

**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): January 9, 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 changed since last report.)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
<b>Common stock</b>	<b>DARE</b>	<b>Nasdaq Capital Market</b>

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

**Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.**

On January 9, 2023, Daré Bioscience, Inc. ("Daré") issued a press release regarding DARE-HRT1, its investigational combination bio-identical 17 $\beta$ -estradiol and bio-identical progesterone intravaginal ring ("IVR") for the treatment of menopausal symptoms as part of hormone therapy following menopause, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this report.

The information contained in this Item 7.01, including in Exhibit 99.1 hereto, is being "furnished" and shall not be deemed "filed" for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that Section or Sections 11 and 12(a)(2) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. The information contained in this Item 7.01 and in Exhibit 99.1 shall not be incorporated by reference into any filing with the U.S. 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 January 9, 2023, Daré issued a press release announcing topline pharmacokinetic ("PK") results of its Phase 1/2 clinical study of DARE-HRT1. Previously, on October 17, 2022, Daré reported topline efficacy data from the study. Topline results from the study support continued clinical development of DARE-HRT1 and Daré plans to advance DARE-HRT1 into a Phase 3 clinical trial. Following clinical development, Daré plans to seek marketing approval of DARE-HRT1 for the treatment of moderate to severe vasomotor symptoms ("VMS") due to menopause in women with intact uteri. Daré believes U.S. Food and Drug Administration ("FDA") approval of DARE-HRT1 for that indication is achievable via the FDA's 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.

The randomized, open-label, two-arm, parallel group Phase 1/2 study of DARE-HRT1 was designed to evaluate the PK of two versions of DARE-HRT1 (estradiol 80  $\mu$ g/progesterone 4 mg IVR and estradiol 160  $\mu$ g/progesterone 8 mg IVR) in approximately 20 healthy, post-menopausal women over approximately three consecutive months of use. The study also collected safety, usability, acceptability and symptom-relief data, including VMS as well as the vaginal symptoms of menopause.

Topline data from the study demonstrate that DARE-HRT1 successfully delivered estradiol and progesterone over the 12-week evaluation period. The baseline-corrected steady state release of estradiol and progesterone from both the lower (IVR1) and higher (IVR2) dose versions of DARE-HRT1 evaluated in the study demonstrated steady state release levels in month 3 of the 12-week study as shown in the table below:

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Menopausal symptoms, including hot flashes and night sweats, were reduced compared with baseline in both DARE-HRT1 dose groups ( $p < 0.01$ ). Participants also showed significant improvement from baseline in all measures surveyed on The Menopausal Quality of Life Survey (MENQOL), which surveys not only parameters of VMS, but also physical, psychosocial and sexual symptoms ( $p < 0.01$  on all domains). With DARE-HRT1 use, vaginal pH significantly decreased compared to baseline ( $p < 0.01$ ) and cytologic tests of the vaginal epithelium (vaginal maturation index) showed significant normalization (all  $p$  values  $< 0.01$  for increases in superficial cells, increases in intermediate cells and decreases in parabasal cells from baseline) among all participants. The most common genitourinary symptom, vaginal dryness, which was reported by 70% of participants at baseline, showed significant improvement in both DARE-HRT1 groups ( $p < 0.01$ ) and this subset also experienced significant decreases in vaginal pain with DARE-HRT1 use ( $p < 0.01$ ).

The study treatment was well tolerated with the types of most common adverse events consistent with other vaginal products. There were only two early discontinuations due to an adverse event, and no serious adverse events were reported.

DARE-HRT1 had a high level of acceptability in the study, with 100% of subjects reporting that the IVR was comfortable to wear, and there were no reports of the IVR being expelled from the vagina during use. Additionally, over 95% of subjects stated they would be either somewhat or very likely to use the IVR for a women's health condition or unrelated disease if needed.

Included as Exhibit 99.2 to this report is a presentation about Daré and its product and product candidates, dated January 9, 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 January 9, 2023.

## Forward-Looking Statements

Daré cautions you that all statements, other than statements of historical facts, contained in this report 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. Forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, statements relating to DARE-HRT1’s potential as a safe and effective hormone therapy for symptoms of menopause, DARE-HRT1’s potential to be the first FDA-approved monthly IVR product delivering both estrogen and progestogen hormone therapy for symptoms of menopause, the importance of the Phase 1/2 clinical study results to Daré and DARE-HRT1, the anticipated regulatory approval pathway for DARE-HRT1, and the potential for FDA approval of DARE-HRT1 for the treatment of moderate to severe VMS due to menopause in women with intact uteri based on a single Phase 3 clinical trial together with study data that establishes a scientific bridge to the selected listed drugs. 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, including, without limitation: the risk that positive findings in early clinical and/or nonclinical studies of a product candidate may not be predictive of success in subsequent clinical and/or nonclinical studies of that candidate; Daré’s ability to develop, obtain FDA or foreign regulatory approval for, and commercialize its product candidates and to do so on communicated timelines; failure or delay in starting, conducting and completing clinical trials of a product candidate; Daré’s ability to design and conduct successful clinical trials, to enroll a sufficient number of patients, to meet established clinical endpoints, to avoid undesirable side effects and other safety concerns, and to demonstrate sufficient safety and efficacy of its product candidates; Daré’s dependence on third parties to conduct clinical trials and manufacture and supply clinical trial material and commercial product; the risk that development of a product candidate requires more clinical or nonclinical studies than Daré anticipates, or that the duration of a study or number of study subjects must be significantly greater than anticipated; Daré’s ability to raise additional capital when and as needed to advance its product candidates, execute its business strategy and continue as a going concern; the loss of, or inability to attract, key personnel; the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, 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, including the potential impact of the pandemic on Daré’s ability to timely commence, enroll, conduct and report results of its clinical trials and on the ability of third parties on which Daré relies to assist in the conduct of its business to fulfill their contractual obligations to Daré; 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; cyber attacks, security breaches 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.

### Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

#### (d) Exhibits

Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	<a href="#">Press release issued on January 9, 2023</a>
99.2	<a href="#">Corporate presentation, dated January 9, 2023</a>
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: January 9, 2023

By: /s/ Sabrina Martucci Johnson  
Name: Sabrina Martucci Johnson  
Title: President and Chief Executive Officer



**Daré Bioscience Announces Positive Pharmacokinetic (PK) Results from the DARE-HRT1 Phase 1 / 2 Study that Support the Potential of DARE-HRT1 as an Effective Hormone Therapy for both Vasomotor and Vaginal Symptoms of Menopause**

*Daré Plans to Advance DARE-HRT1 into Single Phase 3 Efficacy Trial for Treatment of Vasomotor Symptoms (VMS) due to Menopause*

*DARE-HRT1 has the potential to be the first FDA-approved monthly intravaginal ring delivering both estrogen and progestogen hormone therapy*

SAN DIEGO, January 9, 2023 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) — Daré Bioscience, Inc. (NASDAQ: DARE), a leader in women's health innovation, today announced topline PK results from its Phase 1 / 2 clinical trial of DARE-HRT1 that support the potential of DARE-HRT1 as an effective hormone therapy (HT) based on the levels of hormones released. DARE-HRT1 is a novel, investigational intravaginal ring (IVR) designed to deliver bio-identical 17 $\beta$ -estradiol and bio-identical progesterone continuously over a 28-day period as part of a HT regimen. HT is used to treat the vasomotor symptoms (VMS) and genitourinary syndrome associated with menopause. DARE-HRT1 has the potential to be the first FDA-approved product to offer vaginal delivery of combination bio-identical estradiol and bio-identical progesterone hormone therapy in a convenient monthly format. Daré plans to advance DARE-HRT1 into a single Phase 3 clinical trial to support a new drug application for DARE-HRT1 for the treatment of moderate to severe VMS due to menopause in women with intact uteri.

"The delivery of hormone therapy over a 12-week study via a 28-day intravaginal ring which requires no daily intervention supports DARE-HRT1's potential to be a first-in-category option, offering ease-of-use and consistent dosing to women suffering from menopausal symptoms. There are currently no FDA-approved products that continuously deliver hormone therapy with both estradiol and progesterone together over multiple consecutive weeks," said Dr. Annie Thurman, Medical Director of Daré Bioscience. "We believe these Phase 1 / 2 topline data support progressing directly into a single Phase 3 study following the Investigational New Drug (IND) submission to and clearance from the FDA."

