UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): October 12, 2023

DARÉ BIOSCIENCE, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

001-36395 (Commission File Number) 20-4139823 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

3655 Nobel Drive, Suite 260 San Diego, CA 92122 (Address of Principal Executive Offices and Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (858) 926-7655

Not Applicable (Former name or former address if char se if changed since last report)

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Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:		
Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common stock	DARE	Nasdaq Capital Market
Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).	growth company as defined in Rule 405	of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the
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Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

On October 16, 2023, Daré Bioscience, Inc. ("Daré") issued a press release announcing the achievement of the first commercial milestone under the exclusive license agreement, dated as of March 31, 2022, between Daré and an affiliate of Organon & Co., Organon International GmbH ("Organon"), as amended (the "License Agreement"). A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this report and is incorporated herein by reference.

Attached as Exhibit 99.2 to this report is a copy of a presentation about Daré and its product and product candidates, dated October 16, 2023, which is incorporated herein by reference. Daré intends to use the presentation and its contents in various meetings with investors, securities analysts and others, commencing on October 16, 2023.

The information in Item 7.01 of this report, including Exhibits 99.1 and 99.2, shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), or otherwise subject to liability under that Section or Sections 11 and 12(a)(2) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"). The information contained in this Item 7.01 and in Exhibits 99.1 and 99.2 shall not be incorporated by reference into any filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") made by Daré, whether made before or after the date hereof, regardless of any general incorporation language in such filing.

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On October 12, 2023, the First Commercial Sale Milestone (as defined in the License Agreement) was achieved in connection with the commercial launch in the United States of XACIATO™ (clindamycin phosphate) vaginal gel, 2%. As previously reported, this milestone event triggers a \$1.8 million payment from Organon to Daré pursuant to the License Agreement.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	Press release issued on October 16, 2023
99.2	Corporate presentation, dated October 16, 2023
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded within the Inline XBRL document)

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

DARÉ BIOSCIENCE, INC.

Dated: October 16, 2023

By: Name: Title:

/s/ Sabrina Martucci Johnson Sabrina Martucci Johnson President and Chief Executive Officer

Daré Bioscience Announces Achievement of First Commercial Milestone Under License Agreement for XACIATO™ (Clindamycin Phosphate) Vaginal Gel, 2%, FDA-Approved Treatment for Bacterial Vaginosis in Females 12 Years or Older

Daré to receive \$1.8 million payment; eligible for additional potential milestone payments of up to \$180 million and tiered double-digit royalties based on net sales

SAN DIEGO, October 16, 2023 – Daré Bioscience, Inc. (NASDAQ: DARE), a leader in women's health innovation, today announced the first shipment of XACIATOTM [pronounced zah-she-AH-toe] (clindamycin phosphate) vaginal gel, 2% in connection with the first commercial sale of the product in the United States, triggering a \$1.8 million payment to Daré under its global license agreement with Organon.

"This is a major achievement for Daré Bioscience, proving our ability to accelerate the development of much-needed, innovative medicines for women," said Sabrina Martucci Johnson, President and CEO of Daré Bioscience. "In less than five years since licensing the technology, we advanced a pivotal clinical trial, gained U.S. Food and Drug Administration approval, and ensured supply to support launch of XACIATO. We look forward to our continued collaboration with Organon and its established sales force to offer this important treatment for bacterial vaginosis in females 12 years or older."

The New Drug Application for XACIATO was supported by positive results from the DARE-BVFREE Phase 3 randomized, multi-center, double-blinded, placebo-controlled clinical trial evaluating XACIATO (formerly known as DARE-BV1) for the treatment of bacterial vaginosis (NCT04370548).

Daré and Organon entered into a global exclusive license agreement for XACIATO in March 2022. Daré received a \$10.0 million upfront payment after the license agreement became effective and a \$1.0 million payment in July 2023. In addition to the \$1.8 million milestone payment, Daré is eligible to receive potential future milestone payments of up to \$180 million and tiered double-digit royalties based on net sales.

About Bacterial Vaginosis

Bacterial vaginosis is the most common vaginal condition in women of reproductive age in the United States. The condition results from an overgrowth of certain bacteria, which upsets the balance of the natural vaginal microbiome and can lead to symptoms of odor or discharge. Bacterial vaginosis may self-resolve in up to 30% of women, but most symptomatic women require treatment. If left untreated, bacterial vaginosis may lead to serious complications. Bacterial vaginosis has also been shown to disproportionately affect non-Hispanic Black and Mexican American women.

About XACIATO

XACIATO is indicated for the treatment of bacterial vaginosis in females 12 years and older. A single-dose user-filled disposable applicator delivers 5g of vaginal gel containing 100mg of clindamycin.

Selected Safety Information

XACIATO is contraindicated in individuals with a history of hypersensitivity to clindamycin or lincomycin.

Clostridioides difficile-associated diarrhea (CDAD) has been reported with use of nearly all antibacterial agents, including clindamycin, and may range in severity from mild diarrhea to fatal colitis. Careful medical history is necessary since CDAD has been reported to occur over 2 months after the administration of antibacterial agents. If CDAD is suspected or confirmed, ongoing antibacterial use not directed against C. difficile may need to be discontinued.

Polyurethane condoms are not recommended during treatment with XACIATO or for 7 days following treatment. During this time period, polyurethane condoms may not be reliable for preventing pregnancy or for protecting against transmission of HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases. Latex or polyisoprene condoms should be used.

XACIATO may result in the overgrowth of Candida spp. in the vagina resulting in vulvoyaginal candidiasis, which may require antifungal treatment.

The most common adverse reactions reported in >2% of patients and at a higher rate in the XACIATO group than in the placebo group were vulvovaginal candidiasis and vulvovaginal discomfort.

XACIATO has not been studied in pregnant women. However, based on the low systemic absorption of XACIATO following the intravaginal route of administration in nonpregnant women, maternal use is not likely to result in significant fetal exposure to the drug.

There are no data on the effect of clindamycin on milk production. The developmental and health benefits of breastfeeding should be considered along with the mother's clinical need for clindamycin and any potential adverse effects on the breastfed child from clindamycin or from the underlying maternal condition.

Please see the Prescribing Information, Patient Information, and Instructions for Use.

About Daré Bioscience

Daré Bioscience is a biopharmaceutical company committed to advancing innovative products for women's health. The company's mission is to identify, develop and bring to market a diverse portfolio of differentiated therapies that prioritize women's health and well-being, expand treatment options, and improve outcomes, primarily in the areas of contraception, vaginal health, reproductive health, menopause, sexual health and fertility.

Daré's first FDA-approved product, XACIATO™ (clindamycin phosphate) vaginal gel, 2% is a lincosamide antibacterial indicated for the treatment of bacterial vaginosis in female patients 12 years of age and older, which is under a global license agreement with Organon. Daré's portfolio also includes potential first-in-category candidates in clinical development: Ovaprene®, a novel, hormone-free monthly intravaginal contraceptive whose U.S. commercial rights are under a license agreement with Bayer; Sildenafil Cream, 3.6%, a novel cream formulation of sildenafil to treat female sexual arousal disorder (FSAD) and/or female sexual interest/arousal disorder (FSIAD) utilizing the active ingredient in Viagra®; and DARE-HRT1, a combination bio-identical estradiol and progesterone intravaginal ring for menopausal hormone therapy. To learn more about XACIATO, Daré's full portfolio of women's health product candidates, and Daré's mission to deliver differentiated therapies for women, please visit www.darebioscience.com.

