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Vernalis Announces Collaboration with Britannia to Develop New Formulations of Apomorphine for the Treatment of Parkinson's Disease

Vernalis plc (LSE: VER, NASDAQ: VNLS) today announces a collaboration with Britannia Pharmaceuticals Limited (Britannia), to explore the development of new formulations of apomorphine in North America for the treatment of Parkinson's disease.

Britannia has granted Vernalis exclusive rights to:

- Use Britannia's technology to develop a continuous sub-cutaneous infusion of apomorphine in North America. This product is currently marketed in Europe by Britannia and can be used in patients with frequent fluctuations or who require multiple injections in a day.
- Negotiate terms to develop a nasal powder formulation of apomorphine in North America. Britannia is currently conducting Phase II clinical trials with this formulation in Europe.

Vernalis also announced today the acquisition of Apokyn® (apomorphine hydrochloride injection) which is indicated for the acute, intermittent treatment of "off" episodes associated with Parkinson's disease.

Simon Sturge, CEO of Vernalis said "This agreement with Britannia complements our acquisition of Apokyn® and further strengthens our Parkinson's disease franchise."

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About Apomorphine

Apomorphine is a non-ergoline dopamine receptor agonist. Dopamine is an important neurotransmitter in the basal ganglia structures of the brain, which is key to producing smooth voluntary movement. Apomorphine has been marketed in Europe by Britannia Pharmaceuticals for a number of years as both a subcutaneous injection and a continuous subcutaneous infusion using a small portable pump.

About Britannia

Founded in 1981 Britannia Pharmaceuticals Limited is a UK based pharmaceutical company whose mission is to become a leading supplier of innovative products for niche medical conditions. The Company has pioneered new treatments for some of the world's most debilitating conditions including asthma, Parkinson's disease, drug addiction, erectile dysfunction and surgical adhesions. In addition to these treatments, Britannia has also developed nasal and respiratory drug delivery technologies that are applicable to a wide range of treatments. For further information about Britannia, please visit www.britannia-pharm.co.uk.

About Vernalis

Vernalis is a specialty pharmaceutical company focused on products marketed to specialist neurologists. The company has two marketed products, frovatriptan and Apokyn®, and a development pipeline focused on neurology and central nervous system disorders. The company has five products in clinical development and collaborations with leading, global pharmaceutical companies including Novartis, Biogen Idec and Serono. Vernalis is establishing a US commercial operation to promote Apokyn® and co-promote frovatriptan alongside its North American licensing partner, Endo Pharmaceuticals, propelling the company towards its goal of becoming a sustainable, self-funding, R&D-driven, specialty pharmaceutical company. For further information about Vernalis, please visit www.vernalis.com.

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