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U.S. FDA Approves DARZALEX FASPRO® (daratumumab and hyaluronidase-fihj) in Combination with Carfilzomib and Dexamethasone for Patients with Multiple Myeloma After First or Subsequent Relapse

Approval marks the ninth indication for DARZALEX FASPRO®, the only subcutaneous anti-CD38 monoclonal antibody approved across a range of standard treatment regimens

HORSHAM, Pa., December 1, 2021 – The Janssen Pharmaceutical Companies of Johnson & Johnson announced today the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approval of DARZALEX FASPRO® (daratumumab and hyaluronidase-fihj) in

combination with Kyprolis® (carfilzomib) and dexamethasone (Kd) for the treatment of adult patients with relapsed or refractory multiple myeloma who have received one to three prior lines of therapy. This approval follows the regulatory submission to the FDA in February 2021.

Updated data from the PLEIADES study were [presented](#) at the 2020 American Society of Hematology (ASH) Annual Meeting, demonstrating that response rates with DARZALEX *FASPRO*® and Kd were similar to those with IV DARZALEX® (daratumumab) and Kd in the Phase 3 CANDOR study, which supported the first-ever approval of an anti-CD38 monoclonal antibody in combination with carfilzomib. At a median duration of follow-up of 9.2 months, the PLEIADES study met its primary endpoint, demonstrating an overall response rate (ORR) of 84.8 percent with DARZALEX *FASPRO*®-Kd. The study also demonstrated that 77.3 percent of patients achieved a very good partial response (VGPR) or better.

“Data from the PLEIADES trial continue to support additional treatment combinations that can influence the course of this disease as early as after the first relapse by providing durable responses that may help to delay progression,” said Ajai Chari, M.D.*, Professor of Medicine, Director of Clinical Research in the Multiple Myeloma Program, and Associate Director of Clinical Research in the Mount Sinai Cancer Clinical Trials Office. “The approval of subcutaneous daratumumab in combination with Kd will help clinicians address unmet patient needs by reducing the administration time from hours to just minutes, and reducing the frequency of infusion-related reactions, as compared to the intravenous daratumumab formulation in combination with Kd.”

The safety profile of the DARZALEX *FASPRO*® plus carfilzomib and dexamethasone regimen was consistent with the known safety profiles of DARZALEX *FASPRO*®, carfilzomib and dexamethasone. Serious adverse reactions occurred in 27 percent of patients receiving DARZALEX *FASPRO*®-Kd.¹ The most common adverse reactions (≥20 percent) were upper respiratory tract infection, fatigue, insomnia,

hypertension, diarrhea, cough, dyspnea, headache, pyrexia, nausea and peripheral edema. Fatal adverse reactions occurred in three percent of patients.¹

“Today’s approval of DARZALEX *FASPRO*, in combination with yet another widely used regimen, further substantiates the subcutaneous formulation as a foundational element in the treatment of multiple myeloma,” said Craig Tendler, M.D., Global Head of Late Development, Diagnostics & Medical Affairs, Hematology & Oncology, Janssen Research & Development, LLC. “We will continue to explore the full potential of DARZALEX *FASPRO* as part of our commitment to advancing science and transforming patient outcomes in the treatment of this disease.”

About the PLEIADES Study¹

The ongoing, Phase 2, non-randomized, open-label, multicenter PLEIADES ([NCT03412565](#)) trial is evaluating the clinical benefit of DARZALEX *FASPRO*[®] administered in combination with four standard-of-care treatment regimens in patients with multiple myeloma (MM). Specifically, the trial is evaluating DARZALEX *FASPRO*[®] in transplant-eligible newly diagnosed multiple myeloma (NDMM); transplant-ineligible NDMM [DARZALEX *FASPRO*[®] in combination with bortezomib, melphalan, and prednisone (D-VMP) (n=67)]; relapsed refractory multiple myeloma (RRMM) with more than one prior line of therapy [DARZALEX *FASPRO*[®] in combination with lenalidomide and dexamethasone (D-Rd) (n=65)]; and RRMM with one prior line of therapy with exposure to lenalidomide [DARZALEX *FASPRO*[®] in combination with carfilzomib and dexamethasone (D-Kd) (n=66)].

About DARZALEX *FASPRO*[®]

In [August 2012](#), Janssen Biotech, Inc. and Genmab A/S entered into a worldwide agreement, which granted Janssen an exclusive license to develop, manufacture and commercialize daratumumab. DARZALEX *FASPRO*[®] is the only CD38-directed antibody approved to be given subcutaneously to treat patients with multiple myeloma and now light chain (AL) amyloidosis. DARZALEX *FASPRO*[®] is co-formulated with recombinant human hyaluronidase PH20 (rHuPH20), Halozyme's ENHANZE[®] drug delivery technology.