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Previously reported topline efficacy data from the Phase 1 / 2 study demonstrated improvement in both VMS as well as vaginal symptoms of menopause. The North American Menopause Society's (NAMS) guidance on hormone therapy states that dosing estrogen and progestogen in combination may offer important benefits to women, and NAMS observed that non-oral routes of administration may offer advantages over orally administered therapies.

The IVR technology used in DARE-HRT1 was developed by Dr. Robert Langer from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Dr. William Crowley from Massachusetts General Hospital and Harvard Medical School. Unlike other IVR technologies, Daré's IVR drug delivery technology is designed to release more than one active ingredient via a solid ethylene vinyl acetate polymer matrix without the need for a membrane or reservoir to contain the active drug or to control the release, allowing for sustained drug delivery.

Data from a prior randomized, open-label, three-arm, parallel group Phase 1 study that evaluated the PK of DARE-HRT1 in approximately 30 healthy, post-menopausal women with intact uteri demonstrated that DARE-HRT1 successfully delivered both estradiol and progesterone over the 28-day evaluation period. The estradiol PK data in that prior DARE-HRT1 Phase 1 study support the potential of DARE-HRT1 as an effective hormone therapy for both VMS and vaginal symptoms associated with menopause.

#### **DARE-HRT1 Phase 1 / 2 Clinical Trial Study Design**

The randomized, open-label, two-arm, parallel group Phase 1/2 study was designed to evaluate DARE-HRT1's safety, PK, and preliminary efficacy in improving the VMS as well as the vaginal symptoms of menopause in approximately 20 healthy, post-menopausal women (age range 51-65 years, mean 59 years) with intact uteri over approximately three consecutive months of use. The primary objective of the study was to describe the safety, tolerability, and PK of two different dose combinations (estradiol 80 µg/progesterone 4 mg IVR and estradiol 160 µg/progesterone 8 mg IVR) over 12 weeks of use. Secondary objectives of the study were to assess the usability, participant tolerability, and preliminary effectiveness of DARE-HRT1 for both the VMS and vaginal symptoms of menopause.

The study was conducted by Daré's wholly owned subsidiary in Australia.

#### **Topline Results of the Phase 1 / 2 Clinical Trial**

Topline data from the study demonstrate that DARE-HRT1 successfully delivered estradiol and progesterone over the 12-week evaluation period. The baseline-corrected steady state release of estradiol and progesterone from both the lower (IVR1) and higher (IVR2) dose versions of DARE-HRT1 evaluated in the study demonstrated steady state release levels in month 3 of the 12-week study as shown in the table below:

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Daré plans to submit data from the Phase 1 / 2 clinical study of DARE-HRT1 for publication in a peer-reviewed publication.

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## DARE-HRT1 505(b)(2) Regulatory Pathway

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 U.S. Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) 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 IND-opening Phase 3 study.

### About Menopause

Menopause is defined as the final menstrual period and is typically confirmed after a woman has missed her period for 12 consecutive months. Most women experience menopause between ages 40 and 58.<sup>1</sup> An estimated 45 million women in the U.S. are approaching or in menopause, which results in a decrease in estrogen and other hormones.<sup>1,2</sup> Hot flashes, vaginal dryness and loss of bone density are frequently associated with menopause. Night sweats (hot flashes that occur during sleep) often cause sleep disturbance, and vaginal atrophy (the drying and thinning of vaginal tissues) can cause a feeling of vaginal tightness during sex along with pain, burning, or soreness.<sup>1</sup> Hence, management of menopausal symptoms can impact quality of life, productivity and health. The North American Menopause Society (NAMS) believes that hormone therapy is the most effective treatment for VMS and the genitourinary syndrome of menopause and observes that a non-oral route may offer advantages over oral routes of administration.<sup>2</sup>

1. Menopause 101: A primer for the perimenopausal. NAMS, accessed 6 January 2023. <http://www.menopause.org/for-women/menopauseflashes/menopause-symptoms-and-treatments/menopause-101-a-primer-for-the-perimenopausal>.

2. NAMS Position Statement. The 2022 hormone therapy position statement of The North American Menopause Society. *Menopause: The Journal of The North American Menopause Society* Vol. 29, No. 7, pp. 767-794 DOI: 10.1097/GME.0000000000002028. <https://www.menopause.org/docs/default-source/professional/nams-2022-hormone-therapy-position-statement.pdf>

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## 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, fertility, and vaginal and sexual health.

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. XACIATO is a clear, colorless, viscous gel, to be administered once intravaginally as a single dose. 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 utilizing the active ingredient in Viagra®; and DARE-HRT1, a combination bio-identical estradiol and progesterone intravaginal ring for hormone therapy following menopause. 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](http://www.darebioscience.com).

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.

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IN ITALIAN, IT MEANS "TO GIVE."

IN ENGLISH, IT MEANS "TO BE BOLD."

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## Women's Health is Our Sole Focus

Daré Bioscience is a biopharmaceutical company committed to addressing the lack of innovation in women's health with differentiated products that address unmet needs primarily in the areas of contraception, fertility, vaginal, and reproductive, menopause, and sexual health.

We work to accelerate **innovative product options** in women's health that...

**Expand treatment options** where none exist,

**Enhance outcomes** where current standard of care has meaningful shortcomings, and

**Improve ease of use** for women where a more compelling form factor can drive adoption.

We **partner** to...

Drive **innovation** and develop new solutions,

**Accelerate** novel products to **address persistent unmet needs** in a **time and capital efficient** manner, and

Establish and take to market a differentiated **pipeline** with compelling commercial potential.

We look for **differentiated investigational products** with...

**Attractive market opportunities** + unmet medical needs,

Prior human **proof-of-concept** and/or ability to leverage a **505(b)(2)** regulatory pathway,

**First-in-category** or first-line target product profile potential, and

Opportunity to **personalize for women** with novel, convenient routes of administration that have the potential to improve ease of use and side effect profile.



## Women's Health – An Efficient Investment Thesis

Approximately **1% of healthcare research** is invested in female-specific conditions beyond oncology.<sup>1</sup>

Women's Health conditions outside of oncology **comprise less than 2%** of the current healthcare pipeline.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> - McKinsey & Company, February 14, 2022, [Unlocking Opportunities in Women's Healthcare](#)

<sup>2</sup> - GlobalData Drugs Database and McKinsey & Company

<sup>3</sup> - IQVIA Monthly Global MIDAS \$ Const-Exchng (MNF) 2013 – 2022

Blockbuster defined as \$500 million dollar sales in a year

Women's Health including conditions solely or disproportionately affecting women; excludes oncology conditions in women

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.**<sup>3</sup>
- **Women control 80% of U.S. healthcare purchasing decisions.**<sup>1</sup>



# Daré Portfolio – The Big Ideas\*

## Contraception

**Ovaprene**® - 1<sup>st</sup> Hormone-free, Monthly Contraceptive

**ADARE-204/214** - 1<sup>st</sup> 6 & 12-Month Injectable Contraceptive

**DARE-LARC1** - 1<sup>st</sup> Long-Acting, Reversible Personal Contraceptive System (grant funded program)

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

## Reproductive, Menopause, and Sexual Health

**Sildenafil Cream, 3.6%** - 1<sup>st</sup> Topical cream, same active ingredient as Viagra® - Potential first-in-category treatment for female sexual arousal disorder (FSAD)

**DARE-HRT1** - 1<sup>st</sup> Hormone therapy estradiol+progesterone monthly intravaginal ring (IVR)

**DARE-PDM1** - 1<sup>st</sup> Vaginal administration of diclofenac for primary dysmenorrhea

## Vaginal Health

**XACIATO**™ - Clindamycin phosphate vaginal gel, 2%, treatment for bacterial vaginosis, single dose vaginal administration<sup>^</sup>

**DARE-VVA1** - 1<sup>st</sup> Hormone-free vaginal atrophy therapy for women with HR+ breast cancer

**DARE-GML** - Novel multi-target antimicrobial

**DARE-LBT** - Novel hydrogel formulation for delivery of live biotherapeutics to support vaginal health (grant funded program)

## Fertility

**DARE-FRT1 / PTB1**

- 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).

