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Preliminary results for phase III study evaluating CellCept in lupus nephritis

Aspreva Pharmaceuticals Corporation and Roche today released preliminary results for a clinical phase III trial comparing CellCept (oral mycophenolate mofetil, MMF) to intravenous cyclophosphamide (IVC), which is the current standard of care, for inducing treatment response in the induction phase of patients suffering from lupus nephritis.

Although response rates were similar in both arms, the trial did not meet its primary objective of demonstrating that MMF was superior to IVC in inducing treatment response in this disease. The results relate to the induction phase of this study, which was designed to measure treatment response in patients after 24 weeks of induction therapy with 185 patients in the MMF arm and 185 in the IVC arm. The results indicate similar treatment responses were observed, with 56.2% in the MMF arm and 53% in the IVC arm. Additional analyses are ongoing to determine the potential for regulatory submission, and Aspreva plans to present the final results at an appropriate scientific forum in the future.

Based on preliminary analysis, it appears that, in general, the adverse events experienced by patients in both arms of the study are consistent with those observed in lupus nephritis patients receiving immunosuppressive therapy. Overall incidence of adverse events was comparable in both treatment arms.

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About Lupus Nephritis

Systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE), commonly called lupus, is a chronic autoimmune disease that causes the body to attack its own tissues and joints. Lupus nephritis, considered life threatening but rare, is the most serious manifestation of the disease, which, if left untreated, can lead to kidney failure, requiring dialysis and potentially death. It is a complicated disease as patients typically

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fluctuate between periods of intense disease activity when the patient's own immune system is actively attacking and causing damage in their kidney, interspersed with periods of remission. Clinicians estimate that one third to one half of lupus patients have lupus nephritis. There has been no new approved treatment for SLE or lupus nephritis in the United States in over forty years. Current treatments involve the off-label use of existing cancer drugs such as cyclophosphamide, steroids, and other immunosuppressant drugs such as azathioprine.

About CellCept

CellCept is Roche's leading immunosuppressant or "anti-rejection" drug. It is used in combination with other immunosuppressive drugs (cyclosporine and corticosteroids) for the prevention of rejection in patients receiving heart, kidney and liver transplants. CellCept was first approved for use in combination therapy for the prevention of acute organ rejection in kidney transplantation in 1995 and has since been approved worldwide for prevention of organ rejection in adult kidney, heart and liver transplantation. This therapeutic success in the prevention of organ rejection in adult kidney, heart and liver transplantation represents 11 years of clinical experience and patient benefits, including reduced toxicities and prolonged graft and patient survival. In July 2003, Aspreva signed a collaboration agreement with Roche for the exclusive worldwide rights (excluding Japan) to develop and, upon regulatory approval, commercialise CellCept for all autoimmune disease applications. It is important to note that CellCept has not been approved by the FDA for the treatment of any autoimmune disease.

About Aspreva Pharmaceuticals

Aspreva is a global pharmaceutical company focused on identifying, developing, and, upon approval, commercialising evidence-based medicines for patients living with less common diseases. Aspreva common stock is traded on the NASDAQ Global Select Market under the trading symbol "ASPV" and on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the trading symbol "ASV". Learn more at www.aspreva.com.

About Roche

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Roche Commences Tender Offer for Ventana for $75 Per Share in Cash

Roche (SWX: ROG.VX; RO.S), a world-leading healthcare provider of pharmaceuticals and diagnostics, today announced that it has commenced a cash tender offer for all outstanding shares of common stock of Ventana Medical Systems Inc. (NASDAQ: VMSI) in furtherance of Roche's previously announced proposal to acquire Ventana. The complete terms, conditions and other details of the Roche offer will be filed later today with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

Under the terms of the tender offer, Roche is offering to acquire Ventana for $75.00 per share in cash, or an aggregate of approximately $3 billion. This offer represents a 44% premium to Ventana's close of $51.95 on June 22, 2007 (the last trading day before Roche submitted its proposal in writing to Ventana) and a 55% premium to its three-month average of $48.30.

The offer and withdrawal rights are scheduled to expire at 12:00 midnight, New York City time on Thursday, July 26, 2007, unless the offer is extended.

The offer will be conditioned upon, among other things, the tender of a majority of Ventana's shares of common stock on a fully diluted basis, Ventana's Board taking all necessary actions to make its shareholder rights plan inapplicable to Roche's offer, receipt of necessary regulatory approvals, and other customary conditions. The Roche proposal is a fully financed, all-cash transaction, with no significant anticipated regulatory hurdles to completion.

The complete terms and conditions will be set out in the Offer to Purchase, which will be filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission today, June 27, 2007. Ventana stockholders may obtain copies of all of the offering documents, including the Offer to Purchase, free of charge at the SEC's website (www.sec.gov) or by directing a request to MacKenzie Partners, Inc., the Information Agent for the offer, at (212) 929-5500 OR (800) 322-2885 (TOLL-FREE).

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Greenhill & Co. and Citi are acting as financial advisors to Roche and Davis Polk & Wardwell is acting as legal counsel.

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Roche's Diagnostics Division offers a uniquely broad product portfolio and supplies a wide array of innovative testing products and services to researchers, physicians, patients, hospitals and laboratories world-wide.

Roche commenced operations in the U.S. over 100 years ago and these operations include research and development centers that conduct leading-edge work in advancing disease detection and treatment. Our diagnostics and pharmaceuticals businesses in the U.S. employ more than 20,000 people and generate approximately $10 billion in sales (including Genentech), accounting for about 40% of the Roche Group's global annual revenues.

For further information on Roche, please visit www.roche.com. Further information on the offer to Ventana's shareholders, please visit www.roche.com/info070625.

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