



Amgen Announces Erenumab Significantly Reduces Monthly Migraine Days In Patients With Episodic Migraine In First Phase 3 Study

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Pivotal ARISE Study of Erenumab in Episodic Migraine Prevention Met Primary Endpoint People With Episodic Migraine Experience up to 14 Days of Migraine Each Month and Lose a Substantial Part of Their Lives to Migraine Erenumab Co-Developed by Amgen and Novartis

THOUSAND OAKS, Calif., Sept. 28, 2016 /PRNewswire/ -- Amgen (NASDAQ:AMGN) today announced positive top-line results for erenumab (AMG 334) from a Phase 3, randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled study to evaluate the efficacy and safety of erenumab in migraine prevention (ARISE). These data showed the ARISE study met the primary endpoint, demonstrating a statistically significant reduction from baseline in monthly migraine days in patients with episodic migraine treated with erenumab compared with placebo at 12 weeks. Erenumab is specifically designed to prevent migraine by blocking the Calcitonin Gene-Related Peptide (CGRP) receptor, which is believed to have a critical role in mediating the incapacitating pain of migraine.

"People with episodic migraine lose a substantial part of their lives to migraine, and many face intolerable pain and physical impairment, frequently accompanied by a significant disruption of their daily activities. Unfortunately, there are limited preventive treatment options currently available for these patients," said Sean E. Harper, M.D., executive vice president of Research and Development at Amgen. "These positive results, along with the recent chronic migraine results, contribute to the growing body of evidence supporting erenumab as an innovative treatment option for people who are suffering from this debilitating disease."

A total of 577 patients were randomized to receive either placebo or erenumab 70 mg subcutaneously, once monthly. Patients enrolled in the ARISE study were experiencing between four and 14 migraine days each month, with an average of eight migraine days per month at baseline. Those receiving erenumab experienced a statistically significant 2.9-day reduction from baseline in monthly migraine days, as compared to a 1.8-day reduction in the placebo arm.

The safety profile of erenumab was similar to placebo and consistent with previously reported studies. The most common adverse events were upper respiratory tract infection, injection site pain and nasopharyngitis.

Further analysis of these data is ongoing and will be submitted to a future medical conference and for publication. The STRIVE* study, a second Phase 3 episodic migraine study evaluating both 70 mg and 140 mg doses for 24 weeks, is expected to be completed by the end of this year. Positive results from a Phase 2 study of erenumab in chronic migraine prevention were also announced earlier this year.

Erenumab is being co-developed by Amgen and Novartis. As part of the collaboration, Amgen retained commercialization rights in the U.S., Canada and Japan, and Novartis has rights in Europe and the rest of the world.

**STRIVE is a Phase 3, randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled study to Evaluate the Efficacy and Safety of AMG 334 in Migraine Prevention.*

About the ARISE Study

The ARISE study (20120297) is a global Phase 3, multicenter, randomized, 12-week, double-blind, placebo-controlled study evaluating the safety and efficacy of erenumab in episodic migraine prevention. In the study, 577 patients were randomized to receive once-monthly subcutaneous placebo or erenumab (70 mg) in a 1:1 ratio. Trial participants who completed the double-blinded portion had the option to continue in a long-term safety extension. Patients enrolled in ARISE were experiencing between four to 14 migraine days each month. The primary endpoint was change in monthly migraine days from baseline to the last four weeks of the 12-week treatment phase (the number of migraine days between weeks 9 and 12). Secondary study endpoints included reduction of at least 50 percent from baseline in monthly migraine days and change from baseline in monthly acute migraine-specific medication treatment days. The Migraine Physical Function Impact Diary (MPFID), a scale developed to measure impact of migraine on physical function and impact on everyday activities, assessed two other secondary endpoints.

About Erenumab

Erenumab is a fully human monoclonal antibody specifically designed for the prevention of migraine. Erenumab targets and blocks the Calcitonin Gene-Related Peptide (CGRP) receptor, thought to be pivotal in the genesis of migraine. Erenumab is currently being studied in several large global, randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled trials to assess its safety and efficacy in migraine prevention.

About Migraine

People with migraine face intolerable pain and physical impairment, which is frequently accompanied by nausea, vomiting and significant disruption of daily activities.¹ The World Health Organization (WHO) ranks migraine as one of the most debilitating illnesses. Migraine is associated with personal and societal burdens of pain, disability, and financial cost, and it remains under-recognized and under-treated with more than 40 percent of people going undiagnosed.^{2,3} Worldwide, approximately 90 percent of people diagnosed with migraine have episodic migraine, which is characterized by up to 14 migraine days a month.⁴ The remaining 10 percent have chronic migraine, which is characterized by at least 15 headache days per month, of which 8 or more are migraine days, for more than three months.