- 1<sup>st</sup> IVR designed to release bio-identical progesterone over 14 days

\* The product candidates presented are in clinical or preclinical stage development and none are approved for use outside of a clinical trial. XACIATO is our only FDA approved product.

<sup>^</sup> See Full Prescribing Information

## Upcoming Program Milestones\*

1

### Meaningful market potential for differentiated products

First-line or first-in-category product opportunities across the portfolio

2

### Diverse pipeline with independent outcomes

One FDA-approved product and several clinical development stage candidates utilizing different APIs and targeting different indications

3

### 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 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<sup>1</sup>

4

### 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

5

**Commercial value in women's health** evidenced by differentiated brands and recent transformational pharma transactions

### Ovaprene® (hormone-free monthly contraception)

- Pivotal Phase 3 study recruitment initiation mid-2023

### XACIATO™ (clindamycin phosphate) vaginal gel, 2% (f/k/a DARE-BV1)

- First commercial sale in 1H 2023 in the U.S.

### Sildenafil Cream, 3.6% (female sexual arousal disorder)

- Phase 2b study topline data 2Q-2023

### DARE-PDM1 (primary dysmenorrhea)

- Phase 1 study 2023

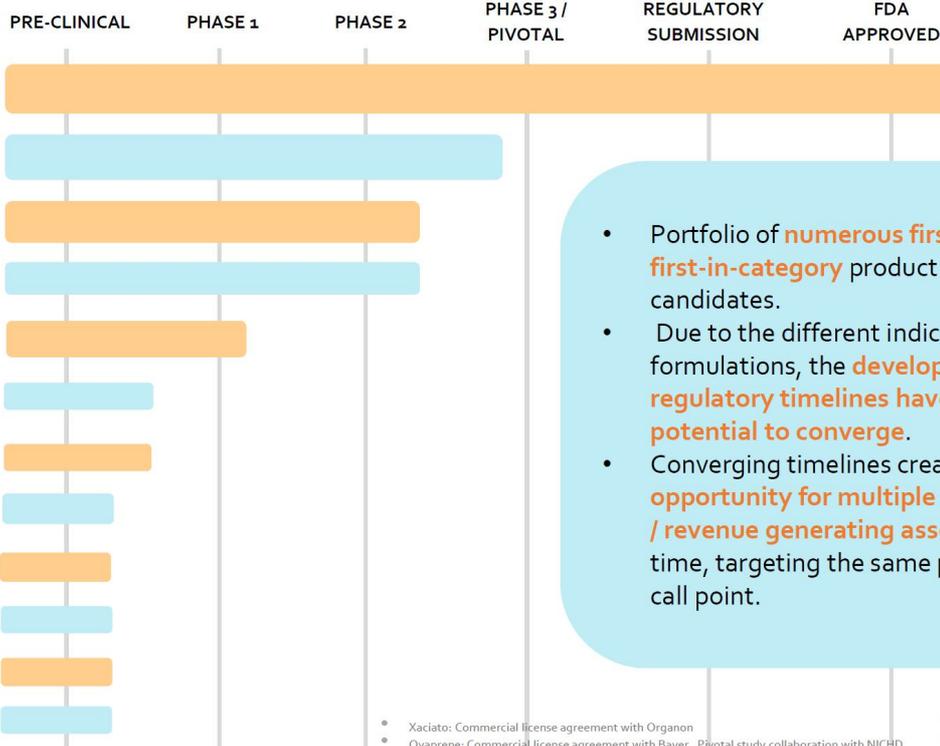
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\* currently anticipated timing

# Advancing Products Women Want – The Portfolio Snapshot



XACIATO™  
NDA Approved Dec. 7, 2021



Ovaprene\*  
Hormone-Free, Monthly Contraception  
Pivotal Phase 3 Study IDE approved

Sildenafil Cream, 3.6%\*  
Female Sexual Arousal Disorder  
Phase 2b Study Completed Screening October 2022

DARE-HRT1\*  
Hormone Therapy  
IND and Phase 3 Study Preparations

DARE-VVA1\*  
Vulvar and Vaginal Atrophy  
Phase 1/2 Study Topline Data Announced November 2022

DARE-PDM1\*  
Primary Dysmenorrhea  
Phase 1 Study Preparation

DARE-FRT1/PTB1\*  
Pregnancy Maintenance  
Phase 1 Study Preparation

ADARE 104/114\*  
6 & 12-Month Injectable Contraception  
Phase 1 Study Preparation

DARE-LARCs\*  
Long-Acting, Reversible Personal Contraceptive System (grant funded program)

DARE-GML  
Novel Antimicrobial Glycerol Monolaurate

DARE-LBT  
Novel hydrogel formulation for delivery of live biotherapeutics to support vaginal health (grant funded program)

DARE-RH1  
Male or Female Contraceptive Target

- Portfolio of **numerous first-line and first-in-category** product candidates.
- Due to the different indications and formulations, the **development and regulatory timelines have the potential to converge.**
- Converging timelines create the **opportunity for multiple on market / revenue generating assets** at one time, targeting the same provider call point.

\* Xaciatto: Commercial license agreement with Organon  
\* Ovaprene: Commercial license agreement with Bayer. Pivotal study collaboration with NICHD.

<sup>^</sup>505(b)(2) regulatory pathway anticipated.

# FDA Approved – XACIATO

## XACIATO™ (Clindamycin Phosphate) Vaginal Gel, 2%

NDA approved December 7, 2021

QIDP, Fast Track and Priority Review Designations

- XACIATO [zah-she-AH-toe] (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.\*
- This marks the first FDA-approved product in Daré's portfolio of potential first-in-category development candidates.
- Organon market access team is meeting with customers now to review XACIATO and obtain competitive coverage in the bacterial vaginosis marketplace
- Launch prep activities to continue into 2023
- Organon will leverage its established NEXPLANON sales team to accelerate XACIATO uptake at launch
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- First commercial sale anticipated in 1H2023 in the U.S.

### Commercialization Collaborator

 ORGANON

- The license became effective June 2022.
- Daré received a \$10 million upfront payment from Organon in 3Q 2022.
- Daré is eligible to receive potential milestone payments of up to \$182.5 million and tiered double-digit royalties based on net sales.

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\*See important safety information on slides 20 and 21.

# Advancing Products Women Want – Late Stage Programs

## Ovaprene®

Hormone-Free, Monthly Contraception

Pivotal Phase 3 Study to Commence 2023\*



- Investigational hormone-free, monthly intravaginal contraceptive.
- 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.

Potential first-in-category hormone-free contraception

*Self-administered intravaginal drug/device*

## Sildenafil Cream, 3.6% ^

Female Sexual Arousal Disorder

Phase 2b Study Topline Data Anticipated 2Q-2023\*

- Investigational cream formulation of sildenafil, the active ingredient in Viagra®, for topical administration to treat FSAD.
- FSAD is a physiological condition characterized by the inability to attain or maintain sufficient genital arousal during sexual activity. 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.

Potential first-in-category treatment for female sexual arousal disorder (FSAD)

*Topical cream, same active ingredient as Viagra®*

## DARE-HRT<sub>1</sub>^

Hormone Therapy

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

- First-in-category combination hormone delivery for treatment of vasomotor symptoms due to menopause.
- 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.

Potential first-in-category vaginal combination hormone delivery for treatment of vasomotor symptoms due to menopause

*Self-administered 28-day IVR*

\* Anticipated timing

^505(b)(2) regulatory pathway anticipated. 10

# Advancing Products Women Want – Phase 1 and Preclinical

## Phase 1

### DARE-FRT<sub>1</sub>/PTB<sub>1</sub><sup>^</sup>

#### Pregnancy Maintenance Phase 1 Study Preparation

1. First-in-category progesterone delivery for pregnancy maintenance including the prevention of preterm birth (DARE-PTB<sub>1</sub>) and for luteal phase support as part of an IVF regimen (DARE-FRT<sub>1</sub>).
2. IVR designed to release bio-identical progesterone over 14 days.
3. 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.**

### DARE-VVA<sub>1</sub><sup>^</sup>

#### Vulvar and Vaginal Atrophy Phase 1/2 Study Completed

1. First-in-category hormone-free vaginal treatment for vulvar and vaginal atrophy (VVA) in a hormone-receptor positive (HR+) breast cancer patient population.
2. Proprietary formulation of tamoxifen for vaginal administration.
3. Potential to be the first therapeutic specifically approved for treatment of VVA in patients with HR+ breast cancer. **There are currently no FDA approved products labeled for VVA treatment in HR+ breast cancer.**

### DARE-PDM<sub>1</sub><sup>^</sup>

#### Primary Dysmenorrhea Phase 1 Study Preparation

1. First-in-category treatment for primary dysmenorrhea.
2. 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.**
- 3.

