

Oryzon Genomics reaffirms its commitment to the research in neurodegenerative diseases on the World Multiple Sclerosis Day

The company has a drug, ORY-2001, in Phase IIa clinical trial in Multiple Sclerosis

Today, 30th May, is **World Multiple Sclerosis Day 2018**. Oryzon Genomics, a public clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company leveraging epigenetics to develop therapies in diseases with strong unmet medical need, is developing **ORY-2001** for the treatment of Central Nervous System (CNS) diseases, like Multiple Sclerosis (MS). **At the end of October 2017 Oryzon received the approval from the Spanish Medicines Agency to start a Phase IIa clinical trial with ORY-2001 in MS, which is currently ongoing, with patient recruitment having started in January 2018.** This study is a randomised, double-blind, 36 weeks study to evaluate the safety and tolerability of ORY-2001 in patients with Relapsing-Remitting Multiple Sclerosis (RRMS) and Secondary Progressive Multiple Sclerosis (SPMS). At the international conference on MS ACTRIMS Forum 2018, which took place in San Diego last February, the company reported new data on the efficacy of ORY-2001 in animal models for MS, showing that ORY-2001 significantly reduced the clinical score, improved motor activity, reduced inflammatory cell infiltration and improved axonal integrity. In addition to the Phase IIa study in MS, ORY-2001 is currently in another Phase IIa clinical trial, in Alzheimer's.

ORY-2001 is an orally administered, brain penetrant drug that selectively inhibits LSD1 and MAOB. The molecule has been shown to reduce cognitive impairment and neuroinflammation in preclinical models, and exerts neuroprotective effects. LSD1 is an epigenetic modulator, which regulates histone methylation and modulates gene expression patterns. Epigenetic approaches to modify the progression of various neurodegenerative diseases, which focus on the production of changes in gene expression patterns in brain cells, have generated interest in the pharmaceutical industry.

Multiple sclerosis is an autoimmune disease that is caused by recurrent inflammatory attacks on the CNS due to a malfunction of the immune system, leading to neurological disability. Data from the World Health Organization (WHO) estimate that the global prevalence is 30 cases per 100,000 inhabitants and the estimated incidence is approximately 2.5 cases per 100,000 inhabitants. MS affects approximately 2.5 million people worldwide each year and is the most debilitating neurological disease in young adults.

About Oryzon

Founded in 2000 in Barcelona, Spain, Oryzon (ISIN Code: ES0167733015) is a clinical stage biopharmaceutical company considered as the European champion in Epigenetics. The company has one of the strongest portfolios in the field. Oryzon's LSD1 program has rendered two compounds in clinical trials. In addition, Oryzon has ongoing programs for developing inhibitors against other epigenetic targets. The company has a strong technological platform for biomarker identification and performs biomarker and target validation for a variety of malignant and neurodegenerative diseases. The company has offices in Spain and USA. For more information, visit www.oryzon.com.

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