MERZ NEUROSCIENCES ANNOUNCES NEW DATA PRESENTATIONS AT THE 2015 AMERICAN ACADEMY OF NEUROLOGY (AAN) ANNUAL MEETING

RALEIGH, N.C. – APRIL 17, 2015 – BUSINESS WIRE – Merz Neurosciences, a division of Merz North America (US affiliate of the global Merz Pharma Group), announced today that the below three poster presentations will be shown at the 67th Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Neurology, which will be held April 18-25, 2015 in Washington, D.C.

The posters and their presentation times are as follows:

1. XCIaBLE: An Observational, Prospective Trial Evaluating Xeomin (incobotulinumtoxinA) for Cervical Dystonia or Blepharospasm in the United States - Final Results from the Cervical Dystonia Cohort. Hubert H. Fernandez, Fernando Pagan, Fabio Danisi, David Greeley, Kapil Sethi. Poster # P3.009. POSTER PRESENTATION. Tuesday, 4/21/2015 from 5:00:00 PM to 6:30:00 PM

2. XCIaBLE: An Observational, Prospective Trial Evaluating Xeomin (incobotulinumtoxinA) for Cervical Dystonia or Blepharospasm in the United States - Final Results from the Blepharospasm Cohort. Hubert H. Fernandez, Joseph Jankovic, John Holds, Daniel Lin, John Burns, Kapil Sethi. Poster # P4.331. POSTER PRESENTATION Wednesday, 4/22/2015 from 7:30:00 AM to 9:00:00 AM.

3. A Structured Interview Evaluating Botulinum Toxin Type A Treatments for Blepharospasm. Kapil Sethi, John Fezza, John Burns, Julie Woodward, Daniel Truong, Thomas Hedges. Poster # P4.328. POSTER PRESENTATION Wednesday, 4/22/2015 from 7:30:00 AM to 9:00:00 AM

"Merz Neurosciences continues to invest in the future of treatment for movement disorders and other neurologic conditions, through both global and local research and development programs. We remain committed to meeting the needs of patients and physicians within the neurosciences space, and we look forward to presenting new clinical data at this year’s American Academy of Neurology Annual Meeting," said Glenn Block, Vice President and Head – US Neurosciences for Merz North America.

About Merz Neurosciences
Merz Neurosciences is a division of Merz North America, a specialty healthcare company that develops and commercializes treatment solutions in aesthetics, dermatology and neurosciences in the U.S. and Canada. Merz Neurosciences is committed to providing high-quality products and outstanding service to physicians in the fields of neurology, physiatry and otolaryngology. By developing products that improve patients’ health and help them to live better, feel better and look better, Merz will continue to make significant contributions to the well-being
of individuals around the world. Merz Neurosciences is an important contributor to the U.S. neurosciences space, offering a well-balanced product portfolio that includes the neurotoxin Xeomin® (incobotulinumtoxinA), the anticholinergic Cuvposa™ (glycopyrrolate) Oral Solution and the Prolaryn™ family of products.

For more information about Merz Neurosciences and their U.S. product portfolio, please visit www.merzusa.com.

About Xeomin® (incobotulinumtoxinA)

INDICATIONS

XEOMIN® is a prescription medicine that is injected into muscles and used:

- to treat the abnormal head position and neck pain that happens with cervical dystonia (CD) in adults.
- to treat abnormal spasm of the eyelids (blepharospasm) in adults who have had prior treatment with onabotulinumtoxinA (Botox®).

IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

XEOMIN® may cause serious side effects that can be life threatening. Call your doctor or get medical help right away if you have any of these problems any time (hours to weeks) after treatment with XEOMIN:

- Problems with swallowing, speaking, or breathing can happen after an injection of XEOMIN if the muscles that you use to breathe and swallow become weak. If these problems are severe, you could die. People with certain breathing problems may need to use muscles in their neck to help them breathe and may be at greater risk for serious breathing problems with XEOMIN.
- Swallowing problems may last for several months, and during that time you may need a feeding tube to receive food and water. If swallowing problems are severe, food or liquids may go into your lungs. People who already have swallowing or breathing problems before receiving XEOMIN have the highest risk of getting these problems.
- Spread of toxin effects. In some cases, the effect of botulinum toxin may affect areas of the body away from the injection site and cause symptoms of a serious condition called botulism. The symptoms of botulism include: loss of strength and muscle weakness all over the body, double vision, blurred vision and drooping eyelids, hoarseness or change or loss of voice, trouble saying words clearly, loss of bladder control, trouble breathing, trouble swallowing.

Do not take XEOMIN if you: are allergic to XEOMIN or any of the ingredients in XEOMIN; had an allergic reaction to any other botulinum toxin product such as rimabotulinumtoxinB (Myobloc®), onabotulinumtoxinA (Botox®, Botox® Cosmetic), or abobotulinumtoxinA (Dysport®); have a skin infection at the planned injection site.
Before you take XEOMIN, tell your doctor about all your medical conditions, including if you have a disease that affects your muscles and nerves (such as amyotrophic lateral sclerosis [ALS or Lou Gehrig’s disease], myasthenia gravis or Lambert-Eaton syndrome), as you may be at increased risk of serious side effects including difficulty swallowing or breathing. Tell your doctor if you have: had any side effect from any other botulinum toxin in the past; breathing problems such as asthma or emphysema; a history of swallowing problems or inhaling food or fluid into your lungs (aspiration); bleeding problems; drooping eyelids; plans to have surgery; had surgery on your face. Also tell your doctor if you are pregnant or plan to become pregnant (it is not known if XEOMIN can harm your unborn baby); are breastfeeding or plan to breastfeed (it is not known if XEOMIN passes into breast milk).

Tell your doctor about all the medicines you take, including prescription and nonprescription medicines, vitamins and herbal products. Using XEOMIN with certain other medicines may cause serious side effects. Do not start any new medicines until you have told your doctor that you have received XEOMIN in the past.

Especially tell your doctor if you have received any other botulinum toxin product in the last four months or in the past. Be sure your doctor knows exactly which product you received. The dose of XEOMIN may be different from other botulinum toxin products that you have received. Tell your doctor if you: have recently received an antibiotic by injection; take muscle relaxants; take an allergy or cold medicine; take a sleep medicine; take a blood thinner medicine.

XEOMIN may cause loss of strength or general muscle weakness, blurred vision, or drooping eyelids within hours to weeks of taking XEOMIN. If this happens, do not drive a car, operate machinery, or do other dangerous activities.

XEOMIN may cause other serious side effects including allergic reactions. Symptoms of an allergic reaction to XEOMIN may include: itching, rash, redness, swelling, wheezing, asthma symptoms, or dizziness or feeling faint. Tell your doctor or get medical help right away if you get wheezing or asthma symptoms, or if you get dizzy or faint.

Other side effects of XEOMIN include: dry mouth, discomfort or pain at the injection site, tiredness, headache, neck pain, muscle weakness, and eye problems, including double vision, blurred vision, drooping eyelids, swelling of your eyelids, and dry eyes. Reduced blinking can also occur. Tell your doctor or get medical help right away if you have eye pain or irritation following treatment.

Tell your doctor if you have any side effect that bothers you or that does not go away. These are not all the possible side effects of XEOMIN. For more information, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

You are encouraged to report negative side effects of prescription drugs to the FDA. Visit www.fda.gov/medwatch or call 1-800-FDA-1088.

For more information, please see XEOMIN full Prescribing Information and Medication Guide.
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