## Pre-clinical

### ADARE 204/214<sup>^</sup>

#### 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 protection.**

### DARE-LARC<sub>1</sub><sup>^</sup>

#### Long-Acting, Reversible Personal Contraceptive System

Levonorgestrel-releasing, long-acting contraceptive implant that a woman can turn on and off herself, according to her own needs. Grant of up to \$48.95 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 implants available that allow one to remotely pause and resume dosing.**

### DARE-GML

#### Novel Antimicrobial Glycerol Monolaurate

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 multi-target antimicrobial agent.**

### DARE-LBT

#### Novel hydrogel formulation for delivery of live biotherapeutics

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

### DARE-RH<sub>1</sub>

#### 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.**

<sup>^</sup>505(b)(2) regulatory pathway anticipated.

# Daré: Advancing Products Women Want

Innovative women's health pipeline with multiple upcoming program milestones anticipated.

Every program, if approved, represents a potential first-line or first-in-class product opportunity.

Experienced Board of Directors and Management Team with demonstrated success in clinical and product development, regulatory affairs, corporate strategy and financial operations.

Women's health generating more interest as evidenced by transformational transactions.<sup>1-7</sup>

Pharmaceutical companies will continue to seek new and differentiated products to supplement their branded women's health offerings



License agreement for Daré's investigational Ovaprene®.

Evotec strategic alliance and KaNDY acquisition.



Myovant collaboration to develop and commercialize relugolix in oncology and women's health.



CooperCompanies

Acquired global rights to PARAGARD® Intrauterine Device (IUD) from Teva.



Acquisition of Ogeda.



License agreement for Daré's FDA approved Xaciatro.

Acquisition of Alydia Health and Forendo and license agreements with ObsEva and Cirqlle Biomedical.

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.businesswire.com/Dare/Bioscience>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.businesswire.com/KaNDY/Therapeutics-1.td>; <https://media.bayer.com/baynews/baynews.nsf/id/Bayer-and-Evotec-form-new-strategic-alliance-focusing-on-polycystic-ovary-syndrome>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.pfizer.com/news/press-release/press-release-detail/myovant-sciences-and-pfizer-announce-collaboration-develop>

<sup>4</sup> <https://investor.cooperco.com/news-releases/news-release-details/cooper-companies-completes-acquisition-paragard-iud-teva>

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.astellas.com/en/news/9471>

<sup>6</sup> <https://ir.darebioscience.com/news-releases/news-release-details/organon-enters-global-license-agreement-commercialize-dare>

<sup>7</sup> <https://www.organon.com/news/organon-launches-as-new-global-womens-health-company/>; [Organon acquisition of Alydia Health](https://www.organon.com/news/organon-completes-acquisition-of-forendo/); [Organon acquisition of Forendo](https://www.organon.com/news/organon-completes-acquisition-of-forendo/); [Organon ObsEva collaboration](https://www.organon.com/news/organon-completes-acquisition-of-forendo/)

<https://www.organon.com/news/organon-and-cirqlle-biomedical-enter-research-collaboration-and-license-agreement-for-investigational-non-hormonal-on-demand-contraceptive-candidate/>

*Merck spinoff, a new firm focused on women's health and other drugs with projected annual revenue of >\$6 billion.*

# Experienced Management & Board of Directors

## Management Team



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**Sabrina Martucci Johnson, MSc, MIM**  
President & CEO



We are delivering **innovation** by **daring to be different**®

## Daré Financial Highlights

### 3Q-2022 Snapshot:

- Cash and equivalents 9/30/22: **\$40.4 M**
- Common shares o/s (11/9/22): **84.8 M**
- Warrants o/s: **1.4 M**

### Funding sources:

- Since inception, we have raised cash through sale of equity securities, M&A transactions, warrant and option exercises, non-dilutive grants, and license fees
- We endeavor to be creative and opportunistic in seeking capital required to advance our candidates, and to be efficient in use of such capital

### Non-dilutive Cash received:

3Q-2022 : **~\$18.0 M**

- Upfront license fee from Organon **\$10.0 M**
- Existing grant for DARE-LARC1: **~\$8.0 M**

October 2022

- Cash rebate, AU R&D program (\$US) : **~\$786,000**

November 2022

- Grant to develop novel hydrogel formulation for delivery of live biotherapeutics to support vaginal health: **\$584,986**

December 2022

- Existing grant for DARE-LARC1: **~\$4.4 M**

## Upcoming Program Milestones\*:

### Ovaprene® (hormone-free monthly contraception)

- Pivotal Phase 3 study recruitment initiation mid-2023

### XACIATO™ (clindamycin phosphate) vaginal gel, 2%

- First commercial sale in 1H 2023 in the U.S.

### Sildenafil Cream, 3.6% (female sexual arousal disorder)

- Phase 2b study topline data 2Q-2023

### DARE-PDM<sub>1</sub> (primary dysmenorrhea)

- Phase 1 study 2023

\*Currently anticipated timing

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

**FDA approved for the treatment of bacterial vaginosis, the most common vaginal condition in women of reproductive age**

**One-time intravaginal administration**

Commercialization Collaborator:  **ORGANON**

**NDA approved December 7, 2021**

**QIDP, Fast Track and Priority Review Designations**

XACIATO 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 important safety information on slides 20 and 21.

# Bacterial Vaginosis

<b>Clinical Issue</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Recurring infection</b>, difficult to treat effectively</li><li>• <b>Most common vaginal condition in women ages 15-44</b></li><li>• Affects ~21 million women in the US<sup>1</sup></li><li>• <b>Bacterial Vaginosis increases health risks<sup>2</sup></b>, including increased risk of preterm birth, sexually transmitted infections, post-surgical infection, and pelvic inflammatory disease that can increase the risk of infertility</li></ul>
<b>Limitations with current standards of care</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bacterial vaginosis is a disruption in the optimal vaginal microbiome and therefore recurrent in many women</li><li>• Women experiencing recurrence have three or more episodes in the same year, and may not prefer multiple doses of systemic antibiotics</li><li>• <b>Current Rx suboptimal: clinical cure rates of 37-68%<sup>3</sup></b></li></ul>
<b>Target Product Profile</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Single self-administered dose</b>, any time of day</li><li>• <b>Vaginal</b> delivery of the antibiotic, with minimal systemic exposure</li><li>• <b>Colorless, odorless gel</b></li><li>• Demonstrated <b>equivalent cure rates in both women having her first occurrence of bacterial vaginosis as well as those with a history of multiple prior episodes</b></li><li>• Clear labeling for special populations such as <b>pregnant and lactating women</b></li></ul>

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

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.cdc.gov/std/bv/stats.htm>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.mayoclinic.org/diseases-conditions/bacterial-vaginosis/symptoms-causes/syc-2035279>

<sup>3</sup> Bacterial vaginosis product data: <http://www.clindesse.com/pdf/PI.pdf>; [http://www.accessdata.fda.gov/drugsatfda\\_docs/label/2014/205223s000tbl.pdf](http://www.accessdata.fda.gov/drugsatfda_docs/label/2014/205223s000tbl.pdf); [http://www.accessdata.fda.gov/drugsatfda\\_docs/label/2014/205223s000tbl.pdf](http://www.accessdata.fda.gov/drugsatfda_docs/label/2014/205223s000tbl.pdf)

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## XACIATO: Overview

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➤ **This marks the first FDA-approved product in Daré's portfolio of potential first-in-category development candidates.**

➤ **XACIATO First Commercial Sale Anticipated 1H2023 in the U.S.**

- Organon market access team is meeting with customers now to review XACIATO and obtain competitive coverage in the bacterial vaginosis marketplace
- Launch prep activities to continue into 2023
- Organon will leverage its established NEXPLANON sales team to accelerate XACIATO uptake at launch
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QIDP, Fast Track  
and Priority Review  
Designations

NDA Approved  
December 7, 2021

## XACIATO - Commercial License Agreement with Organon<sup>1</sup>

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March 2022 – Organon and Daré announced they entered into an agreement whereby Organon will license global rights to XACIATO. The license became effective June 2022.

