

# News release

## **Kyowa Kirin Announces Launch of Crysvita<sup>®</sup> in Japan**

*CRYSVITA is first in class medicine for X-linked hypophosphataemia that targets the underlying cause of FGF23-related hypophosphatemic rickets and osteomalacia.*

**Tokyo, Japan, December 2, 2019** – Kyowa Kirin Co., Ltd. (TSE: 4151, President and CEO: Masashi Miyamoto, "Kyowa Kirin") announces today that Crysvita<sup>®</sup> (burosumab) will be launched in Japan on December 6, 2019.

Crysvita is a recombinant fully human monoclonal IgG1 antibody, discovered by Kyowa Kirin, and is the first drug that directly targets fibroblast growth factor 23 (FGF23), a “phosphaturic” hormone. FGF23 reduces serum levels of phosphorus by regulating phosphate excretion and vitamin D activation in the kidney.

Crysvita has been developed to treat FGF23-related hypophosphatemic diseases, such as X-linked hypophosphatemia (XLH) and tumor-induced osteomalacia (TIO). On September 20, 2019, Crysvita was approved for the treatment of FGF23-related hypophosphatemic rickets and osteomalacia in Japan.

“With this launch of Crysvita, patients in Japan with FGF23-related hypophosphatemic rickets and osteomalacia will have access to the only treatment that targets the underlying cause of this debilitating disorder,” said Hiroshi Sugitani Managing Executive Officer, Vice President Head of Sales & Marketing Division, Kyowa Kirin. “Through this product, we will support patients and healthcare professionals in Japan.”

Crysvita has been given orphan drug designation by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (MHLW) in Japan for FGF23-related hypophosphatemic rickets and osteomalacia.

By blocking excess activities of FGF23 in patients, Crysvita restores phosphate reabsorption by the kidney, and increases the activation of vitamin D, which enhances intestinal absorption of phosphate. Thus, hypophosphatemia as well as bone mineralization defects can be ameliorated.

Kyowa Kirin and Ultragenyx Pharmaceutical Inc. (Ultragenyx) have been collaborating in the development and commercialization of burosumab globally based on a license agreement between

the two companies.

The Kyowa Kirin Group companies strive to contribute to the health and well-being of people around the world by creating new value through the pursuit of advances in life sciences and technologies.

### **About FGF23-related Hypophosphatemic Rickets and Osteomalacia**

FGF23-related hypophosphatemic rickets and osteomalacia is an inclusive term for diseases caused by excessive actions of FGF23, which leads to impaired phosphate reabsorption in the renal proximal tubules. In Japan, the disease corresponds to vitamin D resistant rickets and osteomalacia (Intractable Diseases) and primary hypophosphataemic rickets and vitamin D resistant osteomalacia (Specific Pediatric Chronic Diseases). The term also encompasses diseases, such as X-linked hypophosphatemia (XLH), tumor-induced osteomalacia (TIO) and epidermal nevus syndrome (ENS). These diseases are rare, and characterized by skeletal disorders associated with renal phosphate wasting.

The excess production of FGF23 in XLH patients is caused by inactivating mutations in the *PHEX* (phosphate-regulating gene with homologies to endopeptidases on the X chromosome) gene while ADHR (autosomal dominant hypophosphatemic rickets) patients are reported to be the result of FGF23 gene mutations. Other relevant diseases of FGF23-related hypophosphatemic rickets and osteomalacia are TIO, in which excess FGF23 production is caused by tumors and ENS, in which it is caused by skin lesions.

### **About Crysvida (burosumab)**

Crysvida (burosumab) is a recombinant fully human monoclonal IgG1 antibody, discovered by Kyowa Kirin Co., Ltd. against the phosphaturic hormone FGF23. FGF23 is a hormone that reduces serum levels of phosphorus and active vitamin D by regulating phosphate excretion and active vitamin D production by the kidney. Phosphate wasting in FGF23-related hypophosphatemic rickets and osteomalacia is caused by excessive levels and activity of FGF23. Crysvida is designed to bind to and thereby inhibit the biological activity of FGF23. By blocking excess FGF23 in patients, Crysvida is intended to increase phosphate reabsorption from the kidney and increase the production of vitamin D, which enhances intestinal absorption of phosphate and calcium.

In 2018, the European Commission granted a conditional marketing authorization for Crysvida for the treatment of XLH with radiographic evidence of bone disease in children one year of age and older and in adolescents with growing skeletons. In the same year, Crysvida received approval from the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and Health Canada for pediatric and adult use.

### **About Kyowa Kirin**

Kyowa Kirin commits to innovative drug discovery driven by state-of-the-art technologies. The company focuses on creating new value in the four therapeutic areas: nephrology, oncology, immunology/allergy and neurology. Under the Kyowa Kirin brand, employees from 36 group companies across North America, EMEA and Asia/Oceania unite to champion the interests of patients and their caregivers in discovering solutions wherever there are unmet medical needs. You can learn more about the business of Kyowa Kirin at <https://www.kyowakirin.com>.

### **About Ultragenyx Pharmaceutical Inc.**

Ultragenyx (NASDAQ: RARE) is a biopharmaceutical company committed to bringing to patients novel products for the treatment of serious rare and ultra-rare genetic diseases. The company has built a diverse portfolio of approved therapies and product candidates aimed at addressing diseases with high unmet medical need and clear biology for treatment, for which there are no approved therapies treating the underlying disease.

The company is led by a management team experienced in the development and commercialization of rare disease therapeutics. Ultragenyx's strategy is predicated upon time- and cost-efficient drug development, with the goal of delivering safe and effective therapies to patients with the utmost urgency.

For more information on Ultragenyx, please visit the Company's website at [www.ultragenyx.com](http://www.ultragenyx.com).

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