News Release



To Launch "Sante DryCare," an Eye Lotion for Dry Eye

March 1, 2002 --- On March 6, Santen Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd. will launch "Sante DryCare," an eye lotion of the artificial tear type in Japan. "Sante DryCare" a new type of eye lotion, features both water retention for mitigating diminished tear fluid and two amino acids for nutritional supplementation.

Causes of dry eyes include dry air in air-conditioned rooms and decreased nictitation due to gazing at images on PC and TV displays. "Sante DryCare" was developed as a remedy for diminished tear fluid and eyestrain in sufferers of dry eye syndrome.

The effect of "Sante DryCare" is twofold: sodium chondroitin sulfate mitigates diminished tear fluid through its water-retaining action. The two amino acids (aminoethylsulfonic acid and potassium L-aspartate) promote eye tissue metabolism and mitigate eyestrain due to eye dryness. "Sante DryCare" is an eye lotion of smooth instillation that ensures well-moistened eyes for those susceptible to dry eye.

Product Outline of Sante DryCare

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2. Launch date March 6 (Wednesday), 2002

Packaging volume
12 mL

4. Active ingredients Sodium chondroitin sulfate 0.05%

Aminoethylsulfonic acid 0.1% Potassium L-aspartate 0.1% Sodium chloride 0.05%

5. Indications Tear supplementation (diminished tear fluid), eyestrain,

discomfort associated with hard contact lenses, blurred vision

(excess eye discharge etc.)

6. Dosage and administration The usual dosage for instillation is one to three drops, three to

six times daily.

7. Recommended unit price ¥780