Organon is a global healthcare company formed through a spin-off from Merck & Co., Inc., Rahway, NJ, USA, (NYSE: MRK) known as MSD outside of the United States and Canada, to focus on improving the health of women throughout their lives.

- The license became effective June 2022.
- Daré received a \$10 million upfront payment from Organon in 3Q 2022.
- Daré is eligible to receive potential milestone payments of up to \$182.5 million and tiered double-digit royalties based on net sales.

*We believe Organon shares our commitment to advance critically needed innovations in women's health. We are excited to be collaborating with one of the premier companies in women's health as we believe that Organon's commercial capabilities will ensure that XACIATO reaches the women most impacted by bacterial vaginosis.*

<sup>1</sup>. <https://ir.darebioscience.com/news-releases/news-release-details/organon-enters-global-license-agreement-commercialize-dare>

## XACIATO Important Safety Information\*

**Indication** XACIATO (clindamycin phosphate) vaginal gel is a lincosamide antibacterial indicated for the treatment of bacterial vaginosis in female patients 12 years of age and older.

**Dosage & Administration** Administer one applicatorful (5 g of gel containing 100 mg of clindamycin) once intravaginally as a single dose at any time of the day. Not for ophthalmic, dermal, or oral use.

**Contraindications** XACIATO is contraindicated in patients with a history of hypersensitivity to clindamycin or lincomycin.

**Warnings & Precautions**

- *Clostridioides difficile*-Associated Diarrhea (CDAD): Discontinue and evaluate if diarrhea occurs
- Use with Polyurethane Condoms: 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.

**Adverse Reactions** The most common adverse reactions reported in >2% of patients in the Phase 3 placebo-controlled trial and at a higher rate in the XACIATO group than in the placebo group were vulvovaginal candidiasis and vulvovaginal discomfort.

**Drug Interactions** Systemic clindamycin has neuromuscular blocking properties that may enhance the action of other neuromuscular blocking agents. It should be used with caution in patients receiving such agents.

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\*See Full Prescribing Information at: [https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/drugsatfda\\_docs/label/2021/215650s000lbl.pdf](https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/drugsatfda_docs/label/2021/215650s000lbl.pdf)

## XACIATO Use in Special Populations\*

### Special Populations

- Other clindamycin vaginal products have been used to treat pregnant women during the second and third trimester. 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.

### Special Populations

- Similarly, because systemic absorption following intravaginal administration of clindamycin is low, transfer of the drug into breastmilk is likely to be low and adverse effects on the breastfed infant are not expected.

### Special Populations

- The safety and effectiveness of XACIATO have not been established in pediatric patients younger than 12 years of age or in patients 65 years of age or older.

\*See Full Prescribing Information at: [https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/drugsatfda\\_docs/label/2021/215650s000lbl.pdf](https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/drugsatfda_docs/label/2021/215650s000lbl.pdf)

Ovaprene®

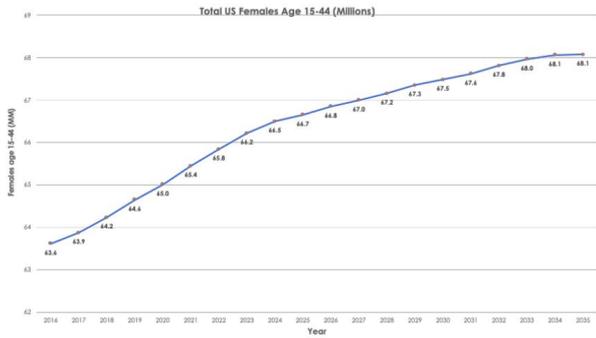
Investigational potential first-in-category,  
hormone-free, monthly birth control

U.S. Commercialization Collaborator:  
Phase 3 Development Collaborator:



# Contraception: Large Market Opportunity

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



Source: US Census Bureau, 2017 National Dataset (2016 is base population estimate for projection)  
<https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/popproj.html>

Successful Contraceptive Brands Peak Sales:



**Mirena® Hormone IUD**  
(levonorgestrel-releasing intrauterine system) 52mg  
Physician inserted, long-acting, low/locally delivered hormone IUS  
2020 worldwide sales: €1.2 billion (Bayer)<sup>1</sup>



**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)<sup>2</sup>

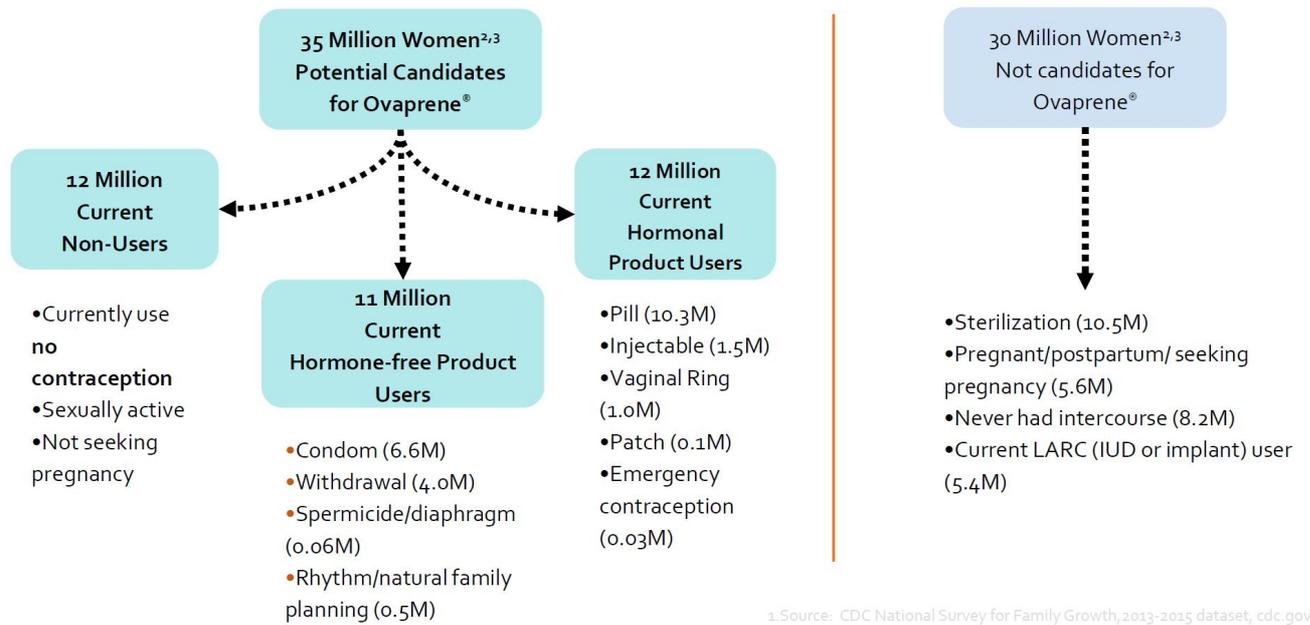


**NuvaRing®**  
(etonogestrel/ethinyl estradiol vaginal ring)  
Monthly vaginal ring  
2018 worldwide sales: \$900 million (Merck)<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup><https://www.bayer.com/en/bayer-ag-annual-report-2019.pdf>. Includes sales for Mirena®, Kyleena® and Jaydess® / Skyla®  
<sup>2</sup><https://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/allergan-reports-fourth-quarter-and-full-year-2019-financial-results-301001646.html>  
<sup>3</sup><https://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/0000310158/000031015839000024/mrk231201810k.htm>