Daré Bioscience leadership has been named on the Medicine Maker's Power List and Endpoints News' Women in Biopharma 2022. In 2023, Daré's CEO was honored as one of Fierce Pharma's Most Influential People in Biopharma for Daré's contributions to innovation and advocacy in the women's health space. Daré Bioscience placed #1 in the Small Company category of the San Diego Business Journal's 2023 Best Places to Work Awards.

Daré may announce material information about its finances, product and product candidates, clinical trials and other matters using the Investors section of its website (http://ir.darebioscience.com), SEC filings, press releases, public conference calls and webcasts. Daré will use these channels to distribute material information about the company and may also use social media to communicate important information about the company, its finances, product and product candidates, clinical trials and other matters. The information Daré posts on its investor relations website or through social media channels may be deemed to be material information. Daré encourages investors, the media, and others interested in the company to review the information Daré posts in the Investors section of its website and to follow these Twitter accounts: @SabrinaDareCEO and @DareBioscience. Any updates to the list of social media channels the company may use to communicate information will be posted in the Investors section of Daré's website.

Forward-Looking Statements

Daré cautions you that all statements, other than statements of historical facts, contained in this press release, are forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements, in some cases, can be identified by terms such as "believe," "may," "will," "estimate," "continue," "anticipate," "design," "intend," "expect," "could," "plan," "potential," "predict," "seek," "should," "would," "contemplate," "project," "target," "objective," or the negative version of these words and similar expressions. In this press release, forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, statements relating to receipt of payments under Daré's license agreement with Organon. Forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause Daré's actual results, performance or achievements to be materially different from those expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements in this press release, including, without limitation: the risks that milestones under the agreement with Organon may not be achieved and milestone payments received, if any, may be significantly less than the potential total amount; the potential for royalty payments to be subject to reductions and offsets; the potential for payments under the license agreement with Organon to become subject to dispute and not received in the amount or on the timeline anticipated; dependence on Organon to commercialize licensed products and on other third parties for commercial supplies of licensed products and components and Daré's lack of control over the efforts and resources expended by those third parties; Daré's ability to raise additional capital when and as needed to support its operations, execute its business strategy and continue as a going concern; general industry conditions and competition; the effects of macroeconomic conditions such as inflation, rising interest rates and geopolitical events on Daré's operations, financial results and condition, and ability to achieve current plans and objectives; the impact of pharmaceutical industry regulation and health care legislation in the United States and internationally; the risk that developments by competitors make Daré's product or product candidates less competitive or obsolete; difficulties establishing and sustaining relationships with development and/or commercial collaborators; failure of Daré's product or product candidates, if approved, to gain market acceptance or obtain adequate coverage or reimbursement from third-party payers; Daré's ability to retain its licensed rights to develop and commercialize a product or product candidate; Daré's ability to satisfy the monetary obligations and other requirements in connection with its exclusive, in-license agreements covering the critical patents and related intellectual property related to its product and product candidates; Daré's ability to adequately protect or enforce its, or its licensor's, intellectual property rights; the lack of patent protection for the active ingredients in certain of Daré's product candidates which could expose its products to competition from other formulations using the same active ingredients; product liability claims; governmental investigations or actions relating to Daré's product or product candidates or the business activities of Daré, its commercial collaborators or other third parties on which Daré relies; the impact of pharmaceutical industry regulation and health care legislation in the United States and internationally; global trends toward health care cost containment; cybersecurity incidents or similar events that compromise Daré's technology systems or those of third parties on which it relies and/or significantly disrupt Daré's business; and disputes or other developments concerning Daré's intellectual property rights. Daré's forward-looking statements are based upon its current expectations and involve assumptions that may never materialize or may prove to be incorrect. All forward-looking statements are expressly qualified in their entirety by these cautionary statements. For a detailed description of Daré's risks and uncertainties, you are encouraged to review its documents filed with the SEC including Daré's recent filings on Form 8-K, Form 10-K and Form 10-Q. You are cautioned not to place undue reliance on forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date on which they were made. Daré undertakes no obligation to update such statements to reflect events that occur or circumstances that exist after the date on which they were made, except as required by law.

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IN ITALIAN, IT MEANS "TO GIVE."
IN ENGLISH, IT MEANS "TO BE BOLD."



Women

At Daré Bioscience, women's health is *Our Sole Focus*. Innovation in women's health needs to be a priority.

We are working hard to identify and advance new therapies that provide additional choices and improve outcomes so that we can make a difference in the lives of women everywhere.



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Women's Health – An Efficient Investment Thesis

Approximately 1% of healthcare research is invested in female-specific conditions beyond oncology.1

Women's health conditions outside of oncology comprise less than 2% of the current healthcare pipeline.2

We believe investment in women's health will be efficient and disproportionately impactful:

- Women's health products make up 27% of total blockbuster products while contributing to 35% of total blockbuster sales.3
 - Women control 80% of U.S. healthcare purchasing decisions.1



Daré Portfolio – The Big Ideas* 🖞



Contraception

- · Hormone-free, monthly contraceptive
- · Long-acting injectable contraceptive
- · Long-acting, reversible personal contraceptive system
- · Hormone-free contraceptive target for women and men

Vaginal Health

- · Hormone-free vulvovaginal atrophy therapy
- Non-surgical, pharmaceutical intervention for the treatment of high-grade CIN and HPV clearance
- Hydrogel formulation for delivery of antibiotics or live biotherapeutics to support vaginal health

Reproductive Health •

Treatment for female sexual arousal disorder (FSAD) and/or female sexual interest/arousal disorder (FSIAD)

Menopause Sexual Health

- Non-oral hormone therapy estradiol + progesterone monthly intravaginal ring (IVR)
- First vaginal administration of diclofenac for primary dysmenorrhea

Fertility

- · Progesterone delivery via an IVR for pregnancy maintenance including the prevention of preterm birth
- · IVR alternative to daily IM progesterone injections for luteal phase support as part of an IVF regimen
- · Therapeutic intervention for the prevention and treatment of idiopathic preterm birth

How Daré Creates Value

- Innovative women's health pipeline with multiple upcoming program milestones anticipated.
- Every program, if approved, represents a potential first-line or first-in-category product opportunity.
- Demonstrated success in clinical and nonclinical development, regulatory affairs, corporate strategy and strategic partnerships.
 - 7 successful Phase 1 through Phase 3 studies across multiple candidates, one FDA approval, two pharma commercial collaborations

Daré Commercial Collboarators





Examples of emerging and large pharmaceutical companies with branded women's health products.





Advancing Products Women Want – The Portfolio Snapshot*



^505(b)(2) regulatory pathway anticipated.

CACIATO is indicated for the treatment of bacterial vaginosis in females 12 years and older see Full Prescribing Information for the safe and effective use of XACIATO. See XACIATO selected safety information on slide 19.

* See Slide 11 for earlier stage programs

* Currently anticipated timing.





XACIATO™ (Clindamycin Phosphate) Vaginal Gel, 2%

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- Daré's first FDA-approved product.
- Organon leveraging the knowledge and experience of its established NEXPLANON sales team to accelerate XACIATO uptake.
- Organon believes there is roughly a 90% overlap of those healthcare providers who prescribe NEXPLANON and who diagnose and treat BV. Because of the strong relationships the sales team has with these providers, we expect Organon to be well-positioned to inform them about XACIATO, ultimately providing benefits to patients
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Late-Stage Programs











Investigational Hormone-Free, Monthly Contraceptive Pivotal Phase 3 Study to Commence 2023*

Potential first-in-category hormone-free contraception

- Self-administered intravaginal drug/device
- Designed to be an easy-to-use monthly option with effectiveness approaching hormonal methods. There are currently no FDA-approved monthly, hormone-free contraceptives.
- Commercial license agreement with Bayer. Pivotal study collaboration with NICHD.

