



RedHill Biopharma's RHB-204 Granted FDA Fast Track Designation for NTM Disease

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- **U.S. Phase 3 study underway to evaluate RHB-204 as a first-line, stand-alone, oral treatment for pulmonary NTM disease - a rare condition with no FDA-approved first-line therapy**
- **FDA Fast Track designation, together with previously granted QIDP designation, provides RHB-204 with eligibility for rolling NDA review, Priority Review and Accelerated Approval**
- **RHB-204 Orphan Drug designation extends potential market exclusivity to 12 years post-approval**

TEL AVIV, Israel and RALEIGH, NC, Jan. 6, 2021 /PRNewswire/ -- [RedHill Biopharma Ltd.](#) (Nasdaq: RDHL) ("RedHill" or "the Company"), a specialty biopharmaceutical company, today announced that RHB-204 has been granted Fast Track designation by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for its development as a potential first-line, stand-alone, oral treatment of pulmonary nontuberculous mycobacteria (NTM) disease caused by *Mycobacterium avium* Complex (MAC) – a rare disease for which there is no FDA-approved first-line therapy.



The FDA's Fast Track designation is designed to help progress development and speed up the review of novel therapies for serious conditions for which there is an unmet medical need - with the aim of getting important new therapies to patients more quickly. With the Fast Track designation, RedHill will have access to early and frequent communications with the FDA, to expedite the RHB-204 development program, and to a rolling review of a New Drug Application (NDA). Having already been granted Qualified Infectious Disease Product (QIDP) designation, RHB-204 is also eligible for NDA Priority Review and Accelerated Approval.

RHB-204 was also recently granted Orphan Drug designation, extending U.S. market exclusivity for RHB-204 to a potential total of 12 years upon FDA approval.

RedHill recently initiated a Phase 3 study evaluating the safety and efficacy of RHB-204 as a first-line treatment for pulmonary NTM disease, to be conducted at up to 40 sites across the U.S.

"Given the urgent need to improve therapeutic options for patients with NTM disease, we welcome this Fast Track designation and the regulatory support it provides in expediting the ongoing Phase 3 development program for RHB-204 and any subsequent potential approvals," **said Patricia Anderson, RedHill's Senior Vice President of Regulatory Affairs.** "NTM disease is thankfully rare but its prevalence is increasing in many areas of the world. It is a notoriously difficult to treat disease and, if not effectively treated, can cause scarring and fibrosis in the lungs - potentially leading to respiratory failure. Many patients fail current therapies, and more than half will have either recurring disease or a new infection after completing treatment [1],[2]."

RHB-204 may be eligible for use under the RedHill expanded access policy – more details of which can be found here: <https://www.redhillbio.com/expandedaccess>. The Phase 3 study of RHB-204 is registered on www.ClinicalTrials.gov, a web-based service by the U.S. National Institute of Health, which provides public access to information on publicly and privately supported clinical studies.

About Pulmonary Nontuberculous Mycobacteria (NTM) Disease

Pulmonary nontuberculous mycobacteria (NTM) disease is a chronic and debilitating lung disease caused by ubiquitous environmental bacteria found in soil, as well as natural and engineered water systems. The most common NTM symptoms include fever, weight loss, chest pain, and blood in sputum^[3]. Pulmonary NTM disease can lead to recurring cases of bronchitis and pneumonia and can, in some cases, lead to respiratory failure^[4]. Although rare, the incidence and prevalence of pulmonary NTM disease are increasing in many areas of the world^[5]. There were an estimated 110,000 pulmonary NTM disease patients in the U.S. in 2017, with U.S. market potential estimated at over \$500 million^[6]. Pulmonary manifestations

account for 80-90% of all NTM-associated diseases^[7], and approximately 80% of pulmonary NTM disease are caused by *Mycobacterium avium* Complex (MAC)^[8].

About RHB-204

RHB-204 is a proprietary, fixed-dose oral capsule containing a combination of clarithromycin, rifabutin, and clofazimine, developed for the treatment of pulmonary NTM disease caused by *Mycobacterium avium* Complex (MAC). In addition to FDA Fast Track designation, RHB-204 has been granted FDA Orphan Drug designation for the treatment of NTM disease and QIDP Designation under the Generating Antibiotic Incentives Now Act (GAIN Act), extending U.S. market exclusivity for RHB-204 to a potential total of 12 years to be granted at the time of FDA approval. RHB-204 is also covered by U.S. patents which extend patent protection until 2029 and a pending U.S. patent application which, if allowed, could extend RHB-204 patent protection until 2041.

About RedHill Biopharma

RedHill Biopharma Ltd. (Nasdaq: **RDHL**) is a specialty biopharmaceutical company primarily focused on gastrointestinal and infectious diseases. RedHill promotes the gastrointestinal drugs, **Movantik**[®] for opioid-induced constipation in adults^[9], **Talicia**[®] for the treatment of *Helicobacter pylori* (*H. pylori*) infection in adults^[10], and **Aemcolo**[®] for the treatment of travelers' diarrhea in adults^[11]. RedHill's key clinical late-stage development programs include: (i) **RHB-204**, with an ongoing Phase 3 study for pulmonary nontuberculous mycobacteria (NTM) disease; (ii) **opaganib (Yeliva)**[®], a first-in-class SK2 selective inhibitor targeting multiple indications with a Phase 2/3 program for COVID-19 and Phase 2 studies for prostate cancer and cholangiocarcinoma ongoing; (iii) **RHB-104**, with positive results from a first Phase 3 study for Crohn's disease; (iv) **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; (v) **RHB-107 (upamostat)**, a Phase 2-stage serine protease inhibitor with a planned Phase 2/3 study in symptomatic COVID-19 and targeting multiple other cancer and inflammatory gastrointestinal diseases; and (vi) **RHB-106**, an encapsulated bowel preparation. More information about the Company is available at www.redhillbio.com / <https://twitter.com/RedHillBio>.

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[9] Full prescribing information for Movantik® (naloxegol) is available at: www.Movantik.com.

[10] Full prescribing information for Talicia® (omeprazole magnesium, amoxicillin and rifabutin) is available at: www.Talicia.com.

[11] Full prescribing information for Aemcolo® (rifamycin) is available at: www.Aemcolo.com.

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