# Ovaprene® - Potential Market Opportunity

There are approximately 65 million women in the US Aged 15-44<sup>1</sup>

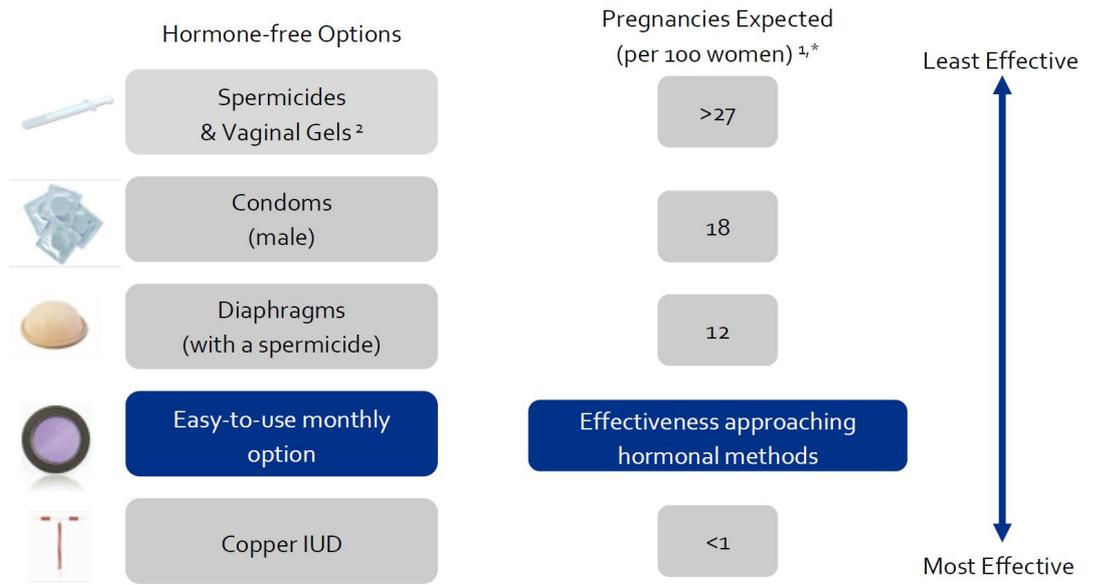


1. Source: CDC National Survey for Family Growth, 2013-2015 dataset, cdc.gov.

2. Market research study conducted in 2019 for Daré Bioscience 24

3. Contraceptive use data applied to 2019 population data from US Census

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



<sup>1</sup>U.S. Food and Drug Administration Birth Control Guide dated 6/14/2021: <https://www.fda.gov/consumers/free-publications-women/birth-control-chart>

<sup>2</sup>U.S. Food and Drug Administration Drug Data Prescribing information for a vaginal gel approved in 2020, Phexxi<sup>TM</sup> provides that in a multicenter, open-label, single-arm clinical trial in the U.S. (AMP002; NCT03243305), the 7-cycle cumulative pregnancy rate was 13.7% (95% CI: 10.0%, 17.5%), excluding cycles with back-up contraception, cycles <21 or > 35 days in length and cycles in which no intercourse was reported. The estimated Pearl Index, calculated based on data from the 7-cycle study, was 27.5 (95% CI: 22.4%, 33.5%). [https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/drugsatfda\\_docs/label/2020/208352s000lbl.pdf](https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/drugsatfda_docs/label/2020/208352s000lbl.pdf)

\* Pregnancy rates tell you the number of pregnancies expected per 100 women during the first year of typical use. Typical use shows how effective the different methods are during actual use (including sometimes using a method in a way that is not correct or not consistent). For more information on the chance of getting pregnant while using a method or on the risks of a specific product, please check the product label or Trussell, J. (2011). "Contraceptive failure in the United States." Contraception 83(5):397-404.

# Ovaprene® Investigational Hormone-Free, Monthly Contraceptive

## Physical Barrier<sup>6</sup>

Three-dimensional, knitted polymer barrier



## Spermistatic Environment<sup>6</sup>

Contraceptive-loaded silicone ring releasing non-hormonal active Ferrous gluconate

## Desired Features of Birth Control Products:<sup>2-4</sup>

## Design Features of Ovaprene:<sup>5-7</sup>

### +Efficacy

86% - 91% Expected Typical Use Effectiveness  
Approaching User-Controlled Hormone Contraception

### +Hormone Free

No Hormones in the API  
Unique dual action MOA (spermistatic & 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

1. <https://www.urban.org/urban-wire/women-want-effective-birth-control>

2. Lessard, L, Perspectives on Sexual and Reproductive Health, Volume 44, Number 3, 9-2012

3. Hooper, DJ, Clin Drug Investig. 2010;30(11):74-96

4. Ersek, J, Matern Child Health J (2011) 15:497-506

5. 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. Mauck C, Vincent K. Biology of Reproduction, Volume 103, Issue 2, August 2020, Pages 437-444

6. Journal of Reproductive Medicine 2009; 54: 685-690

7. Trussell J. Contraceptive Efficacy. In Hatcher RA, Trussell J, Nelson AL, Cates W, Kowal D, Policar M. Contraceptive Technology: Twentieth Revised Edition. New York, NY: Ardent Media, 2011.

# Ovaprene® - Commercial License Agreement with Bayer<sup>1</sup>

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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 FDA.



Mirena® is the #1 prescribed IUD in the U.S.\*

- 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.

<sup>1</sup> <https://ir.darebioscience.com/news-releases/news-release-details/bayer-and-dare-bioscience-announce-exclusive-licensing-agreement>

# Ovaprene® - Collaborative Research Agreement with NIH<sup>1</sup>

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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 CRADA



Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (CRADA) for the Pivotal Phase 3 Study

- The pivotal Phase 3 study will be supported by the NICHD’s Contraceptive Development Program which oversees the Contraceptive Clinical Trial Network (CCTN) established in 1996 to conduct studies of investigational contraceptives. The Phase 3 study will be conducted within the CCTN with the NICHD contractor Health Decisions Inc.
- 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, payable in four payments. Three payments totaling \$5 million have been made.

*“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.*

<sup>1</sup>. <https://ir.darebioscience.com/news-releases/news-release-details/dare-announces-collaborative-research-agreement-crada-pivotal>

# Ovaprene® - U.S. Regulatory Strategy<sup>1</sup>

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)

- 1 - FDA approval of investigational device exemption (IDE) for pivotal study start – Obtained 4Q-2022
- 2 – Review and implement additional FDA study design recommendations
- 3 - Conduct pivotal study – Recruitment initiation mid-2023
  - ~200 subjects completing 12 months (13 cycles) of use
  - Primary endpoints: safety and efficacy (pregnancy probability)
  - Secondary endpoints: acceptability, product fit/ease of use and assessments of vaginal health

### 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.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Anticipated regulatory pathway and timelines.

<sup>2</sup>Mauck C., Vincent K. Biology of Reproduction, Volume 103, Issue 2, August 2020, Pages 437-444

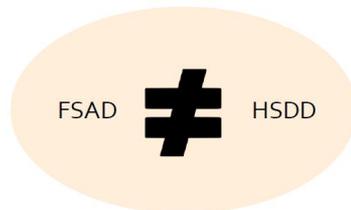


**Sildenafil  
Cream, 3.6%**

**Potential First-In-Category treatment for Female Sexual Arousal Disorder (FSAD), which has no FDA-approved therapies**

**Novel cream formulation of sildenafil to treat FSAD, utilizing active ingredient in Viagra®**

**Female Sexual Arousal Disorder (FSAD)** is characterized primarily by inability to attain or maintain sufficient genital arousal during sexual activity and, of female sexual function disorders, is most analogous to **erectile dysfunction (ED)** in men.\*



The condition 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 as lack or absence of sexual fantasies and desire for sexual activity for some period of time.<sup>1,2</sup>

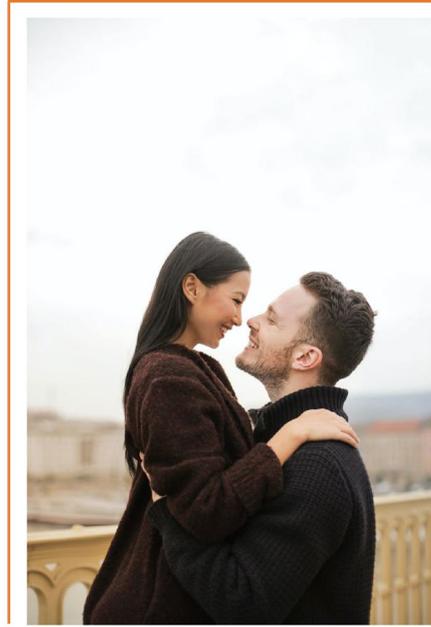
\*Diagnostic and Statistical Manual 4th Edition Text Revision (DSM IV TR), defines female sexual arousal disorder as a persistent or recurrent inability to attain or to maintain until completion of the sexual activity, an adequate lubrication-swelling response of sexual excitement. The diagnostic criteria also state that the inability causes marked distress or interpersonal difficulty, is not better accounted for by another Axis I disorder (except another sexual dysfunction) and is not due exclusively to the direct physiological effects of a substance (e.g., a drug of abuse, a medication) or a general medical condition.  
1. <https://drgeo.com/womens-sexual-health-overview/>  
2. <https://health.usnews.com/conditions/sexual-disorder-dysfunction>