Sildenafil Cream, 3.6% ^

FSAD/FSIAD

Phase 2b Study Topline Data Announced June 2023

Potential first-in-category treatment for female sexual arousal disorder (FSAD) and/or female sexual interest/arousal disorder (FSIAD).

- Investigational cream formulation of sildenafil, the active ingredient in Viagra®, for topical administration to treat FSAD/FSIAD.
- · FSAD is a physiological condition characterized by the inability to attain or maintain sufficient genital arousal during sexual activity. FSIAD is defined in the DSM-5 as a lack of or significantly reduced sexual interest/arousal. There are currently no FDA-approved treatments.
- Of the various types of female sexual dysfunction disorders, FSAD is most analogous to erectile dysfunction in men.

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Sexual Health

Late-Stage Programs





DARE-HRT1^

Menopausal Hormone Therapy

Phase 1 / 2 Study Completed IND and Phase 3 Study Preparations Underway

- Potential first-in-category vaginal combination hormone delivery for treatment of vasomotor symptoms due to menopause
- · Self-administered 28-day IVR
- Intravaginal ring (IVR) designed to release bio-identical estradiol and bio-identical progesterone over 28 days.
- There are no FDA-approved options with both hormones in one monthly IVR.
- Potential to be the first convenient monthly format product with both hormones.

DARE-VVA₁[^]

Vulvovaginal Atrophy (VVA)

Phase 1 / 2 Study Completed IND and Phase 2 Study Preparations Underway

- Potential first-in-category hormone-free intravaginal treatment for VVA.
- Proprietary formulation of tamoxifen for vaginal administration.
- There are currently no FDA-approved vaginal hormonefree treatments for VVA.

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Phase 2-Ready Program

Vaginal Health

DARE-CIN (formerly R-131-2)^

Cervical intraepithelial neoplasia (CIN)

Phase 1 and Proof-of-Concept Studies Completed

Activities to support IND filing to enable progression to Phase 2 clinical development underway

- Potential first-in-category, non-surgical, pharmaceutical intervention for the treatment of CIN and other HPV-related pathologies.
- Proprietary fixed-dose formulation of lopinavir and ritonavir in a soft gel vaginal insert.
- There are currently no FDA-approved, non-surgical pharmaceutical interventions to treat CIN2+.
- There are no FDA-approved treatments for HPV

^ses(b)(x) regulatory pathway anticipated.



Earlier Stage Programs with Grant Funding Enhance the Pipeline

Grant funding / Development collaborator	PRE-CLINICAL	PHASE 1	PHASE 2	PHASE 3 / PIVOTAL	REGULATORY SUBMISSION	FDA APPROVE
DARE-PDM1 [^] Primary Dysmenorrhea	Phase 1 Study Com	menced 2023				
NIH) Market institute 6 & 12-Month Injectable Contraception		aration				
NIH Preterm birth (DARE-PTB1) and for luteal phase support as part of an IVF regimen (DARE-FRT1)	Phase 1 Study Prep	aration				
DARE-LARC1 Long-Acting, Reversible Personal Contraceptive foundation grant System (grant funded program)						
DARE-LBT Novel hydrogel formulation for delivery of live biotherapeutics to support vaginal health (grant funded program) foundation grant						
DARE-GML Novel Antimicrobial Glycerol Monolaurate						
DARE-RH1 Male or Female Contraceptive Target						
NIH) Potential New Therapeutic Intervention for the Prevention and Treatment of Idiopathic Preterm Birth						

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Daré Bioscience: Women's Health is our Sole Focus



- Meaningful market potential for differentiated products First-line or first-in-category product opportunities across the portfolio
- Diverse pipeline with independent outcomes One FDA-approved product and several clinical development stage candidates utilizing different APIs and targeting different indications
- 505(b)(2) FDA pathway planned for most candidates Use of well-characterized APIs expected to mitigate development risk, time, and cost - non-new molecular entities estimated to have a 23% probability of success of advancing from Phase 1 to approval and a 67% likelihood of approval for Phase 3 to approval, versus 6% and 38% for new molecular entities, respectively
- Multiple novel delivery platforms Persistent unmet needs require creative new approaches designed for her; Novel delivery platforms allow for first-in-category potential with well characterized APIs
- Commercial value in women's health Evidenced by differentiated brands and transformational pharma transactions



Innovation in Women's Health

~73 million women ages 15-49 1st hormonal monthly IVR, NuvaRing, ~\$900M at peak 1st hormonal IUD, Mirena franchise, ~\$1.2B at peak 1st copper IUD, still ~\$200M/yr 40 years post launch

> Bacterial vaginosis affects ~23 million women in the US

Rx clinical cure rates 37-68% (excluding XACIATO™)

Over 45 million women in the U.S. estimated to be in or approaching menopause 1st estrogen hormone therapy, Premarin, ~\$2B at peak

No FDA approved product for female sexual arousal disorder, despite similar prevalence to erectile dysfunction (ED) 1st drug indicated for ED, Viagra, \$2B at peak

U.S. fertility pharmaceutical sector estimated to be \$1.5B

15M babies (11.1% of all live births) are born pre-term every year



Fertility



Daré – Working to Accelerate Innovation in Women's Health

Upcoming Program Milestones*:

- Ovaprene® (hormone-free monthly contraception)
 - Pivotal Phase 3 subject enrollment to begin 4Q-2023
- Sildenafil Cream, 3.6% (FSAD/FSIAD)
 - · Activities related to psychometric analyses to further refine the measures and resulting endpoints from the exploratory Phase 2b RESPOND study for use in a Phase 3 pivotal study and preparations for data review with FDA
- DARE-PDM1 (primary dysmenorrhea)
 - Phase 1 study topline data 2023
- IND related activities for DARE-HRT1 and DARE-VVA1 and Phase 3 and Phase 2, respectively, clinical study initiation plans



Appendix



Daré Portfolio – The Big Ideas* 🖞



Contraception

Ovaprene® - 1st hormone-free, monthly contraceptive: Commercialization Collaborator Grant funding III)

Pivotal Phase 3 subject enrollment to begin 4Q-2023+

DARE-204/214 - 1st 6 & 12-Month injectable contraceptive: Grant funding

DARE-LARC1 - 1st Long-acting, reversible personal contraceptive system: Grant funding foundation grant & IIII

DARE-RH1 - Hormone-free contraceptive target for women and men

Vaginal Health

XACIATO™ - Clindamycin phosphate vaginal gel, 2%, indicated for the treatment of bacterial vaginosis in females 12 years of age and older^:

Commercialization Collaborator - *ORGANON DARE-VVA1 - 1st Hormone-free vulvovaginal atrophy therapy; potential option for women with HR+ breast cancer

DARE-CIN (formerly R-131-2) - 1st Non-surgical, pharmaceutical intervention for the treatment of high-grade CIN

DARE-GML - Novel multi-target antimicrobial

DARE-LBT - Novel hydrogel formulation for delivery of live biotherapeutics to support vaginal health: Grant funding foundation grant

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· Phase 1 study commenced; topline data 2023+

Fertility

DARE-FRT1/PTB1

Progesterone delivery for pregnancy maintenance including the prevention of preterm birth (DARE-PTB1): Grant funding

- and for luteal phase support as part of an IVF regimen (DARE-FRT1).

