Lantheus Holdings Submits New Drug Application to the U.S. FDA for PyL™ (18F-DCFPyL), a PSMA-Targeted Prostate Cancer Imaging Agent

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NORTH BILLERICA, Mass.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Sep. 30, 2020-- Lantheus Holdings, Inc. (the “Company”) (NASDAQ: LNTH), the parent company of Lantheus Medical Imaging, Inc. and Progenics Pharmaceuticals, Inc., and a global leader in the development, manufacture and commercialization of innovative diagnostic and therapeutic agents and products, today announced the submission of a New Drug Application (NDA) to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for PyL™ (18F-DCFPyL), a prostate specific membrane antigen (PSMA)-targeted positron emission tomography (PET) imaging agent for prostate cancer. The NDA includes a request for Priority Review, which if granted, could shorten the FDAs review of the NDA to six months from the time of acceptance, versus the standard review timeline of 10 months from acceptance. The Company expects to receive notification from the FDA confirming acceptance of the filing for substantive review in early December 2020.

“The completion of our NDA submission marks a significant milestone for Lantheus and our PyL clinical development program,” said Mary Anne Heino, President and Chief Executive Officer of Lantheus. “Prostate cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death in men. Fortunately, men can live for a long time with their disease if managed appropriately. There are approximately 3.2 million men in the United States annually living with this disease. We believe that PyL, if approved, will play an ongoing role in the diagnosis and management of prostate cancer.”

The NDA is supported by data from two pivotal studies (OSPREY and CONDOR), designed to establish the safety and diagnostic performance of PyL imaging across the disease continuum of prostate cancer. Results from OSPREY Cohort A demonstrated improvement in specificity and positive predictive value (PPV) of PyL PET imaging over conventional imaging in men with high risk prostate cancer. OSPREY Cohort B and CONDOR studied men with prostate cancer in various disease states, including biochemical recurrent prostate cancer, hormone sensitive prostate cancer, non-metastatic castrate resistant prostate cancer, and metastatic castrate resistant prostate cancer. OSPREY Cohort B demonstrated a sensitivity in detecting metastatic lesions, while CONDOR, in patients with biochemical recurrent prostate cancer and non-informative baseline findings, demonstrated a high correct localization rate and high detection rate, including patients with low PSA values. In the CONDOR study, 63.9% of patients had a change in intended disease management plans due to the PyL imaging results. We believe the results from these two studies, taken as a whole, demonstrate the ability of PyL to reliably detect and localize disease and could enable more appropriate patient management.

PyL has been administered in approximately 3,500 subjects globally, including the two Company sponsored studies, multiple investigator sponsored studies, as well as clinical use reported in the literature. Across all of these studies PyL has shown an attractive safety profile.

“We are extremely grateful to the prostate cancer patients and investigators who participated in PyL’s clinical development program,” said Istvan Molnar, MD, Chief Medical Officer of Lantheus. “We believe that the demonstrated strong diagnostic performance of PyL will assist in treatment decisions and, ultimately, may improve patient outcomes. We look forward to working with the FDA during the regulatory process in pursuit of our goal of bringing PyL to patients.”

About PyL™ for PET Imaging of Prostate Cancer

PyL (also known as 18F-DCFPyL) is a fluorinated PSMA-targeted PET imaging agent that enables visualization of localized prostate cancer as well as bone and soft tissue metastases to determine the presence or absence of recurrent and/or metastatic prostate cancer.

About OSPREY

The Phase 2/3 OSPREY trial assessed the diagnostic performance of PyL to detect prostate cancer in pelvic lymph nodes in subjects with high risk locally advanced prostate cancer (Cohort A) and distant metastases in subjects with metastatic or recurrent prostate cancer (Cohort B). In the trial, the diagnostic performance of PyL in detecting disease in pelvic lymph nodes (Cohort A) showed specificity of 96-99%, sensitivity of 31-42%, and PPV of 78-91% although the trial did not meet one of its the primary endpoints. In the metastatic or recurrent prostate cancer setting (Cohort B), PyL exhibited sensitivity of 93-99% and PPV of 81-88% in detecting metastatic lesions. Overall, PyL demonstrated high diagnostic performance in reliably detecting nodal and distant metastatic prostate cancer.

About CONDOR

The Phase 3 CONDOR trial evaluated the diagnostic performance and clinical impact of PyL in men with biochemical recurrence of prostate cancer and uninformative baseline imaging based on conventional modalities. The CONDOR trial achieved its primary endpoint, with a correct localization rate (CLR) of 84.8% to 87.0% among the three blinded independent readers (the lower bound of the 95% confidence intervals ranging from 77.8% to 80.4%). CLR is based on positive predictive value, defined as the percentage of subjects with a one-to-one correspondence between localization of at least one lesion identified on PyL PET/CT and a composite truth standard comprised of histopathology, conventional imaging and/or changes in PSA levels following radiation therapy. 63.9% of subjects in the CONDOR trial had a change in intended disease management plans due to PyL imaging results, a key secondary endpoint of the trial. The changes to treatment management plans due to the PyL results included salvage local therapy to systemic therapy, observation to initiating therapy, noncurative systemic therapy to salvage local therapy, and planned treatment to observation.

About Prostate Cancer

Prostate cancer is the second most common form of cancer affecting men in the United States: an estimated one in nine men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer in his lifetime. The American Cancer Society estimates that each year approximately 192,000 new cases of prostate cancer will be diagnosed, and 33,000 men will die of the disease. Approximately 3.2 million men in the U.S. currently count themselves among prostate cancer survivors.
About Lantheus Holdings, Inc.

Lantheus Holdings, Inc. is the parent company of Lantheus Medical Imaging, Inc. and Progenics Pharmaceuticals, Inc., and a global leader in the development, manufacture and commercialization of innovative diagnostic and therapeutic agents and products. Lantheus provides a broad portfolio of products, including the echocardiography agent DEFINITY® Vial for (Perflutren Lipid Microsphere) Injectable Suspension; TechneLite® (Technetium Tc99m Generator), a technetium-based generator that provides the essential medical isotope used in nuclear medicine procedures; AZEDRA® for the treatment of certain rare neuroendocrine tumors; and RELISTOR® for the treatment of opioid-induced constipation, which is partnered with Bausch Health Companies, Inc. The Company is headquartered in North Billerica, Massachusetts with offices in New York, New Jersey, Puerto Rico, Canada and Sweden. For more information, visit www.lantheus.com.

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