## FSAD – What is the incidence?

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%.<sup>1</sup>**

Market research estimates:

- ▶ **33%** of US women aged 21 to 60 (~ **20 million women**), experience symptoms of low or no sexual arousal.<sup>2,3</sup>
- ▶ **10 million women** are considered distressed and actively seeking treatment.<sup>2</sup>



<sup>1</sup> McCool et al. Sex Med Rev 2016;4:197-212.  
<sup>2</sup> Ad Hoc Market Research. FSAD Prevalence Report (Oct 2015) conducted for SST LLC.  
<sup>3</sup> Based on US Census projections for 2016.

## Sildenafil Cream, 3.6% - Product Profile

Topically administered investigational Sildenafil Cream<sup>1</sup> is...

- ▶ A PDE5 inhibitor utilized in ED medications for men – ED product Viagra<sup>®</sup> peaked at \$2.05 billion in sales in 2012.<sup>2</sup>
- ▶ Designed to increase local blood flow to provide improvement in 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<sup>®</sup>.
- ▶ Given **similarities between ED and FSAD**, sildenafil - the active ingredient in Viagra<sup>®</sup> - may improve genital arousal response and overall sexual experience for women as it does in men.

There are no FDA-approved treatments for FSAD

1. Sildenafil Cream, 3.6%, (formerly SST-6007)

2. <https://qz.com/quartz/1238783/its-the-20th-anniversary-of-viagra-heres-how-its-changed-the-world/#:~:text=Annual%20sales%20of%20Viagra%20peaked,Viagra%20is%20set%20to%20expire>

## Sildenafil Cream, 3.6% - Phase 2b

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

- ▶ Compares Sildenafil Cream vs. placebo used in patients' home setting.
- ▶ Primary endpoint: patient reported outcome (PRO) instruments to measure improvement in localized genital sensations of arousal and reduction in FSAD related distress.
- ▶ Several exploratory efficacy endpoints will be measured and could become additional measurements of efficacy in a future Phase 3 program.



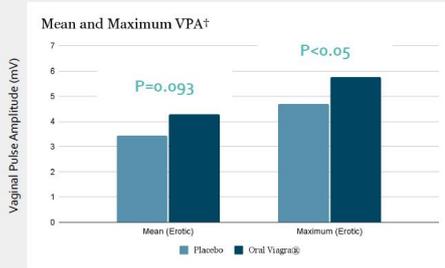
Topline data of Phase 2b RESPOND study targeted for 2Q-2023.\*

\*Anticipated timing

# Oral Sildenafil provided a compelling proof of concept for FSAD

## Statistically significant increases in Vaginal Pulse Amplitude (VPA)<sup>†</sup>

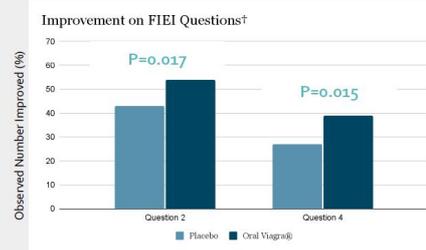
### Pfizer VPA Clinical Lab Study – Oral Viagra



<sup>†</sup> Twelve healthy premenopausal women were studied.

## Statistically significant improvement in genital stimulation (FIEI)<sup>‡</sup>

### Pfizer Clinical Field Study – Oral Viagra



<sup>†</sup> 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.

1. The Enhancement of Vaginal Vasocongestion by Sildenafil in Healthy Premenopausal Women. Journal of Women's Health & Gender-Based Medicine. Vol. 11, No. 4. 2002  
 2. Safety and Efficacy of Sildenafil Citrate for the Treatment of FSAD: A Double-Blind, Placebo Controlled Study. The Journal of Urology. Vol 170, 2333-2338, December 2003.

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

## Phase 1 Study of SST-6007 (Sildenafil Cream, 3.6%)<sup>1</sup>

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 – 3-6%
- C<sub>max</sub> – 1-2%
- Sildenafil Cream was safe and well tolerated at clinically relevant doses (1-2g)
- Favorable product characteristics as self-reported by subjects
- Easy to use
- Readily absorbed

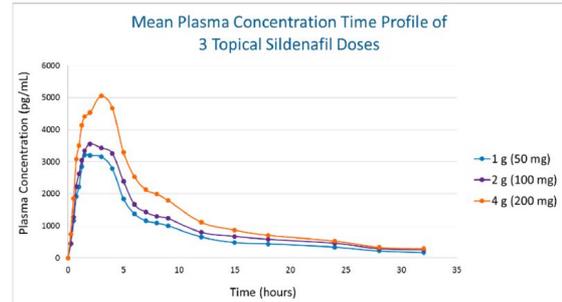
## Phase 2a Study of SST-6007 (Sildenafil Cream, 3.6%)<sup>1</sup>

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
C <sub>max</sub> (ng/mL)	3.61	4.10	5.65
AUC <sub>0-t</sub> (h*ng/mL)	27.45	33.32	45.33
T <sub>max</sub> (hr)	2.56	2.60	2.42

## Phase 1 Study



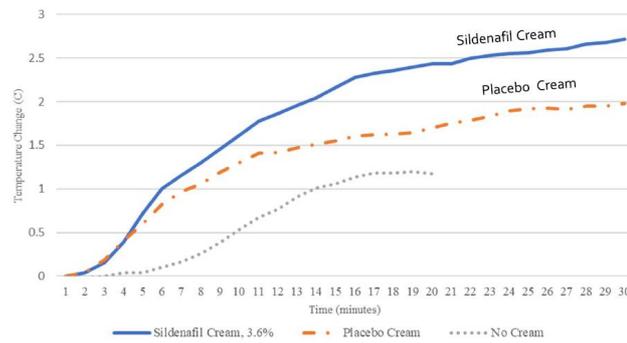
1. Data on file. Sildenafil Cream, 3.6% was previously known as SST-6007.

# 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.

Figure 1. Clitoral temperature change during the sexually explicit film



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

Thermography Study Design & Methodology (N=6)<sup>1</sup>

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).

<sup>1</sup>. Data on file.

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





**DARE-HRT<sub>1</sub>**

**Potential First-In-Category 28-day intravaginal ring combination bio-identical estradiol and bio-identical progesterone for hormone therapy for treatment of vasomotor symptoms due to menopause.**

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

# Intravaginal Ring (IVR) Technology Highlights

## The Vaginal Route of Drug Administration<sup>1</sup>

- ▶ 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.



1.Sonia, T.A. & Sharma, C.P., "Routes of administration of insulin – Vaginal route," Oral Delivery of Insulin, 2014, <https://www.sciencedirect.com/topics/pharmacology-toxicology-and-pharmaceutical-science/vaginal-drug-delivery>

Combination bio-identical estradiol + bio-identical progesterone 28-day IVR for hormone therapy following menopause.  
There are no FDA approved options with both hormones in one monthly IVR.

