

Status of Clinical Development

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R&D Vision

To produce a continuous supply of drugs and services which address unmet medical needs and contribute to enhancing the patients' QOL.

Strategy for Achieving the R&D Vision

- 1. Stay up-to-date on trends in unmet medical needs and competitors' R&D activities, in order to concentrate resources on projects which emphasize Santen's strength and lead to achievements.
- 2. <u>Concentrate resources on the prescription ophthalmics R&D (original and inlicensed), in order to continuously enhance product pipeline</u> and pursue and propose therapeutic advantages of Santen's products and services.
- 3. For RA/OA, basic plan is to co-develop (in Japan) and out-license (overseas) the new drug candidates that Santen discovered utilizing its original drug discovery approach. Efficient strategies will be devised and executed for co-development projects, including use of public funds.
- 4. Increase competitiveness by accelerating R&D timelines.



Generic name (Development code)	Indication	Category/Mechanis m	Original/licensor	Stage
Tafluprost (DE-085)	Glaucoma and ocular hyper- tension	Prostanoid FP- receptor agonist. Promotes uveoscleral outflow	Original (co-development with Asahi Glass)	Japan: P3 US/Europe: P3
Olmesartan (DE-092)	Glaucoma and ocular hyper- tension	Angiotensin II AT1 receptor antagonist. Promotes uveoscleral outflow	In-licensed (Sankyo)	Japan: P2 US/Europe: preparing for P2
Lomerizine hydrochloride (DE-090)	Glaucoma	Calcium channel blocker. Improves ocular blood-flow circulation	In-icensed (Nippon Organon)	Japan: P2



Generic name: tafluprost

Indication: Glaucoma, ocular hypertension

Planned launch: 2007-2008



(Currently under P3 clinical trials)

Developer: Co-development, Asahi Glass and Santen

Category: Prostanoid FP receptor agonist

Mechanism: Promotes uveoscleral outflow by activating FP receptor

Characteristics: Potent intra-ocular pressure (IOP)-lowering effect, may have additional value of lowering IOP in normal tension glaucoma patients; aqueous ophthalmic solution with few side effects, which can be stored at room temperature



Compound (de-etherized)	K _i (nM)	Ratio (DE-085=1)
DE-085	0.40	1
latanoprost	4.7	12

(Santen data)

DE-085 showed higher affinity to prostanoid FP receptor compared to latanoprost.





- DE-085 progressively reduced IOP in concentration-dependent manner
- IOP-lowering effect of DE-085 was elevated up to Day 3 and then stabilized
- DE-085 significantly reduced IOP even in trough area in which latanoprost does not show any action

DE-085 – Melanogenesis Promotion in vitro



DE-085 did not show melanogenesis promoting effect as was seen in latanoprost



Generic name: olmesartan

Indication: Glaucoma, ocular hypertension

Planned launch: 2007-2008

(Currently under P2 clinical trials)

Licensor: Sankyo



Category: Angiotensin II AT₁ receptor antagonist

Mechanism: Promotes uveoscleral outflow of aqueous humor by AT₁receptor antagonizing action

Characteristics: Totally new mechanism of action. IOP-lowering effect equivalent to beta-blockers and PGs with less adverse effects. Also expected to improve the ocular blood-flow circulation. DE-092 – IOP-lowering effect in Non-clinical Studies (High IOP Model)

(4% DE-092 ophthalmic solution, repeat dose, twice daily for 5 days)



Mean ± S.E. *p<0.05, **p<0.01, Compared to placebo at same hour (paired t-test) (Santen data)

DE-092 showed significant IOP-lowering effect in high IOP model



Product Pipeline: Anti-inflammatory, Cornea and Anti-infective

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levofloxacin 1.5% (IQUIX)	Bacterial corneal ulcer	DNA gyrase inhibitor. Anti-intefcive action.	In-licensed (Daiichi)	US: approved
ciclosporin (DE-076)	Vernal kerato- conjunctivitis	Calicyneurin inhibitor. Immunosuppressant	In-licensed (Novartis)	Japan: NDA
levofloxacin + prednisolone (DE-094)	Infectious keratitis	Fluoroquinolone + steroid. Anti-infective + anti- inflammatory action.	In-licensed (Daiichi)	US: P2
diquafosol tetrasodium (DE-089)	Dry eye	P2Y ₂ receptor agonist. Stimulates tear secretion.	In-licensed (Inspire)	Japan: P2
sodium hyaluronate (HYALEIN)	Dry eye	Biopolymer cytoprotective agent. Retain water and promotes corneal wound healing.	Original	US: preparing for P2 (Japan: launched)
gefarnate (DE-099)	Corneal & conjunctival epithelial disorder associated with dry eye, etc.	Muco-membranous protective agent. Stimulates mucin secretion.	Original	Japan: preparing for clinical trials



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Undetermined (DE-096)	Rheumatoid Arthritis (RA)	TNF-alpha inhibitor Inhibit the production of TNF-alpha	Original	Japan: P1
Undetermined (DE-098)	Rheumatoid Arthritis (RA)	Anti-APO-1 antibody. Induces apoptosis in synovial cells	In-licensed (Centocor)	Japan: preparing for clinical trials
bucillaime (Rimatil)	Osteoarthritis	DMOAD. Protects cartilage and modifies edema.	Original	Japan: preparing for clinical trials



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