1st IVR designed to release bio-identical progesterone over 14 days

Novel drug target validation studies to establish feasibility of a potential new therapeutic intervention for the prevention and treatment of idiopathic preterm birth: Grant funding NIH



$XACIATO^{TM}$ (Clindamycin Phosphate) Vaginal Gel, 2% One-time intravaginal administration







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Bacterial Vaginosis

Daré Innovation: XACIATO™ (Clindamycin Phosphate) Vaginal Gel, 2%*



- Recurring infection, difficult to treat effectively
- Most common vaginal condition in women ages 15-44
- Estimated to affect ~23 million women in the US1
- Bacterial Vaginosis increases health risks², including increased risk of preterm birth, sexually transmitted infections, post-surgical infection, and pelvic inflammatory disease that can increase the risk of infertility
- Limitations with Rx standards of care
- Bacterial vaginosis is a disruption in the optimal vaginal microbiome and therefore recurrent in many
- Women experiencing recurrence have three or more episodes in the same year, and may not prefer multiple doses of systemic antibiotics
- Rx suboptimal: clinical cure rates of 37-68% (excluding XACIATO™)3
- Target Product Profile
- · Single self-administered dose, any time of day
- · Vaginal delivery of the antibiotic, with minimal systemic exposure
- · Colorless, odorless gel
- · Demonstrated equivalent cure rates in both women having her first occurrence of bacterial vaginosis as well as those with a history of multiple prior episodes
- Clear labeling for special populations such as pregnant and lactating women



XACIATO Selected Safety Information

- XACIATO is contraindicated in individuals with a history of hypersensitivity to clindamycin or lincomycin.
- Clostridioides difficile-associated diarrhea (CDAD) has been reported with use of nearly all antibacterial agents, including clindamycin, and may range in severity from mild diarrhea to fatal colitis. Careful medical history is necessary since CDAD has been reported to occur over 2 months after the administration of antibacterial agents. If CDAD is suspected or confirmed, ongoing antibacterial use not directed against C. difficile may need to be discontinued.
- Polyurethane condoms are not recommended during treatment with XACIATO or for 7 days following treatment. During this time period, polyurethane condoms may not be reliable for preventing pregnancy or for protecting against transmission of HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases. Latex or polyisoprene condoms should be used.
- XACIATO may result in the overgrowth of Candida spp. in the vagina resulting in vulvovaginal candidiasis, which may require antifungal treatment.
- The most common adverse reactions reported in >2% of patients and at a higher rate in the XACIATO group than in the placebo group were vulvovaginal candidiasis and vulvovaginal discomfort.
- XACIATO has not been studied in pregnant women. However, based on the low systemic absorption of XACIATO following the intravaginal route of administration in nonpregnant women, maternal use is not likely to result in significant fetal exposure to the drug.
- There are no data on the effect of clindamycin on milk production. The developmental and health benefits of breastfeeding should be considered along with the mother's clinical need for clindamycin and any potential adverse effects on the breastfed child from clindamycin or from the underlying maternal condition.
- Please see the Prescribing Information, Patient Information, and Instructions for Use.



 $Ovaprene^{\scriptsize{\textcircled{\textbf{R}}}}$ Investigational potential first-in-category, hormone-free, monthly birth control





U.S. Commercialization Collaborator



Contraception: Large Market Opportunity

Women in the Reproductive Health & Contraception Market Segment (over 60 million women)

Population of women 15-44 years by age: US, 2020

Age (years)	\$ US (Percent)	US (Count) \$
15-19 yrs	15.9	10,266,332
20-29 yrs	34.0	21,918,026
30-39 yrs	34.3	22,159,866
40-44 yrs	15.8	10,199,608
Total	100.0	64,543,832

Sources: US Census Bureau.

Population estimates based on bridged race categories released by the National Center for Health Statistics.

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Successful Contraceptive Brands Peak Sales:



Mirena® Hormone IUD

- Physician inserted, long-acting.
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Lo Loestrin®

(norethindrone acetate and ethinyl estradiol, ethinyl estradiol tablets)

• Lowest amount of daily estrogen (10

- micrograms) available in pill form 2019 US sales: \$588 million (Allergan)²

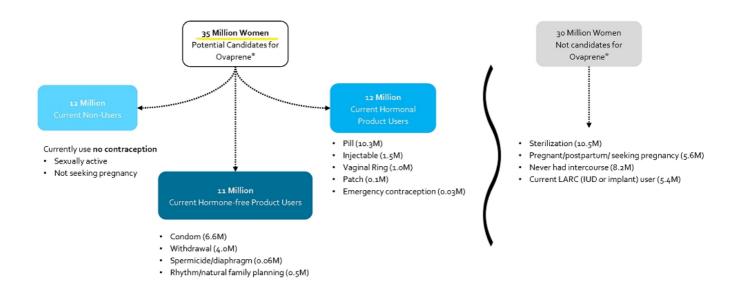


- Monthly vaginal ring 2018 worldwide sales: \$900 million (Merck)3

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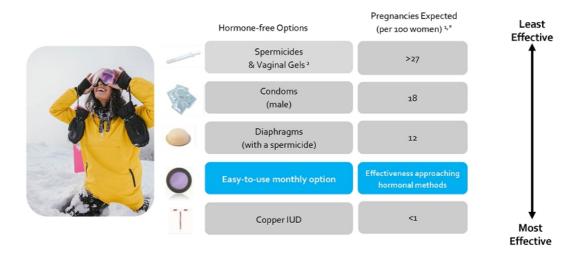


Ovaprene® - Potential Market Opportunity^{1,2}



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Contraception: What's Missing from Current Hormone-Free Options?



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Ovaprene® Investigational Hormone-Free, Monthly Contraceptive

Physical Barrier Three-dimensional,



Spermiostatic Environment Contraceptive-loaded silicone ring releasing non-hormonal active Ferrous

Desired Features of Birth Control Products:1-4 Design Features of Ovaprene:5:7

+Efficacy	86% - g1% Expected Typical Use Effectiveness Approaching User-Controlled Hormone Contraception
+Hormone Free	No Hormones in the API Unique dual action MOA (spermiostatic & barrier)
+Convenience	Monthly Ring Form Women choose monthly intravaginal products for the convenience of a non-daily option
+Favorable Side Effect Profile	Safety Profile Similar to a Diaphragm No significant changes in vaginal flora and no serious adverse effects observed in studies to date
+Easily Manage Fertility	No Systemic/Long-term Activity Inserted and removed without a provider allowing for immediate return to fertility

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Ovaprene® - Commercial License Agreement with Bayer

 January 2020 - Bayer, which markets the \$1 billion Mirena contraceptive franchise, and Daré announced the execution of a license agreement under which Bayer may commercialize Ovaprene investigational contraceptive in the US once approved by FDA¹.





- Bayer received the right to obtain exclusive US rights to commercialize the product, following completion of the pivotal clinical trial if Bayer, in its sole discretion, pays Daré \$20 million.
- Daré may receive up to \$310 million in commercial milestone payments, plus double-digit, tiered royalties on net sales.
- Bayer supports the development and regulatory process by providing up to two full-time equivalents (internal experts) in an advisory capacity, which gives Daré access to their global manufacturing, regulatory, medical and commercial expertise.

We believe the licensing agreement with Bayer is validation of our broader corporate strategy and confirmation of Ovaprene's market potential, if approved, as the first monthly non-hormonal contraceptive product in the US market.

*https://www.mirena-us.com/; supported by 2014-2016 SHS data.