DARZALEX *FASPRO*[®] is indicated for the treatment of adult patients with multiple myeloma:

- in combination with bortezomib, melphalan and prednisone in newly diagnosed patients who are ineligible for autologous stem cell transplant
- in combination with lenalidomide and dexamethasone in newly diagnosed patients who are ineligible for autologous stem cell transplant and in patients with relapsed or refractory multiple myeloma who have received at least one prior therapy
- in combination with bortezomib, thalidomide, and dexamethasone in newly diagnosed patients who are eligible for autologous stem cell transplant
- in combination with pomalidomide and dexamethasone in patients who have received at least one prior line of therapy including lenalidomide and a proteasome inhibitor
- in combination with bortezomib and dexamethasone in patients who have received at least one prior therapy
- in combination with carfilzomib and dexamethasone in patients with relapsed or refractory multiple myeloma who have received one to three prior lines of therapy
- as monotherapy in patients who have received at least three prior lines of therapy including a proteasome inhibitor (PI) and an immunomodulatory agent or who are double-refractory to a PI and an immunomodulatory agent

DARZALEX *FASPRO*[®] in combination with bortezomib, cyclophosphamide, and dexamethasone is indicated for the treatment of adult patients with newly diagnosed AL amyloidosis. This indication is approved under accelerated approval based on response rate. Continued approval for this indication may be contingent upon verification and description of clinical benefit in a confirmatory trial(s).

Limitations of Use

DARZALEX *FASPRO*[®] is not indicated and is not recommended for the treatment of patients with AL amyloidosis who have NYHA Class IIIB or Class IV cardiac disease or Mayo Stage IIIB outside of controlled clinical trials.

Full prescribing information for DARZALEX *FASPRO*[®] is available [here](#).

About Multiple Myeloma

Multiple myeloma is an incurable blood cancer that affects a type of white blood cell called plasma cells, which are found in the bone marrow.^{2,3} When damaged, these plasma cells rapidly spread and replace normal cells with tumors in the bone marrow. In 2021, it is estimated that more than 34,000 people will be diagnosed and close to 12,500 will die from the disease in the U.S.^{2,4} While some patients with multiple myeloma have no symptoms, most patients are diagnosed due to symptoms, which can include bone fracture or pain, low red blood cell counts, tiredness, high calcium levels, kidney problems or infections.⁴

DARZALEX *FASPRO*[®] IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

CONTRAINDICATIONS

DARZALEX *FASPRO*[®] is contraindicated in patients with a history of severe hypersensitivity to daratumumab, hyaluronidase or any of the components of the formulation.

WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

Hypersensitivity and Other Administration Reactions

Both systemic administration-related reactions, including severe or life-threatening reactions, and local injection-site reactions can occur with DARZALEX *FASPRO*[®]. Fatal reactions have been reported with daratumumab-containing products, including DARZALEX *FASPRO*[®].

Systemic Reactions

In a pooled safety population of 898 patients with multiple myeloma (N=705) or light chain (AL) amyloidosis (N=193) who received DARZALEX *FASPRO*[®] as

monotherapy or in combination, 9% of patients experienced a systemic administration-related reaction (Grade 2: 3.2%, Grade 3: 1%). Systemic administration-related reactions occurred in 8% of patients with the first injection, 0.3% with the second injection, and cumulatively 1% with subsequent injections. The median time to onset was 3.2 hours (range: 4 minutes to 3.5 days). Of the 140 systemic administration-related reactions that occurred in 77 patients, 121 (86%) occurred on the day of DARZALEX FASPRO® administration. Delayed systemic administration-related reactions have occurred in 1% of the patients.

Severe reactions included hypoxia, dyspnea, hypertension and tachycardia. Other signs and symptoms of systemic administration-related reactions may include respiratory symptoms, such as bronchospasm, nasal congestion, cough, throat irritation, allergic rhinitis, and wheezing, as well as anaphylactic reaction, pyrexia, chest pain, pruritis, chills, vomiting, nausea, and hypotension.

Pre-medicate patients with histamine-1 receptor antagonist, acetaminophen and corticosteroids. Monitor patients for systemic administration-related reactions, especially following the first and second injections. For anaphylactic reaction or life-threatening (Grade 4) administration-related reactions, immediately and permanently discontinue DARZALEX FASPRO®. Consider administering corticosteroids and other medications after the administration of DARZALEX FASPRO® depending on dosing regimen and medical history to minimize the risk of delayed (defined as occurring the day after administration) systemic administration-related reactions.

