



Zynerba Pharmaceuticals Announces Positive Top Line Data from BELIEVE 1 Open Label Phase 2 Study of Zygel™ in Developmental and Epileptic Encephalopathies (DEE)

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- Study Achieves a 44% Median Seizure Reduction in Focal Impaired Awareness (Complex Partial) and Convulsive Seizures in DEE Patients by Month Two; Reductions were Sustained through Month Six of Treatment with Zygel -
- At Least 42% of these Patients Experienced a ≥50% Improvement from Month Two through Month Six -
- Qualitative Assessments Demonstrate Improvements in Seizure Intensity and Duration, and Socio-behavioral and Cognitive Impairments -

DEVON, Pa., Sept. 18, 2019 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Zynerba Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (NASDAQ:ZYNE), the leader in innovative pharmaceutically-produced transdermal cannabinoid therapies for rare and near-rare neuropsychiatric disorders, today announced positive top line results from the open label Phase 2 BELIEVE 1 (Open Label Study to Assess the Safety and Efficacy of Zygel™ (ZYN002) Administered as a Transdermal Gel to Children and Adolescents with Developmental and Epileptic Encephalopathy) clinical trial. The trial assessed the safety and efficacy of Zygel in developmental and epileptic encephalopathies (DEE), a heterogeneous group of rare pediatric epilepsy syndromes, including Dravet syndrome (DS) and Lennox-Gastaut syndrome (LGS). DEE is characterized by the presence of multiple focal and generalized seizure types and severe cognitive and behavioral impairment. The most common and debilitating seizure types in people with epilepsy are focal impaired-awareness and convulsive seizures. Patients who experienced these seizure types achieved 44% to 58% monthly median reductions in seizures compared to baseline from month two to month six of treatment with Zygel. Further, qualitative assessments by caregivers in the study demonstrate that use of Zygel may result in improved socio-behavioral and cognitive symptoms of DEE. Zygel was also well tolerated in this study.

“The data from the BELIEVE 1 clinical trial are promising and suggest that Zygel may reduce seizure frequency in many types of difficult to treat developmental and epileptic encephalopathies and improve important behavior deficits, alertness, social interactions, and enable the child to be well enough to attend school more consistently,” said Ingrid Scheffer, AO, MBBS, PhD, FRACP, Professor and Chair, Paediatric Neurology Research, The University of Melbourne, and an investigator in the BELIEVE 1 trial. “DEE are the most challenging and poorly controlled epilepsy disorders with many symptoms that adversely affect patient and family function. I believe that this drug holds promise as a potential treatment for DEE.”

“We are encouraged by the positive top line results of the BELIEVE 1 trial of Zygel in children and adolescents with DEE, and we believe these data represent an important step forward for these patients and their families,” said Armando Anido, Zynerba’s Chairman and Chief Executive Officer. “These results suggest that Zygel may produce clinically meaningful reductions in seizures and may improve many of the difficult behaviors and symptoms, such as seizure intensity, fatigue, social isolation, poor cognition, and language deficits. Once we complete our analyses of the data, we intend to seek a meeting with the FDA, likely in the first half of next year, to discuss the clinical pathway to approval.”

Study Design

The six-month BELIEVE 1 clinical trial is an exploratory open label multi-dose Phase 2 clinical trial designed to evaluate the safety and efficacy of Zygel in children and adolescents (three to <18 years) with DEE as classified by the International League Against Epilepsy (ILAE) (Scheffer et al. 2017). Forty-eight patients with confirmed DEE were enrolled in the clinical trial and are included in the safety data for the trial. Forty-six patients are included in the modified intent-to-treat population (mITT). The two patients excluded from the intent-to-treat population included one patient who did not complete 80% of their seizure diaries and a second patient who did not complete a minimum of eighty days of treatment. Enrolled patients received weight-based initial doses of 250 mg or 500 mg daily of Zygel. Patients could be titrated up to 1,000 mg daily.

Baseline Patient Demographics

The BELIEVE 1 trial enrolled 48 patients between the ages of three and 16 (mean=10.5; median=10.0). Fifty-four percent of patients were male, and 46% were female. Patients weighed between 14.3 and 110 kilograms (mean=39.3; median=36.1). Patient BMI ranged between 12.5 and 35.4 (mean=19.2; median=18.6).

