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Acute Coronary Syndrome (ACS):

U.S. FDA Issues Complete Response Letters for Bayer's Xarelto® (Rivaroxaban) to Reduce the Risk of Thrombotic Cardiovascular Events and Stent Thrombosis in Patients with ACS

Leverkusen, Germany, February 14, 2014 – Bayer HealthCare announced today that the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) issued complete response letters (CRLs) regarding the supplemental New Drug Applications for the oral anticoagulant Xarelto® (rivaroxaban) 2.5 mg twice daily (BID) in combination with standard antiplatelet therapy to reduce the risk of thrombotic cardiovascular events and stent thrombosis in patients with Acute Coronary Syndrome (ACS).

"We are disappointed with the outcome of the review and together with our cooperation partner Janssen Research & Development, LLC remain committed to providing ACS patients in the U.S. with additional protection against stent thrombosis and life-threatening thrombotic cardiovascular events," said Dr. Jörg Möller, Member of the Bayer HealthCare Executive Committee and Head of Global Development.

In May 2013, the European Commission approved Xarelto for the prevention of atherothrombotic events (cardiovascular death, myocardial infarction or stroke) after an ACS in adult patients with elevated cardiac biomarkers at a dose of 2.5 mg twice daily (BID) co-administered with acetylsalicylic acid (ASA) alone or with ASA plus clopidogrel or ticlopidine.

Xarelto is approved for five indications across seven distinct areas of use, protecting patients across more venous and arterial thromboembolic (VAT) conditions than any other novel oral anticoagulant.

About Venous Arterial Thromboembolism (VAT)

Thrombosis is the formation of a blood clot inside a blood vessel, blocking a vein (venous thrombosis) or artery (arterial thrombosis). Venous Arterial Thromboembolism (VAT) is caused when some or all of a clot detaches and is moved within the blood stream until it obstructs a smaller vessel. This can result in damage to vital organs, because the tissue beyond the blockage no longer receives nutrients and oxygen.

VAT is responsible for a number of serious and life threatening conditions:

- Venous Thromboembolism (VTE) occurs when part of a clot formed in a deep vein, for example in the leg (known as deep vein thrombosis, or DVT), is carried to the lung, via the heart, preventing the uptake of oxygen. This is known as a pulmonary embolism (PE), an event which can be rapidly fatal. Blood clots that obstruct blood flow in deep veins or in the lungs kill one person every 37 seconds in the Western World

- Arterial Thromboembolism occurs when oxygenated blood flow from the heart to another part of the body (via an artery) is interrupted by a blood clot. If this occurs in a vessel supplying blood to the brain, it can lead to a stroke, an event that can be severely debilitating or fatal. If it occurs in a coronary artery, it can lead to acute coronary syndrome (ACS), a complication of coronary heart disease which includes conditions such as myocardial infarction and unstable angina

VAT is responsible for significant morbidity and mortality, and requires active or preventative treatment to avoid potentially serious or fatal patient outcomes.

To learn more about VAT, please visit www.VATspace.com

About Xarelto® (Rivaroxaban)

Rivaroxaban is the most broadly indicated novel oral anticoagulant and is marketed under the brand name Xarelto®. Xarelto is approved for five indications across seven distinct areas of use, protecting patients across more venous and arterial thromboembolic (VAT) conditions than any other novel oral anticoagulant:

- The prevention of stroke and systemic embolism in adult patients with non-valvular atrial fibrillation (AF) with one or more risk factors
- The treatment of deep vein thrombosis (DVT) in adults
- The treatment of pulmonary embolism (PE) in adults
- The prevention of recurrent DVT and PE in adults
- The prevention of venous thromboembolism (VTE) in adult patients undergoing elective hip replacement surgery
- The prevention of VTE in adult patients undergoing elective knee replacement surgery
- The prevention of atherothrombotic events (cardiovascular death, myocardial infarction or stroke) after an Acute Coronary Syndrome in adult patients with elevated cardiac biomarkers when co-administered with acetylsalicylic acid (ASA) alone or with ASA plus clopidogrel or ticlopidine (not approved in the U.S.)

Whilst licences may differ from country to country, across all indications Xarelto is approved in more than 125 countries.

Rivaroxaban was discovered by Bayer HealthCare, and is being jointly developed with Janssen Research & Development, LLC. Xarelto is marketed outside the U.S. by Bayer HealthCare and in the U.S. by Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (a Johnson & Johnson Company).

Anticoagulant medicines are potent therapies used to prevent or treat serious illnesses and potentially life-threatening conditions. Before initiating therapy with anticoagulant medicines, physicians should carefully assess the benefit and risk for the individual patient.

Responsible use of Xarelto is a very high priority for Bayer, and the company has developed a Prescribers Guide for physicians and a Xarelto Patient Card for patients to support best practice.

To learn more, please visit https://prescribe.xarelto.com

To learn more about thrombosis, please visit www.thrombosisadviser.com
To learn more about Xarelto, please visit www.xarelto.com

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