Ovaprene® - Collaborative Research Agreement with NIH

 July 2021 – Daré announced that funding and clinical operations support for the Phase 3 will be provided by the National Institutes of Health's Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) under the CRADA¹



"This collaboration between Daré and NICHD marks an important milestone in Women's Healthcare Innovation. Women are at the center of everything we do and we are so pleased to continue to partner with Daré in support of our mission We're For Her to provide women with education and access to contraceptive options," said John Berrios, Bayer's Head of Women's Healthcare.

- The pivotal Phase 3 study will be supported by the NICHD's Contraceptive Development Program which oversees the Contraceptive Clinical Trials Network (CCTN) established in 1996 to conduct studies of investigational contraceptives. The Phase 3 study will be conducted within the CCTN with the NICHD's CRO.
- Daré will be responsible for providing clinical supplies of Ovaprene® and coordinating interactions with and preparing and submitting supportive regulatory documentation to the FDA.
- Under the CRADA, Daré also agreed to contribute \$5.5 million toward the total estimated cost to conduct the pivotal Phase 3 study. Three payments totaling \$5 million have been made. Daré and NICHD are in discussions regarding an amendment to the CRADA.

Ovaprene® - U.S. Regulatory Strategy¹

The PCT Clinical Study Met its Primary Endpoint

- Ovaprene prevented the requisite number of sperm from reaching the cervix across all women and all cycles evaluated.
- Specifically, in 100% of women and cycles, an average of less than five (< 5)
 progressively motile sperm (PMS) per high-powered field (HPF) were
 present in the midcycle cervical mucus collected two to three hours after
 intercourse with Ovaprene in place.
- Women enrolled in the study who completed at least one Ovaprene PCT (N=26) had a mean of 27.21 PMS/HPF in their baseline cycle (without any contraceptive device), a mean of 0.22 PMS/HPF in their diaphragm cycle (in the presence of an FDA-cleared diaphragm with spermicide), and a mean of 0.48 PMS/HPF in their Ovaprene PCT cycles (in the presence of the Ovaprene device), with a median of zero PMS.

	Mean Progressively Motile Sperm	Median Progressively Motile Sperm	Standard Deviation	Interquartile Range
Baseline PCT's	27.21	23.20	17.88	24,80
Ovaprene PCT's	0.48	0.00	1.18	0.10

In PCT studies of similar size, products (diaphragms) that demonstrated no motile sperm in the cervical mucus during PCT assessments later demonstrated "typical use" contraceptive effectiveness of 86-91% in pivotal contraceptive studies evaluating pregnancy rates over six-month periods.

Premarket approval (PMA) strategy

The Center for Devices and Radiological Health (CDRH) as lead review division

Step 1 (Completed)

Postcoital Test (PCT) Clinical Study - Completed 4Q 2019

Step 2 (Ongoing)

- FDA approval of investigational device exemption (IDE) for pivotal study start – Obtained 4Q-2022
- Review and implement additional FDA study design recommendations
- 3. Conduct pivotal study Subject enrollment anticipated 4Q-2023
 - This is a non-comparative study meaning all women will use Ovaprene – there is no placebo
 - Target approximately 250 subjects to complete ~12 months (13 menstrual cycles), of use.
 - Primary objective: typical use pregnancy rate over 13 menstrual cycles (estimated Pearl Index)
 - · Secondary objectives:
 - 13-cycle typical use cumulative pregnancy rate
 - · Safety, acceptability, product fit/ease of use, vaginal health

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Sildenafil Cream, 3.6%

Potential First-In-Category treatment for Female Sexual Arousal Disorder (FSAD), and/or Female Sexual Interest/Arousal Disorder (FSIAD), which have no FDA-approved therapies

Novel cream formulation of sildenafil, the active ingredient in Viagra®

FSAD/FSIAD – The Clinical Issue & Prevalence

- Female Sexual Arousal Disorder (FSAD) is characterized primarily by inability to attain or maintain sufficient genital arousal during sexual activity and, Female Sexual Interest/Arousal Disorder (FSIAD) is defined in the DSM-5 as lack of, or significantly reduced, sexual interest/arousal 1
- Of female sexual function disorders, these conditions are those most analogous to erectile dysfunction (ED) in
- Arousal disorders in women should be distinguished from a general loss of interest in sexual activity and from other sexual dysfunctions, such as orgasmic disorder (anorgasmia) and hypoactive sexual desire disorder (HSDD), which is characterized in DSM-IV-TR as lack or absence of sexual fantasies and desire for sexual activity for some period of time.2,3,
- Meta-analysis of 95 studies from 2000-2014 indicated prevalence of Female Sexual Dysfunction in premenopausal women worldwide is 41%, and difficulty with arousal alone is 23%.4
- Market research estimates:
- 33% of US women aged 21 to 60 (~ 20 million women), experience symptoms of low or no sexual arousal.5,6
- 10 million women are considered distressed and actively seeking treatment.5

There are no FDA-approved treatments for FSAD/FSIAD

- Diagnossic and Statistical Manual (DSM) 4th Edition Text Revision (DSM IVTR) defines FSAD as a persistent or recurrent inability to attain or to maintain until completion of the sexual activity, an adequate lubrication-swelling response of sexual excitement. The diagnostic criteria also state that the inability assess marked distress or interpersonal difficulty, in not better accounted for by another Axis I disorder (except another sexual adjustmention) and is not dive exclusively to the direct physiological effects of asubstance (e.g., admy of abuse, a medication) or a general medical condition. As described in the fifth addition of the DSM (CSM S), which was published in 2003, FSAD is characterized act also for, a rightinghish except another sexual acts is months and the symptoms must be severe enough to cause clinically significant distress. Patients could meet the DSM 5 criteria for FSIAD if they recommantly have symptoms of low sexual arousal, or if they predominantly have symptoms of both low sexual desire and low sexual arousal.

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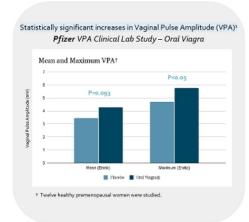
Sildenafil Cream, 3.6% - Product Profile

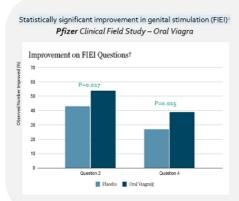
Topically-administered investigational Sildenafil Cream¹ is...

- A PDE5 inhibitor utilized in ED medications for men ED product Viagra® peaked at \$2.05 billion in sales in 2012.2
- Designed to increase local blood flow to promote improved genital arousal response.
- · Applied topically, avoiding hepatic first-pass metabolism response, resulting in lower systemic exposure potentially resulting in reduced side effects vs. oral sildenafil, including Viagra®.
- Given similarities between ED and FSAD, sildenafil the active ingredient in Viagra® may improve genital arousal response and overall sexual experience for women as it does in men.
- There are no FDA-approved treatments for FSAD or FSIAD.



Oral Sildenafil provided a compelling proof of concept for FSAD/FSIAD





† Question #2 - "After taking study medication, the sensation/feeling in my genital (vaginal, labia, clitoris) area during intercourse or stimulation (foreplay) seemed to be: (a) more than before, (b) less than before, or (c) unchanged".

Question #4 - "After taking the study medication, intercourse and/or foreplay was: (a) pleasant and satisfying; better than before taking the study medication, (b) unpleasant; worse than before taking study medication, (c) unchanged; no difference, or (d) pleasant; but still not like it used to be or I would like it to be."

202 postmenopausal women with FSAD who had protocol specified estradiol and free testosterone concentrations, and/or were receiving estrogen and/or androgen replacement therapy were studied.

