



RedHill Biopharma Announces Preferred Position for Talicia® on Express Scripts National Preferred Formulary Effective March 13, 2020

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*Talicia® is the first and only FDA-approved rifabutin-based therapy for treatment of *H. pylori* infection designed as a first-line option to address the high *H. pylori* resistance to clarithromycin*

TEL-AVIV, Israel and RALEIGH, N.C., March 13, 2020 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- [RedHill Biopharma Ltd.](#) (Nasdaq: [RDHL](#)) ("RedHill" or the "Company"), a specialty biopharmaceutical company focused on gastrointestinal diseases, today announced that Express Scripts has added Talicia® (omeprazole magnesium, amoxicillin and rifabutin)¹ to its National Preferred Formulary as a preferred brand. RedHill recently launched Talicia® in the U.S., making Talicia® available through pharmacies nationwide.

"The addition of Talicia® to Express Scripts' National Preferred Formulary reflects the urgent need for new therapies addressing the high resistance rates of *H. pylori* to standard-of-care antibiotics, as highlighted by the FDA and the World Health Organization in recent years. The high resistance rates have led to the declining efficacy of current standard-of-care clarithromycin-based therapies. Talicia® has a good safety and efficacy profile that is not compromised by clarithromycin resistance," said **Rick Scruggs, Chief Commercial Officer of RedHill**. "*H. pylori* infection is a Class I carcinogen and the strongest known risk factor for development of peptic ulcer disease and gastric cancer. The addition of Talicia® to the National Preferred Formulary will allow millions of patients unrestricted access to this important new treatment. We expect to secure additional formulary coverage in the coming weeks and months to allow more patients to benefit from Talicia®."

Talicia® is the only rifabutin-based therapy approved for the treatment of *H. pylori* infection and is designed to address the high resistance of *H. pylori* bacteria to clarithromycin-based standard-of-care therapies. The high rates of *H. pylori* resistance to clarithromycin have led to significant rates of treatment failure with clarithromycin-based standard-of-care therapy and are a strong public health concern. Minimal to zero resistance to rifabutin, a key component of Talicia®, was detected in RedHill's pivotal Phase 3 study.

About Talicia®

Talicia® is a novel, fixed-dose, all-in-one oral capsule combination of two antibiotics (amoxicillin and rifabutin) and a proton pump inhibitor (PPI) (omeprazole). In November 2019, Talicia® was approved by the U.S. FDA for the treatment of *H. pylori* infection in adults. In the pivotal Phase 3 study, Talicia® demonstrated 84% eradication of *H. pylori* infection in the intent-to-treat (ITT) group vs. 58% in the active comparator arm ($p < 0.0001$). Further, in an analysis of data from this study, it was observed that subjects who were confirmed adherent² to their therapy had response rates of 90.3% in the Talicia® arm vs. 64.7% in the active comparator arm⁴.

Talicia® is eligible for a total of eight years of U.S. market exclusivity under its Qualified Infectious Disease Product (QIDP) designation and is also covered by U.S. patents which extend patent protection until 2034 with additional patents and applications pending and granted in various territories worldwide.

About *H. pylori*

H. pylori bacterial infection affects approximately 35%³ of the U.S. population, with an estimated two million patients treated annually⁴. Worldwide, more than 50% of the population is affected by *H. pylori* infection, which is classified by the World Health Organization (WHO) as a Group 1 carcinogen, remains the strongest known risk factor for gastric cancer⁵ and a major risk factor for peptic ulcer disease⁶ and gastric mucosa-associated lymphoid tissue (MALT) lymphoma⁷. More than 27,000 Americans are diagnosed with gastric cancer annually⁸. Eradication of *H. pylori* is becoming increasingly difficult, with current standard-of-care therapies failing in approximately 25-40% of patients who remain *H. pylori*-positive due to high resistance of *H. pylori* to antibiotics commonly used in standard combination therapies⁹.