About Amgen and Novartis Neuroscience Collaboration

In August 2015, Amgen entered into a global collaboration with Novartis to jointly develop and commercialize pioneering treatments in the field of migraine and Alzheimer's disease (AD). The collaboration focuses on investigational Amgen drugs in the migraine field, including erenumab (currently in Phase 3 studies for episodic migraine) and AMG 301 (currently in a Phase 1 study). For the migraine program, Amgen retains commercialization rights in the U.S., Canada and Japan, and Novartis has commercialization rights in Europe and rest of world. Also, the companies are partnering in the development and commercialization of a beta-secretase 1 (BACE) inhibitor program in AD. Novartis' oral therapy CNP520 (currently in a Phase 2 study for AD) will be the lead molecule and further compounds from both companies' pre-clinical BACE inhibitor programs may be considered as

follow-on molecules.

About Amgen

Amgen is committed to unlocking the potential of biology for patients suffering from serious illnesses by discovering, developing, manufacturing and delivering innovative human therapeutics. This approach begins by using tools like advanced human genetics to unravel the complexities of disease and understand the fundamentals of human biology.

Amgen focuses on areas of high unmet medical need and leverages its expertise to strive for solutions that improve health outcomes and dramatically improve people's lives. A biotechnology pioneer since 1980, Amgen has grown to be one of the world's leading independent biotechnology companies, has reached millions of patients around the world and is developing a pipeline of medicines with breakaway potential.

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No forward-looking statement can be guaranteed and actual results may differ materially from those we project. Discovery or identification of new product candidates or development of new indications for existing products cannot be guaranteed and movement from concept to product is uncertain; consequently, there can be no guarantee that any particular product candidate or development of a new indication for an existing product will be successful and become a commercial product. Further, preclinical results do not guarantee safe and effective performance of product candidates in humans. The complexity of the human body cannot be perfectly, or sometimes, even adequately modeled by computer or cell culture systems or animal models. The length of time that it takes for us to complete clinical trials and obtain regulatory approval for product marketing has in the past varied and we expect similar variability in the future. Even when clinical trials are successful, regulatory authorities may question the sufficiency for approval of the trial endpoints we have selected. We develop product candidates internally and through licensing collaborations, partnerships and joint ventures. Product candidates that are derived from relationships may be subject to disputes between the parties or may prove to be not as effective or as safe as we may have believed at the time of entering into such relationship. Also, we or others could identify safety, side effects or manufacturing problems with our products after they are on the market.

Our results may be affected by our ability to successfully market both new and existing products domestically and internationally, clinical and regulatory developments involving current and future products, sales growth of recently launched products, competition from other products including biosimilars, difficulties or delays in manufacturing our products and global economic conditions. In addition, sales of our products are affected by pricing pressure, political and public scrutiny and reimbursement policies imposed by third-party payers, including governments, private insurance plans and managed care providers and may be affected by regulatory, clinical and guideline developments and domestic and international trends toward managed care and healthcare cost containment. Furthermore, our research, testing, pricing, marketing and other operations are subject to extensive regulation by domestic and foreign government regulatory authorities. We or others could identify safety, side effects or manufacturing problems with our products after they are on the market. Our business may be impacted by government investigations, litigation and product liability claims. In addition, our business may be impacted by the adoption of new tax legislation or exposure to additional tax liabilities. If we fail to meet the compliance obligations in the corporate integrity agreement between us and the U.S. government, we could become subject to significant sanctions. Further, while we routinely obtain patents for our products and technology, the protection offered by our patents and patent applications may be challenged, invalidated or circumvented by our competitors, or we may fail to prevail in present and future intellectual property litigation. We perform a substantial amount of our commercial manufacturing activities at a few key facilities and also depend on third parties for a portion of our manufacturing activities, and limits on supply may constrain sales of certain of our current products and product candidate development. In addition, we compete with other companies with respect to many of our marketed products as well as for the discovery and development of new products. Further, some raw materials, medical devices and component parts for our products are supplied by sole third-party suppliers. The discovery of significant problems with a product similar to one of our products that implicate an entire class of products could have a material adverse effect on sales of the affected products and on our business and results of operations. Our efforts to acquire other companies or products and to integrate the operations of companies we have acquired may not be successful. We may not be able to access the capital and credit markets on terms that are favorable to us, or at all. We are increasingly dependent on information technology systems, infrastructure and data security. Our stock price is volatile and may be affected by a number of events. Our business performance could affect or limit the ability of our Board of Directors to declare a dividend or our ability to pay a dividend or repurchase our common stock.

The scientific information discussed in this news release related to our product candidates is preliminary and investigative. Such product candidates are not approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, and no conclusions can or should be drawn regarding the safety or effectiveness of the product candidates.

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