Local Reactions

In this pooled safety population, injection-site reactions occurred in 8% of patients, including Grade 2 reactions in 0.7%. The most frequent (>1%) injection-site reaction was injection site erythema. These local reactions occurred a median of 5 minutes (range: 0 minutes to 6.5 days) after starting administration of DARZALEX FASPRO®. Monitor for local reactions and consider symptomatic management.

Cardiac Toxicity in Patients with Light Chain (AL) Amyloidosis

Serious or fatal cardiac adverse reactions occurred in patients with light chain (AL) amyloidosis who received DARZALEX *FASPRO*[®] in combination with bortezomib, cyclophosphamide and dexamethasone. Serious cardiac disorders occurred in 16% and fatal cardiac disorders occurred in 10% of patients. Patients with NYHA Class IIIA or Mayo Stage IIIA disease may be at greater risk. Patients with NYHA Class IIIB or IV disease were not studied. Monitor patients with cardiac involvement of light chain (AL) amyloidosis more frequently for cardiac adverse reactions and administer supportive care as appropriate.

Neutropenia

Daratumumab may increase neutropenia induced by background therapy. Monitor complete blood cell counts periodically during treatment according to manufacturer's prescribing information for background therapies. Monitor patients with neutropenia for signs of infection. Consider withholding DARZALEX *FASPRO*[®] until recovery of neutrophils. In lower body weight patients receiving DARZALEX *FASPRO*[®], higher rates of Grade 3-4 neutropenia were observed.

Thrombocytopenia

Daratumumab may increase thrombocytopenia induced by background therapy. Monitor complete blood cell counts periodically during treatment according to manufacturer's prescribing information for background therapies. Consider withholding DARZALEX *FASPRO*[®] until recovery of platelets.

Embryo-Fetal Toxicity

Based on the mechanism of action, DARZALEX *FASPRO*[®] can cause fetal harm when administered to a pregnant woman. DARZALEX *FASPRO*[®] may cause depletion of fetal immune cells and decreased bone density. Advise pregnant women of the potential risk to a fetus. Advise females with reproductive potential to use effective contraception during treatment with DARZALEX *FASPRO*[®] and for 3 months after the last dose.

The combination of DARZALEX *FASPRO*[®] with lenalidomide is contraindicated in pregnant women, because lenalidomide may cause birth defects and death of the

unborn child. Refer to the lenalidomide prescribing information on use during pregnancy.

Interference with Serological Testing

Daratumumab binds to CD38 on red blood cells (RBCs) and results in a positive Indirect Antiglobulin Test (Indirect Coombs test). Daratumumab-mediated positive indirect antiglobulin test may persist for up to 6 months after the last daratumumab administration. Daratumumab bound to RBCs masks detection of antibodies to minor antigens in the patient's serum. The determination of a patient's ABO and Rh blood type are not impacted.

Notify blood transfusion centers of this interference with serological testing and inform blood banks that a patient has received DARZALEX *FASPRO*[®]. Type and screen patients prior to starting DARZALEX *FASPRO*[®].

Interference with Determination of Complete Response

Daratumumab is a human IgG kappa monoclonal antibody that can be detected on both the serum protein electrophoresis (SPE) and immunofixation (IFE) assays used for the clinical monitoring of endogenous M-protein. This interference can impact the determination of complete response and of disease progression in some DARZALEX *FASPRO*[®]-treated patients with IgG kappa myeloma protein.

ADVERSE REACTIONS

The most common adverse reaction ($\geq 20\%$) with DARZALEX *FASPRO*[®] monotherapy is upper respiratory tract infection. The most common adverse reactions with combination therapy ($\geq 20\%$ for any combination) include fatigue, nausea, diarrhea, dyspnea, insomnia, pyrexia, cough, muscle spasms, back pain, vomiting, upper respiratory tract infection, peripheral sensory neuropathy, constipation, pneumonia, and peripheral edema.

The most common adverse reactions ($\geq 20\%$) in patients with light chain (AL) amyloidosis who received DARZALEX *FASPRO*[®] are upper respiratory tract infection, diarrhea, peripheral edema, constipation, fatigue, peripheral sensory neuropathy, nausea, insomnia, dyspnea, and cough.

The most common hematology laboratory abnormalities ($\geq 40\%$) with DARZALEX FASPRO[®] are decreased leukocytes, decreased lymphocytes, decreased neutrophils, decreased platelets, and decreased hemoglobin.

Please see full [Prescribing Information](#) for DARZALEX FASPRO[®].

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Cautions Concerning Forward-Looking Statements

This press release contains "forward-looking statements" as defined in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 regarding DARZALEX FASPRO[®]. The reader is cautioned not to rely on these forward-looking statements. These statements are based on current expectations of future events. If underlying assumptions prove inaccurate or known or unknown risks or uncertainties materialize, actual results could vary materially from the expectations and projections of Janssen Research &

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