



FDA Accepts TransCon® CNP NDA for Priority Review

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- *Once-weekly TransCon CNP demonstrated significantly higher annualized growth velocity, the primary endpoint, compared to placebo*
- *Multiple benefits beyond linear growth were observed compared to placebo, with a safety and tolerability profile similar to placebo*
- *The FDA grants Priority Review designation for the evaluation of medicines that, if approved, would provide a significant improvement in the safety or effectiveness of the treatment, prevention, or diagnosis of a serious condition¹*

COPENHAGEN, Denmark, June 02, 2025 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Ascendis Pharma A/S (Nasdaq: ASND) today announced that the U.S. Food & Drug Administration (FDA) has accepted for priority review its New Drug Application (NDA) for TransCon CNP (navepegritide) for the treatment of children with achondroplasia and has set a Prescription Drug User Fee Act (PDUFA) goal date of November 30, 2025 to complete its review. The FDA also informed Ascendis that they are not currently planning to hold an advisory committee meeting to discuss this application. TransCon CNP is an investigational prodrug of C-type natriuretic peptide (CNP) administered once weekly and designed to treat people living with achondroplasia by providing continuous exposure of active CNP to receptors on tissues throughout the body, including growth plates and skeletal muscle.

"Too many profound medical needs endure for people living with achondroplasia," said Chandler Crews, Founder of The Chandler Project. "Therapies that could address some of the underlying, serious complications of achondroplasia offer welcome potential to improve health outcomes beyond what currently approved therapies and interventions offer."

"TransCon CNP is designed to provide sustained exposure to CNP, resulting in continuous inhibition of the fibroblast growth factor receptor 3 (FGFR3) pathway that is overactive in achondroplasia. In clinical trials, these pharmacological effects have been associated with improvements in lower limb alignment, spinal canal dimensions, muscle strength, and growth compared to placebo," said Janet Legare, M.D., Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health. "As a practicing physician, I am encouraged to see the FDA designating priority review for TransCon CNP as a potential new treatment option for children with achondroplasia."

"Our clinical trials of TransCon CNP are the first ever to demonstrate improvements beyond linear growth at 52 weeks compared to placebo," said Aimee Shu, M.D., Executive Vice President of Endocrine & Rare Disease Medical Sciences and Chief Medical Officer at Ascendis Pharma. "People living with achondroplasia and their physicians have expressed an urgent need for a meaningful treatment option to address the complications of achondroplasia. We look forward to working with the FDA during its review to make TransCon CNP available as quickly as possible."

About Achondroplasia

Achondroplasia is a rare genetic condition arising from a systemic fibroblast growth factor receptor 3 (FGFR3) variant that leads to an imbalance in the effects of the FGFR3 and CNP signaling pathways, estimated to affect more than 250,000 people worldwide. While historically considered a bone growth disorder, the FGFR3 variant seen in achondroplasia is expressed in tissues throughout the body, causing serious muscular, neurological, and cardiorespiratory complications in addition to skeletal dysplasia. Medical complications of achondroplasia vary across different stages of life. Throughout infancy and childhood, observed complications include spinal deformities, enlarged brain ventricles, impaired muscle strength and stamina, hearing deficits and chronic ear infections, upper airway obstructions, sleep-disordered breathing, hip problems, leg bowing, and chronic pain; many of these persist or worsen in adulthood. These medical complications can have detrimental effects on quality of life, physical functioning, and psychosocial function. Individuals with achondroplasia often require multiple surgeries and procedures to alleviate the condition's many complications.

About Ascendis Pharma A/S

Ascendis Pharma is a global biopharmaceutical company focused on applying our innovative TransCon technology platform to make a meaningful difference for patients. Guided by our core values of Patients, Science, and Passion, and following our algorithm for product innovation, we apply TransCon to develop new therapies that demonstrate best-in-class potential to address unmet medical needs. Ascendis is headquartered in Copenhagen, Denmark and has additional facilities in Europe and the United States. Please visit ascendispharma.com to learn more.

Forward-Looking Statements

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