About RedHill Biopharma

RedHill Biopharma Ltd. (Nasdaq: [RDHL](#)) is a specialty biopharmaceutical company primarily focused on the commercialization and development of proprietary drugs for the treatment of gastrointestinal diseases. RedHill promotes the gastrointestinal drugs **Talicia®** for the treatment of *Helicobacter pylori* (*H. pylori*) infection in adults and **Aemcolo®** for the treatment of travelers' diarrhea¹⁰. RedHill acquired rights to **Movantik®** for opioid-induced constipation¹¹. The acquisition remains subject to certain customary closing conditions and regulatory clearances. RedHill's key clinical late-stage development programs include: (i) **RHB-104**, with positive results from a first Phase 3 study for Crohn's disease; (ii) **RHB-204**, with a planned pivotal Phase 3 study for pulmonary nontuberculous mycobacteria (NTM) infections; (iii) **RHB-102 (Bekinda®)**, with positive results from a Phase 3 study for acute gastroenteritis and gastritis and positive results from a Phase 2 study for IBS-D; (iv) **ABC294640 (Yeliva®)**, a first-in-class SK2 selective inhibitor, targeting multiple oncology, inflammatory and gastrointestinal indications, with an ongoing Phase 1/2a study for cholangiocarcinoma; (v) **RHB-106**, an encapsulated bowel preparation, and (vi) **RHB-107**, a Phase 2-stage first-in-class, serine protease inhibitor, targeting cancer and inflammatory gastrointestinal diseases. More information about the Company is available at www.redhillbio.com

About Talicia® (omeprazole magnesium, amoxicillin and rifabutin)

INDICATION AND USAGE

Talicia® is a three-drug combination of omeprazole, a proton pump inhibitor, amoxicillin, a penicillin-class antibacterial, and rifabutin, a rifamycin antibacterial, indicated for the treatment of *Helicobacter pylori* infection in adults.

To reduce the development of drug-resistant bacteria and maintain the effectiveness of Talicia® and other antibacterial drugs, Talicia® should be used only to treat or prevent infections that are proven or strongly suspected to be caused by bacteria.

IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

Talicia® contains omeprazole, a proton pump inhibitor (PPI), amoxicillin, a penicillin-class antibacterial and rifabutin, a rifamycin antibacterial. It is contraindicated in patients with known hypersensitivity to any of these medications, any other components of the formulation, any other beta-lactams or any other rifamycin.

Talicia® is contraindicated in patients receiving rilpivirine-containing products.

Talicia® is contraindicated in patients receiving delavirdine or voriconazole.

Serious and occasionally fatal hypersensitivity reactions have been reported with omeprazole, amoxicillin and rifabutin.

Clostridioides difficile-associated diarrhea (CDAD) has been reported with use of nearly all antibacterial agents and may range from mild diarrhea to fatal colitis.

Talicia® may cause fetal harm. Talicia® is not recommended for use in pregnancy.

Talicia® may reduce the efficacy of hormonal contraceptives. An additional non-hormonal method of contraception is recommended when taking Talicia®.

Talicia® should not be used in patients with hepatic impairment or severe renal impairment.

Acute Interstitial Nephritis has been observed in patients taking PPIs and penicillins.

Cutaneous lupus erythematosus (CLE) and systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE) have been reported in patients taking PPIs. These events have occurred as both new onset and exacerbation of existing autoimmune disease.

The most common adverse reactions (≥1%) were diarrhea, headache, nausea, abdominal pain, chromaturia, rash, dyspepsia, oropharyngeal pain, vomiting, and vulvovaginal candidiasis.

To report SUSPECTED ADVERSE REACTIONS, contact RedHill Biopharma INC. at 1-833-ADRHILL (1-833-237-4455) or FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088 or www.fda.gov/medwatch.

Full prescribing information for Talicia® is available at www.Talicia.com.

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¹ Talicia® (omeprazole magnesium, amoxicillin and rifabutin) delayed-release capsules 10 mg/250 mg/12.5 mg is indicated for the treatment of *Helicobacter pylori* (*H. pylori*) infection in adults. For full prescribing information see: www.Talicia.com.

² Defined as the PK population which included those subjects in the ITT population who had demonstrated presence of any component of investigational drug at Visit 3 (approx. day 13) or had undetected levels drawn >250 hours after the last dose.

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⁶ NIH – *Helicobacter pylori* and Cancer, September 2013.

⁷ Hu Q et al. Gastric mucosa-associated lymphoid tissue lymphoma and *Helicobacter pylori* infection: a review of current diagnosis and management. *Biomarker research* 2016;4.1:15.

⁸ National Cancer Institute, Surveillance, Epidemiology, and End Results Program (SEER).

⁹ Malfertheiner P. et al. Management of *Helicobacter pylori* infection - the Maastricht IV/ Florence Consensus Report, *Gut* 2012;61:646-664; O'Connor A. et al. Treatment of *Helicobacter pylori* Infection 2015, *Helicobacter* 20 (S1) 54-61; Venerito M. et al. Meta-analysis of bismuth quadruple therapy versus clarithromycin triple therapy for empiric primary treatment of *Helicobacter pylori* infection. *Digestion* 2013;88(1):33-45.

¹⁰ For full prescribing information see: Aemcolo® (rifamycin): www.Aemcolo.com.

¹¹ For full prescribing information see: Movantik® (naloxegol) www.Movantik.com.



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