Top-line Efficacy Results

Of the 46 patients in the mITT population, 33 (72%) had focal impaired-awareness seizures (FIAS; previously known as complex partial seizures) and/or convulsive seizures (focal to bilateral tonic-clonic seizures and generalized tonic-clonic seizures) at baseline. These patients experienced a mean baseline seizure count of 64 FIAS and/or convulsive seizures, and a median baseline seizure count of 8.2 FIAS and/or convulsive seizures. Compared to baseline seizure frequency, these patients experienced a ≥44% median reduction in seizures from month two onwards using monthly seizure frequency normalized to 28 days (SF28).

Fifty-five percent (55%) of patients with FIAS and/or convulsive seizures experienced a ≥50% median reduction in seizures at month six of treatment with Zygel.

FIAS and convulsive seizures	Month 1 (n=33)	Month 2 (n=33)	Month 3 (n=33)	Month 4 (n=32)	Month 5 (n=32)	Month 6 (n=29)
Median % reduction in seizure frequency	16%	44%	44%	47%	58%	51%

≥50% responder rate 30% 42% 46% 47% 63% 55%

Thirteen of the 46 patients had a variety of non-FIAS and non-convulsive seizure types at baseline. The number of individual seizure types in these patients was too small to draw definitive conclusions and further analyses are warranted.

Patients with either DS or LGS who experienced FIAS and/or convulsive seizures (n=11) experienced a 51% median reduction in FIAS and/or convulsive seizures at month six of treatment compared to baseline. Sixty percent (60%) of patients with DS or LGS experienced a ≥50% median reduction in FIAS or convulsive seizures at month six of treatment with Zylgel.

Lennox-Gastaut and Dravet syndromes	Month 1 (n=11)	Month 2 (n=11)	Month 3 (n=11)	Month 4 (n=11)	Month 5 (n=11)	Month 6 (n=10)
Median % reduction in seizure frequency	18%	6%	46%	23%	63%	51%
≥50% responder rate	36%	36%	46%	40%	64%	60%

Safety data

Zylgel was well tolerated, and the safety profile was consistent with previously released data from Zylgel clinical trials. Eight patients discontinued the study; one discontinued as a result of an application site reaction, and seven discontinued as a result of withdrawal of consent or perceived lack of efficacy. Through six months of therapy, ninety-six percent (96%) of patients experienced a treatment emergent adverse event (TEAE) and 60% of patients experienced a treatment related adverse event. Most were mild to moderate. The most common treatment related adverse events (in >5% of patients) are application site dryness (8.3%), application site pain (8.3%), and somnolence (8.3%). Ten patients reported a serious adverse event (SAE); most were infection-related. Two SAEs (lower respiratory tract infection and status epilepticus) were determined to be possibly related to treatment. There were no patient deaths during the study.

Qualitative analysis of the impact of Zylgel on behavioral and cognitive symptoms

Parents and caregivers were asked to provide a qualitative assessment regarding their child's overall experiences during treatment with Zylgel. The experiences of 43 patients are summarized below.

- 58% reported improved vitality (e.g. alertness / awareness, energy)
- 51% reported improvement in seizures
- 47% reported improved cognition and concentration
- 44% reported improved socially avoidant behaviors
- 28% reported that their child attended school on time / more often
- 26% reported difficulty in application of the gel to their child (e.g. time it takes for gel to dry)

About Developmental and Epileptic Encephalopathies (DEE)

DEE is a heterogeneous group of epilepsy syndromes that may be associated with severe cognitive impairment and behavioral disturbances. These disorders are often progressive, and are highly resistant to treatment. DEE includes a number of rare and ultra-rare epilepsy syndromes including early myoclonic encephalopathy, epileptic encephalopathy with continuous spike and wave during sleep, and certain syndromes including Ohtahara, West, Landau-Kleffner, Lennox-Gastaut, Doose and Dravet. Improved seizure control may have a positive impact on development and quality of life.

About Zynerva Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

Zynerva Pharmaceuticals is the leader in pharmaceutically-produced transdermal cannabinoid therapies for rare and near-rare neuropsychiatric disorders. We are committed to improving the lives of patients and their families living with severe, chronic health conditions including Fragile X syndrome, autism spectrum disorder, 22q11.2 deletion syndrome, and a heterogeneous group of rare and ultra-rare epilepsies known as developmental and epileptic encephalopathies. Learn more at www.zynerva.com and follow us on Twitter at @ZynervaPharma.

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