Key Takeaways of Viagra® studies:

- Increased blood flow and clinical efficacy observed with oral sildenafil (Viagra") in women.
- The side effect profile of the oral formulation was not optimal for women leading to the exploration of alternative delivery options including a topical route of administration.

Sildenafil Cream, 3.6% - Phase 1 and Phase 2a Study Results

Phase 1 Study of SST-6007 (Sildenafil Cream, 3.6%)1

- · Normal healthy postmenopausal women were dosed with escalating doses of Sildenafil Cream, 3.6%, using a cross-over study design.
- Sildenafil Cream had significantly lower systemic exposure compared to a 50 mg oral sildenafil dose:
- AUC 3-07. Cmax 1-2% Sildenafil Cream was safe and well tolerated at clinically relevant
 - · Favorable product characteristics as self-reported by subjects
 - Easy to use
 - Readily absorbed

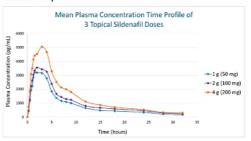
Phase 2a Study of SST-6007(Sildenafil Cream, 3.6%)1

· Demonstrated increased blood flow in the genital tissue compared to placebo (mean change in VPA analysis) in 31 women (pre and postmenopausal) ~30 minutes post dosing.

Phase 1 Study

Parameter	Treatment Level		
	1 g cream (36mg sildenafil), n=20	2 g cream (71mg sildenafil), n=20	4 g cream (142mg sildenafil), n=19
Cmax (ng/mL)	3.61	4.10	5.65
AUCo-t(h*ng/mL)	27.45	33.32	45-33
Tmax (hr)	2.56	2.60	2.42

Phase 1 Study



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Sildenafil Cream, 3.6% - Thermography Study Results*

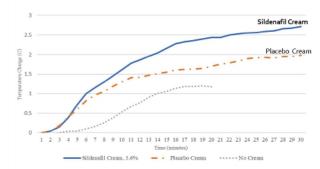
Demonstrated time to effect

(See Figure 1)

- Positive cognitive arousal responses were noted.
- Significantly greater increases in genital temperature after application of Sildenafil Cream compared to placebo cream.
- Significantly greater self-reported arousal responses reported during Sildenafil Cream visits compared to placebo cream visits.

Statistically significant greater linear slope during minutes 11-15 of the sexually explicit stimuli as compared to the placebo cream for the vestibule.

Figure 1. Clitoral temperature change during the sexually explicit film



Thermography Study Design & Methodology (N=6)3

Phase 1, single-dose, double-blind, placebo-controlled, 2-way crossover study evaluating the feasibility of using thermography to assess the pharmacodynamics of Sildenafil Cream, 3.6% in normal healthy women. The study required 3 visits and a follow up contact: Visit 1 (screening), Visits 2-3 (double-blind dosing) and a phone call (safety follow-up).

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*Thermography utilizes sensitive cameras capable of detecting and recording temperature variations over time, Genital temperature changes are a surrogate for genital blood flor



Sildenafil Cream, 3.6% - Phase 2b RESPOND Study - Overview

Exploratory Phase 2b clinical study designed to evaluate Sildenafil Cream vs. placebo over 12 weeks of double-blinded dosing following both a non-drug and placebo run-in period

- Compared Sildenafil Cream vs. placebo used in patients' home setting.
- Co-primary endpoints: patient reported outcome (PRO) instruments measured improvement in localized genital sensations of arousal (Arousal-Sensation Domain of the Sexual Function Questionnaire) and reduction in FSAD related distress (Female Sexual Distress Scale).
- Secondary endpoint: measured change in the number of satisfactory sexual events
- Exploratory endpoints: Several efficacy endpoints measured and could be candidate endpoints in a Phase 3 study. Efficacy assessments were administered both on an electronic diary to be completed within 24 hours of a sexual event and via 28-day recall assessments.

Topline data of exploratory Phase 2b RESPOND study announced June 2023.



Sildenafil Cream, 3.6% - Phase 2b RESPOND Study – Highlights

Positive findings from the exploratory Phase 2b RESPOND study of Sildenafil Cream, 3.6% in women with Female Sexual Arousal Disorder support continued development of Sildenafil Cream and selection of proposed primary endpoint assessments for a Phase 3 study

- Sildenafil Cream-treated group showed meaningful improvement in the co-primary endpoint assessment that evaluated change from baseline in the Arousal-Sensation Domain of the Sexual Function Questionnaire, although the endpoint did not achieve statistical significance.¹
- · Sildenafil Cream-treated group also showed improvements in the secondary endpoint and prespecified exploratory endpoints that evaluated various aspects of the sexual experience:
 - Sexual satisfaction
 - · Arousal lubrication
 - · Achievement and pleasure of orgasm
 - Sexual desire

Preparing to Request End-of-Phase 2 Meeting with FDA



DARE-HRT1

Potential **first-in-category 28-day intravaginal ring** (IVR) combination bio-identical estradiol and bio-identical progesterone menopausal hormone therapy for **treatment of vasomotor symptoms**

There are no FDA approved options with both hormones in one monthly IVR.

Intravaginal Ring (IVR) Technology Highlights

The Vaginal Route of Drug Administration¹

- Vaginal drug delivery offers many potential advantages due to large surface area, dense network of blood vessels and high elasticity due to presence of smooth muscle fibers.
- Recognized advantages include comparable ease of administration and ability to bypass hepatic first-pass metabolism.

Our IVR Technology Design Features:

- Sustained drug delivery
- Variable dosing and duration
- Solid ethylene vinyl acetate (EVA) polymer matrix that can contain and release one or several active drugs
- No need for membrane or reservoir to contain active drug(s) or control the release





Vasomotor Symptoms of Menopause

Daré Innovation: DARE-HRT1 Monthly Vaginal Ring



- In the US, over 45M women are estimated to be in or approaching menopause; symptoms can last up to 10 years¹
- ~75% of menopausal women experience hot flashes2
- 3 in 5 menopausal women felt that they were adversely affected by symptoms while at work³
- 35% of menopausal women reported that they had experienced 4+ symptoms of menopause, but only 44% said they had discussed their symptoms with a doctor4
- Limitations with current standards of care
- · Hormone therapy is the most effective treatment for VMS and other symptoms of menopause according to the The Menopause Society⁵.
- · The Menopause Society recommends delivering both estrogen and progesterone, simultaneously, for women with an intact uteri and The Menopause Society states that non-oral routes of administration may offer
- · There are no FDA-approved products that combine both estradiol and progesterone in a non-oral monthly form.
- Many treatments do not offer bioidentical hormones to most closely mimic the natural hormones in a woman's
- Target Product Profile
- A single, non-oral, non-daily, monthly product that can deliver both bioidentical estradiol and progesterone.
- Non-oral routes of administration bypass the livers and may reduce the risk of blood clots6.
- A vaginal ring is a preferred form factor, due to the convenience, discrete administration, and ease of use? According to a survey of women who switched from an oral contraceptive to an intravaginal ring (IVR), 71% of reported they would continue to use the IVR after the study8.

Menopause – Hormone Therapy Position Paper



THE MENOPAUSE SOCIETY POSITION STATEMENT

2022 hormone therapy position statement of The Menopause Society²

- Hormone therapy remains the most effective treatment for vasomotor symptoms (VMS) and the genitourinary syndrome of menopause and has been shown to prevent bone loss and fracture.
- The risks of hormone therapy differ depending on type, dose, duration of use, route of administration, timing of initiation, and whether a progestogen is used. Treatment should be individualized using the best available evidence to maximize benefits and minimize risks, with periodic reevaluation of the benefits and risks of continuing therapy.
- Non-oral routes of administration (eg, transdermal, vaginal) may offer potential advantages because non-oral routes bypass the first-pass hepatic effect.

