in both the placebo and olipudase alfa arms experienced at least one adverse event. The number of events was lower in the olipudase alfa arm (242 events) compared with the placebo arm (267 events). Severe adverse events were less frequent in the olipudase alfa arm (3 events) compared with the placebo arm (13 events). There were five serious adverse events in the olipudase alfa arm and 11 in the placebo arm, none of which were treatment related. There were no adverse events that led to treatment discontinuation or study withdrawal. The most common adverse events (as defined by percentages of events greater than or equal to 2% and number of patients greater than or equal to two in all olipudase alfa treated patients; occurring with higher percentages in olipudase alfa patients compared to placebo patients) seen in this trial were headache, nasopharyngitis, upper respiratory tract infection, cough, and arthralgia.

Trial in Pediatric Patients with ASMD (ASCEND-Peds)

The single arm, open label Phase 2 trial enrolled 20 pediatric patients (birth to <18 years) with ASMD in six countries. Children with rapidly progressive neurological disease were excluded. The primary objective of the trial was to evaluate the safety and tolerability of olipudase alfa at a dose of up to 3mg/kg administered intravenously every two weeks for 64 weeks.ⁱⁱ

Over the 64-week treatment period, all patients experienced at least one adverse event. These events were mostly mild and moderate, with one patient experiencing a severe and serious (see below) anaphylactic reaction that was considered related to olipudase alfa. Five treatment-related serious adverse events were observed in three patients: two cases of transient, asymptomatic alanine aminotransferase (ALT) increase in one patient, one case each of urticaria and rash in one patient, and one anaphylactic reaction in one

patient. No patients had to permanently discontinue treatment due to an adverse event. The most common adverse events (as defined by percentages of events greater than or equal to 2% and number of patients greater than or equal to two in all olipudase alfa treated patients) seen in this trial were pyrexia, cough, vomiting, nasopharyngitis, diarrhea, headache, upper respiratory tract infection, contusion, abdominal pain, nasal congestion, rash, urticaria, scratch, and epistaxis.

The study also explored secondary endpoints of progressive lung disease and enlarged spleen. After one year of treatment (52 weeks), the percent predicted DLco increased by a mean of 33% in nine patients who were able to perform the test at baseline (children over the age of five were assessed if they were able to perform the test). Additionally, at 52 weeks, the spleen volumes decreased by 49% as assessed by mean MN (individual patient decreases ranged from 23% to 61%).

Results from these trials will be submitted to future medical meetings and will form the basis of global regulatory submissions expected to begin the second half of 2021.

About ASMD

Traditionally referred to as Niemann-Pick Disease (NPD) Type A and Type B, ASMD is a rare, progressive and potentially life-threatening lysosomal storage disorder that results from a deficient activity of the enzyme acid sphingomyelinase (ASM), which is found in special compartments within cells called lysosomes and is required to breakdown lipids called sphingomyelin. If ASM is absent or not functioning as it should, sphingomyelin cannot be metabolized properly and accumulates within cells, eventually causing cell death and the malfunction of major organ systems. The deficiency of the lysosomal enzyme ASM is due to mutations in the sphingomyelin phosphodiesterase 1 gene (*SMPD1*). The estimated prevalence of ASMD is approximately 2,000 patients in the U.S., Europe and Japan.

ASMD represents a spectrum of disease caused by the same enzymatic deficiency, with two types that may represent opposite ends of a continuum sometimes referred to as NPD Type A and Type B. NPD Type A is a rapidly progressive neurological form of the disease resulting in death in early childhood due to central nervous system complications. NPD Type B is a serious and potentially life-threatening disease that predominantly, but not only, impacts the lungs, liver, spleen and heart. NPD Type A/B represents an intermediate form that includes varying degrees of neurologic involvement. Another type of NPD is NPD Type C, which is unrelated to ASMD.

About Olipudase alfa

Olipudase alfa is an investigational enzyme replacement therapy designed to replace deficient or defective ASM, allowing for the breakdown of sphingomyelin. Olipudase alfa is currently being investigated to treat ASMD Type A/B and B. Olipudase alfa has not been studied in NPD Type A patients. Olipudase alfa is an investigational agent and the safety and efficacy have not been evaluated by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), the European Medicines Agency (EMA), or any other regulatory authority.

The FDA has granted *Breakthrough Therapy* designation to olipudase alfa. This designation is intended to expedite the development and review of drugs intended to treat serious or life-threatening diseases and conditions. The criteria for granting *Breakthrough Therapy* designation include preliminary clinical evidence indicating that the molecule may demonstrate substantial improvement over available therapies on a clinically significant endpoint.

The EMA has awarded Priority Medicines, also known as PRIME, designation to olipudase alfa. This designation is designed to aid and expedite the regulatory process for investigational medicines that may offer a major therapeutic advantage over existing treatments, or benefit patients without treatment options.

Olipudase alfa was awarded the SAKIGAKE designation in Japan. SAKIGAKE is intended to promote research and development in Japan for innovative new medical products that satisfy certain criteria, such as the severity of the intended indication.

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