# Bausch Health To Acquire Option To Purchase All Ophthalmology Assets Of Allegro Ophthalmics

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**Agreement Includes Global Rights for Risuteganib, An Investigational Treatment Expected to Help Reverse Vision Loss Due to Dry AMD, A Significant Unmet Medical Need**

LAVAL, QC and SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO, Calif., Sept. 21, 2020 /PRNewswire/ -- Bausch Health Companies Inc. (NYSE/TSX: BHC) ("Bausch Health") and Bausch + Lomb, its leading global eye health business, and Allegro Ophthalmics, LLC (Allegro), a privately held biopharmaceutical company focused on the development of novel therapies that regulate integrin functions for the treatment of ocular diseases, announced today that Bausch Health (through its affiliate) has entered into an agreement to acquire an option to purchase all ophthalmology assets of Allegro (the "Option"), including global rights for risuteganib (Luminate®)[1], Allegro's lead investigational compound in retina, which is believed to simultaneously act on the angiogenic, inflammatory and mitochondrial metabolic pathways implicated in diseases such as intermediate dry Age-related Macular Degeneration (AMD).

It is estimated that as many as 16 million people in the United States have AMD[2], and globally, the prevalence of AMD is expected to reach 196 million people worldwide this year and to increase to 288 million by 2040.[3] Approximately 90 percent of people diagnosed with AMD have dry AMD, for which there are currently no treatments.[4]

"As part of the ongoing transformation of Bausch Health, we continue to seek strategic opportunities to build-up our pipeline in core businesses, including Bausch + Lomb, our global eye health business. The addition of the ophthalmic assets of Allegro would significantly enhance our comprehensive portfolio of products for AMD," said Joseph C. Papa, chairman and CEO of Bausch Health. "If approved, risuteganib may be the first treatment indicated to help reverse vision loss due to dry AMD and would address a significant unmet medical need affecting millions of people globally."

"Allegro is excited to partner with Bausch Health, an established global player in ophthalmology that values the potential of risuteganib and our integrin-regulating platform as much as we do," said Vicken Karageozian, M.D., president and CEO, Allegro. "As we prepare for our Phase 3 clinical program, we look forward to working closely with Bausch Health on the united goal of one day being able to offer a treatment option to the millions of people who are currently losing their vision to dry AMD."

Risuteganib is an investigational integrin-regulating therapy that is believed to reduce mitochondrial dysfunction involved in intermediate dry AMD. By targeting multiple pathways, risuteganib may help reduce the cellular burden of oxidative stress and restore retinal homeostasis.[5] Two concurrent Phase 3 studies evaluating the use of intravitreal risuteganib to treat intermediate dry AMD are expected to begin within the next 12 months.

Other ophthalmology assets of Allegro include ALG-1007, a topical integrin regulator under investigation for the treatment of dry eye disease. It is currently in Phase 2 development outside

the United States.

The Option payment totaling $50 million would be made in two tranches, with the first payment of $10 million upon signing. Allegro intends to raise additional funding, following which, Bausch Health will make a second payment of $40 million, which is expected to be made in 2021. If Bausch Health then elects to exercise the Option, additional payments will be payable.

**About Allegro Ophthalmics, LLC**

Allegro Ophthalmics, LLC is a privately held biopharmaceutical company focused on the development of novel integrin-regulating therapies for the treatment of ocular diseases. Pre-clinical data suggest that risuteganib (Luminate®), Allegro's lead investigational compound in retina, may simultaneously act on the angiogenic, inflammatory and mitochondrial metabolic pathways implicated in diseases, such as intermediate dry AMD. A U.S. Phase 2a study with risuteganib in intermediate dry AMD met its primary endpoint of vision recovery. Expanding its integrin-regulating portfolio, Allegro has developed ALG-1007 for topical use in dry eye disease. ALG-1007 demonstrated promising results in an ex-U.S. proof-of-concept study in humans, and is currently being evaluated in a second and larger ex-U.S. Phase 2 study. For more information, visit www.allegroeye.com
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[1] Provisional name. Luminate® is a registered trademark of Allegro Ophthalmics, LLC.
[2] IRi. Raw Buyer Count Comparison Shows the Percent of Households and Individuals with AMD is on the Rise. AMD Buyer Group Analytics. Demographics. March 2018.
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