3 in 4¹ Women

say menopause has interfered with their lives. **64% of women** say they feel unprepared to handle their symptoms.

DARE-HRT1*

Completed Phase 1 STUDY 1,2

- Open-label, 3-arm, parallel group study evaluated the pharmacokinetics (PK) and safety of DARE-HRT1 in healthy postmenopausal women
- First arm received one 28-day DARE-HRT1 IVR (17β2estradiol (E2) 80 µg/d with progesterone (P4) 4 mg/d); second arm received one 28-day DARE-HRT1 IVR (E2 160 μg/d with P4 8 mg/d); third arm received oral Estrofem (1 mg E2) and Prometrium (100 mg P4) both daily for 29 days
- PK: Both DARE-HRT1 IVRs gave similar steady-state concentrations of E2 as seen with drug products approved by the FDA for treatment of VMS and genitourinary symptoms of menopause. The E2 concentrations of this study support the potential of DARE-HRT1, a promising new option for hormone therapy for treatment of VMS and vaginal symptoms associated with menopause.
- Safety: Both DARE-HRT1 IVRs were safe and well tolerated. Treatment emergent adverse events were comparable to the referent oral regimen.

*505(b)(2) regulatory pathway anticipated

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Completed Phase 1 / 2 STUDY 3,4

- Open-label, 2-arm, parallel group study evaluated the safety, PK, preliminary efficacy and usability of DARE-HRT1 IVRs over 12 weeks in 21 healthy postmenopausal women
- Women were randomized (1:1) to either DARE-HRT1 IVR1 (E2 8ο μg/d with P4 4 mg/d) or DARE-HRT1 IVR2 (E2 160 μ g/d with P4 8 mg/d) and used the IVR for three 28-day cycles, inserting a new IVR monthly.
- Preliminary Efficacy: Preliminary local genitourinary syndrome of menopause (GSM) treatment efficacy was supported by significant decreases in vaginal pH and % parabasal cells, and significant increases in the overall vaginal maturation index (VMI) and % superficial cells for both IVR groups (all P values < 0.01). Preliminary VMS efficacy was supported by significant decreases in all domains of the Menopause-Specific Quality of Life (MENQOL) questionnaire from baseline for both IVR groups (all P values <0.01). There was significant improvement in hot flashes and night sweats among both IVR groups. Data from this study support further development of DARE-HRT1 for the treatment of menopausal symptoms.
- Safety and PK: Both DARE-HRT1 IVRs were safe and released E2 in systemic concentrations, which were in the low, normal premenopausal range. Systemic P4 concentrations predict endometrial protection. Data from this study support further development of DARE-HRT1 for the treatment of menopausal symptoms.



DARE-HRT1 - U.S. Regulatory Strategy¹

- Following clinical development, Daré intends to leverage the existing safety and efficacy data on the active ingredients in DARE-HRT1, estradiol and progesterone, to utilize the FDA's 505(b)(2) pathway to obtain marketing approval of DARE-HRT1 in the U.S.
- Daré intends to seek FDA approval of DARE-HRT1 for the treatment of moderate to severe VMS due to menopause in women with intact uteri.
- Based on pre-IND communications with the FDA and the topline PK data from the DARE-HRT1 Phase 1 / 2 study, Daré believes FDA approval of DARE-HRT1 for that indication is achievable via the 505(b)(2) pathway supported by a single, placebo-controlled, Phase 3 clinical trial of DARE-HRT1 and a scientifically justified PK "bridge" (via a relative bioavailability trial) between DARE-HRT1 and the selected listed estradiol and progesterone drugs.
- Ongoing activities to support progressing directly into a single Phase 3 study to support registration include manufacturing and non-clinical studies to support the IND submission and the planned INDopening Phase 3 study.



DARE-VVA1

Potential **first-in-category hormone-free vaginal treatment for VVA**. Proprietary formulation of tamoxifen for intravaginal administration.

There are currently no FDA-approved vaginal hormone-free treatments for VVA.



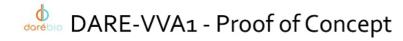
Proprietary tamoxifen formulation for intravaginal administration for vulvovaginal atrophy (VVA), a chronic condition characterized by pain during intercourse, vaginal dryness and irritation.

- There are currently no FDA-approved vaginal, hormonefree treatments for VVA.
- Approximately 4 million US women have a history of invasive breast cancer; HR+ is the most common type.¹
- Localized estrogen therapy for VVA is often contraindicated for women diagnosed with, or at risk of recurrence of, ER-positive and PR-positive breast cancer.
- VVA prevalence in postmenopausal breast cancer survivors is estimated at 42 to 70%.²
- There is a clear unmet medical need for an effective nonhormonal treatment for VVA



505(b)(x) regulatory pathway anticpated

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• This exploratory study¹ in four postmenopausal women diagnosed with VVA demonstrated that a selfadministered vaginal suppository containing tamoxifen (20mg) dosed daily for one week and twice weekly for three months was effective in reducing vaginal pH and vaginal dryness.

Vaginal Tamoxifen	Enrollment (Baseline)	On Treatment (Month 3)	Paired Difference (Baseline vs. Month 3)
Median Vaginal pH Normal vaginal pH is usually less than 4.5. ²	7.1 range 6.5 to 7.5	5.0 range 5.0 to 5.2	-2.0 median range -2.5 to -1.5 Lower pH value is a measure of symptom relief
Vaginal Dryness Rated using a visual analogue scale (VAS) that ranged from: o = Not bothered by dryness 10 = Extremely bothered by dryness	8.0 range of 7.5 to 9.0	3.0 range 2.0 to 3.0	-5.5 median range -6.0 to -4.5 Decreased vaginal dryness is a measure of symptom relief

In addition, systemic absorption of tamoxifen was not significant:

- After 8 weeks of study treatment with vaginal tamoxifen, median plasma concentration of tamoxifen was 5.8 ng/ml, with a range of 1.0 to 10.0 ng/ml
- In comparison, after 3 months of administration of 20mg, once-daily oral tamoxifen citrate (Nolvadex),3 the average steady state plasma concentration of tamoxifen is 122 ng/ml with a range of 71 to 183 ng/ml

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Completed Phase 1 / 2 Study

Pharmacokinetics, safety and preliminary pharmacodynamic evaluation of DARE-VVA1: a soft gelatin capsule containing tamoxifen for the treatment of vulvovaginal atrophy¹

Objective:

This study aimed to measure safety, systemic pharmacokinetics and preliminary efficacy of a vaginal tamoxifen capsule (DARE-VVA1) among
postmenopausal women with moderate-to-severe VVA.

Methods:

This was a randomized, placebo-controlled, double-blind, phase 1/2 study of DARE-VVA1, in four doses (1, 5, 10 and 20 mg).

Results:

- Seventeen women were enrolled and 14 completed the 8-week treatment. DARE-VVA1 was safe.
 - · All adverse events were of mild or moderate severity and distributed similarly among active and placebo groups.
 - Plasma tamoxifen concentrations were highest among women using DARE-VVA1 20 mg, but the maximum mean (standard deviation) plasma tamoxifen concentrations on day 1 (2.66 ± 0.85 ng/ml) and day 56 (5.69 ± 1.87 ng/ml) were <14% of those measured after one oral tamoxifen dose.
 - Active study product users had significant decreases from pre-treatment baseline in vaginal pH and proportion of vaginal parabasal cells (p = 0.04 for both
 endpoints), with women randomized to the 10 mg or 20 mg dose experiencing the largest treatment impact.
 - The severity of vaginal dryness and dyspareunia decreased significantly from baseline with active study product use (p = 0.02 for both endpoints).

Conclusions:

DARE-VVA1 was safe and resulted in minimal systemic exposure to tamoxifen. Preliminary efficacy data support further development of DARE-VVA1.



DARE-CIN

(formerly R-131-2)
Potential **first-in-category non-surgical, pharmaceutical intervention for the treatment of CIN2+**.
Proprietary fixed-dose formulation of lopinavir and ritonavir in a soft gel vaginal insert.

There are currently no FDA-approved, pharmaceutical interventions for the treatment of CIN2+.



DARE-CIN is a proprietary fixed-dose formulation of lopinavir and ritonavir in a soft gel vaginal insert being developed for the treatment of CIN, also referred to as cervical dysplasia, and other HPV-related pathologies.

- There are currently no FDA-approved, pharmaceutical interventions for the treatment of cervical intraepithelial neoplasia (CIN) grade 2 or greater (CIN2+).
- Human papillomavirus, or HPV, is the most common sexually transmitted infection (STI) in the United States. About 80% of women will get at least one type of HPV at some point in their lifetime.¹
 - About 250,000 to 1 million women in the U.S. get diagnosed with cervical dysplasia each year. The condition occurs most often among women of childbearing age, particularly aged 25 to 35.2
- A persistent HPV infection is a prerequisite for development of most CIN and cervical cancer.
 - Together, HPV types HPV-16, HPV-18, HPV-45, HPV-31, and HPV-33 account for ~85% of invasive cervical cancer worldwide.3
- In the United States, in 2016, an estimated 196,000 cases of CIN2+ were diagnosed.4
 - For CIN2+, the only FDA-approved intervention is a loop electrosurgical excision procedure (LEEP).
- The key value proposition for DARE-CIN is that it is a pharmacological approach in CIN2+, to avoid LEEP surgery.
 - A LEEP procedure uses a wire loop heated by electric current to remove cells and tissue in a woman's lower genital tract and is generally considered an effective treatment but may have negative long-term effects on a woman's fertility (preterm birth).5



Proof of Concept

- A Single-Arm, Proof-Of-Concept Trial of Lopinavir/Ritonavir¹ as a Treatment for HPV-Related Pre-Invasive Cervical Disease.²
- A total of 23 women with HSIL[‡] were treated with lopinavir/ritonavir during which time no adverse reactions were reported.
 - A maximum concentration of 10 ng/ml of lopinavir was detected in patient plasma 1 week after starting treatment.
 - HPV was no longer detected in 12/23 (52.2%, 95%CI: 30.6–73.2%).
 - Post-treatment cytology at 12 weeks on women with HSIL, showed 14/22 (63.6%, 95%CI: 40.6–82.8%) had no dysplasia and 4/22 (18.2%, 95%CI: 9.9–65.1%) were now low grade demonstrating a combined positive response in 81.8% of women of which 77.8% was confirmed by histology.
 - These data are supported by colposcopic images, which show regression of cervical lesions.
- These results demonstrate the potential of lopinavir/ritonavir as a self-applied therapy for HPV infection and related cervical lesions.

* HSIL = (CIN2/3)

sos(b)(z) regulatory pathway anticpated

L. Lopimune soft gel capsules (133 mg lopinavir/33 mg ritonavir) for vaginal insertion

Hampson L., et al. (2016) PLoS ONE 13(2):e0347917, doi:10.1373/journal.pone.01479;



HPV Associated Conditions In the United States

	HPV Infections		HPV Infections ¹ • ~42.5 M Americans infected with HPV • ~13 M new infections annually
		Low-Grade Dysplasia [LSIL/CIN1] Cervical	Low-Grade Dysplasia ² • ~1.5 M women diagnosed annually
		High-Grade Dysplasia [HSIL/CIN2+] Cervical	High-Grade Dysplasia ³ • 196,000 CIN2+ cases annually (74% were women aged 18–39 years)
Cervical Cancer			Cervical Cancer ⁴ • ~14,000 cases annually

Phase 1 Stage Program

Reproductive Health

DARE-PDM₁^

Primary Dysmenorrhea

Phase 1 Study Topline Data in 2023*

- Potential first-in-category treatment for primary dysmenorrhea.
- Proprietary hydrogel formulation of diclofenac for vaginal administration.
- Alternative to oral nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs and hormonal contraceptives, which often can produce undesirable side effects.
- There are currently no FDA-approved vaginal diclofenac treatment options for primary dysmenorrhea.

* Anticipated timing ^ses(b)(a) regulatory pathway anticipated.

Phase 1-Ready Programs





DARE 204/214[^] Grant funding NIH







6 & 12-Month Injectable Contraception Phase 1 Study Preparation

- Novel 6 & 12-month injectable formulations of etonogestrel being developed as a longer-acting, reversible method of contraception with a more predictable return to fertility.
- There are currently no FDA-approved injectable contraceptives available indicated for 6 & 12-months of protection.

DARE-FRT1/PTB1[^] Grant funding NIH





Pregnancy Maintenance Phase 1 Study Preparation

- · Potential first-in-category progesterone delivery for pregnancy maintenance including the prevention of preterm birth (DARE-PTB1) and for luteal phase support as part of an IVF regimen (DARE-FRT1).
- · IVR designed to release bio-identical progesterone for up to 14 days.
- · Alternative to daily IM injections or vaginal gel. There are currently no FDA-approved products marketed in the U.S. that do not require daily dosing of progesterone.

Preclinical Stage Programs









Long-Acting, Reversible Personal Contraceptive System

- Potential first-in-category Levonorgestrel-releasing, longacting contraceptive implant that a woman can turn on and off herself, according to her own needs.
- Grant of up to $$48.95\,\mathrm{M}$ to advance technology through non-clinical proof of principle to enable IND submission, and an NIH grant to explore device insertion/removal in non-clinical studies.
- There are currently **no FDA-approved** contraceptive implants available that allow one to remotely pause and resume dosing.

DARE-LBT Grant funding foundation grant



Novel Delivery of Live Biotherapeutics

- Novel hydrogel formulation for delivery of live biotherapeutics to support vaginal health, such as for administration following effective primary infection treatment to rebalance the vaginal microbiota disrupted by the infection.
- Grant funded program.
- There are currently no FDA-approved live biotherapeutics for vaginal health.

Preclinical Stage Programs

Vaginal Health



DARE-GML

Novel Antimicrobial Glycerol Monolaurate (GML)

- A naturally occurring fatty acid monoester that has shown broad antimicrobial activity, killing bacteria, fungi, and viruses, and represents a new class of antimicrobials.
- GML has the potential to be a first-in-category multitarget antimicrobial agent.

DARE-RH1

Male or Female Contraceptive Target

- A potential new rapidly reversible, non-hormonal contraceptive solution with application for women and men.
- There are currently no FDA-approved contraceptives available that target sperm hypermotility required for implantation.

Preclinical Stage Programs

Fertility

DARE-PTB2 Grant funding NIH Nurlear NIH Nurlear Of Household





Prevention and Treatment of Idiopathic Preterm Birth (PTB)

- Potential new approach for the prevention and treatment of idiopathic PTB through a stress response protein target.
- Grant funding for proof-of-concept target validation studies in collaboration with the Lockwood Laboratory at the University of South Florida Morsani College Medicine.

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