## Over 45M women in U.S. approaching or in menopause<sup>1</sup>

### Hormone Therapy (HT)

HT remains the most effective treatment for vasomotor symptoms (VMS) and genitourinary syndrome of menopause (GSM), and has been shown to prevent bone loss and fracture.<sup>2</sup>

- The 2022 Hormone Therapy Position Statement of **The North American Menopause Society** (NAMS), supports HT in peri-and post-menopausal women.<sup>2</sup>

NAMS observes: **non-oral routes may offer advantages** over oral routes of administration.<sup>2</sup>

\*505(b)(2) candidate<sup>3</sup>

1. U.S. Census Bureau, Population Division, Table 2. 2015 to 2060 (NP2012-T2), Released Dec. 2012.

<https://media.bayer.com/bayernews/bayernews.nsf/616f5e09c84448b0c12872400223607?open&definyof&id=8--text%20The%20most%20effective%20reported%20and%20life%20quality%20%20personally%20and%20professionally>

2. <https://www.menopause.org/docs/default-source/professional/nams-2022-hormone-therapy-position-statement.pdf>

## Completed Phase 1 STUDY

A Phase 1, Open-Label, 3-arm Parallel Group Study to Evaluate the Pharmacokinetics (PK) and Safety of DARE-HRT<sub>1</sub> (80 µg and 160 µg Estradiol/ 4 mg and 8 mg Progesterone Intravaginal Rings) in Healthy Post-Menopausal Women.

The topline data from the study support DARE-HRT<sub>1</sub>'s potential to be the first FDA-approved product to offer **vaginal delivery** of combination bio-identical estradiol and bio-identical progesterone hormone therapy in a convenient **monthly format** to treat both VMS as well as vaginal symptoms of menopause.

## Completed Phase 1 / 2 STUDY

The open-label study evaluated the PK of the two dose versions of DARE-HRT<sub>1</sub> in approximately 20 healthy, post-menopausal women over approximately three consecutive months of use. The study also collected safety, usability, acceptability and symptom-relief data.

Topline data from the study demonstrate that DARE-HRT<sub>1</sub> successfully delivered estradiol and progesterone over the 12-week evaluation period. The levels of estradiol released from both the lower and higher dose formulation of DARE-HRT<sub>1</sub> evaluated in the study achieved or exceeded the levels that were targeted for hormone therapy.

The levels of estradiol released from both the lower and higher dose formulation of DARE-HRT<sub>1</sub> evaluated in the study achieved statistically significant improvement in VMS as well as the genitourinary symptoms of menopause, and vaginal pH and maturation index. Menopausal symptoms, including hot flashes and night sweats, were reduced compared with baseline in both DARE-HRT<sub>1</sub> dose groups ( $p < 0.01$ ). Participants also showed significant improvement from baseline in all measures surveyed on The Menopausal Quality of Life Survey (MENQOL), which surveys not only parameters of VMS, but also physical, psychosocial and sexual symptoms ( $p < 0.01$  on all domains). With DARE-HRT<sub>1</sub> use, vaginal pH significantly decreased compared to baseline ( $p < 0.01$ ) and cytologic tests of the vaginal epithelium (vaginal maturation index) showed significant normalization (all p values  $< 0.01$  for increases in superficial cells, increases in intermediate cells and decreases in parabasal cells from baseline) among all participants. Finally, the most common genitourinary symptom, vaginal dryness, which was reported by 70% of participants at baseline, showed significant improvement in both DARE-HRT<sub>1</sub> groups ( $p < 0.01$ ) and this subset also experienced significant decreases in vaginal pain with DARE-HRT<sub>1</sub> use ( $p < 0.01$ ).

\*505(b)(2) candidate<sup>2</sup>.

## DARE-HRT<sub>1</sub> - U.S. Regulatory Strategy<sup>1</sup>

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Following clinical development, Daré intends to leverage the existing safety and efficacy data on the active ingredients in DARE-HRT<sub>1</sub>, estradiol and progesterone, to utilize the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) 505(b)(2) pathway to obtain marketing approval of DARE-HRT<sub>1</sub> in the U.S.

Daré intends to seek FDA approval of DARE-HRT<sub>1</sub> 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-HRT<sub>1</sub> Phase 1 / 2 study, Daré believes FDA approval of DARE-HRT<sub>1</sub> for that indication is achievable via the 505(b)(2) pathway supported by a single, placebo-controlled, Phase 3 clinical trial of DARE-HRT<sub>1</sub> and a scientifically justified PK "bridge" (via a relative bioavailability trial) between DARE-HRT<sub>1</sub> 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 IND-opening Phase 3 study.

<sup>1</sup>Anticipated regulatory pathway and timelines.

# Phase 1 and Preclinical Programs

*New investigational prescription drug  
delivery options for women*

# Advancing Products Women Want – Phase 1 and Preclinical

## Phase 1

### DARE-FRT<sub>1</sub>/PTB<sub>1</sub><sup>^</sup>

#### Pregnancy Maintenance Phase 1 Study Preparation

1. First-in-category progesterone delivery for pregnancy maintenance including the prevention of preterm birth (DARE-PTB<sub>1</sub>) and for luteal phase support as part of an IVF regimen (DARE-FRT<sub>1</sub>).
2. IVR designed to release bio-identical progesterone over 14 days.
3. 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.**

### DARE-VVA<sub>1</sub><sup>^</sup>

#### Vulvar and Vaginal Atrophy Phase 1/2 Study Completed

1. First-in-category hormone-free vaginal treatment for vulvar and vaginal atrophy (VVA) in a hormone-receptor positive (HR+) breast cancer patient population.
2. Proprietary formulation of tamoxifen for vaginal administration.
3. Potential to be the first therapeutic specifically approved for treatment of VVA in patients with HR+ breast cancer. **There are currently no FDA approved products labeled for VVA treatment in HR+ breast cancer.**

### DARE-PDM<sub>1</sub><sup>^</sup>

#### Primary Dysmenorrhea Phase 1 Study Preparation

1. First-in-category treatment for primary dysmenorrhea.
2. 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.**
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## Pre-clinical

### ADARE 204/214<sup>^</sup>

#### 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 protection.**

### DARE-LARC<sub>1</sub><sup>^</sup>

#### Long-Acting, Reversible Personal Contraceptive System

Levonorgestrel-releasing, long-acting contraceptive implant that a woman can turn on and off herself, according to her own needs. Grant of up to \$48.95 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 implants available that allow one to remotely pause and resume dosing.**

### DARE-GML

#### Novel Antimicrobial Glycerol Monolaurate

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 multi-target antimicrobial agent.**

### DARE-LBT

#### Novel hydrogel formulation for delivery of live biotherapeutics

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

### DARE-RH<sub>1</sub>

#### 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.**

<sup>^</sup>505(b)(2) regulatory pathway anticipated.

# DARE-FRT<sub>1</sub> and DARE-PTB<sub>1</sub>\*

Bio-identical progesterone 14-day IVR for prevention of preterm birth and luteal phase support as part of an IVF treatment plan. There are currently no FDA approved products marketed in the U.S. that do not require daily dosing of progesterone.

## Prevention of Preterm Birth (PTB)

After steadily declining from 2007 to 2014<sup>2</sup>, the US premature birth rate rose for the fourth straight year in 2018 with ~10% of babies born preterm (<37 weeks).<sup>3</sup>

## NIH Grant Funding for PTB Program

Potential for up to \$2.3 million in NIH grant funding to support DARE-PTB<sub>1</sub> development

- Notice of award for initial \$300,000 in grant funding announced Aug 2020. Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health & Human Development of the National Institutes of Health Award Number R44 HD101169.

## Assisted Reproductive Technologies (ART)/IVF

As women wait longer to have children, infertility risk increases

- ~12-15% of couples cannot conceive after 1-year of unprotected sex.<sup>4</sup>
- ~20% of US women have their first child after age 35; ~1/3 of couples in which the woman is older than 35 years have fertility problems.<sup>5</sup>

Current products for delivery of progesterone for prevention of preterm birth, as well as luteal phase support in ART, are limited to daily vaginal or intramuscular injectable dosage forms, which have limitations in patient comfort, convenience, and outcomes.

The IVR is designed to deliver bio-identical progesterone continuously over a 14-day period and is being developed as a more convenient treatment option for the prevention of preterm birth (DARE-PTB<sub>1</sub>) and broader luteal phase support as part of an in vitro fertilization regimen (DARE-FRT<sub>1</sub>).



\*505(b)(2) candidate<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Anticipated regulatory pathway. Daré has not had any communications with the FDA regarding the specific marketing approval requirements for DARE-FRT<sub>1</sub> or DARE-PTB<sub>1</sub>

<sup>2</sup>2019 March of Dimes Report Card, <https://www.marchofdimes.org/mission/reportcard.aspx>

<sup>3</sup>CDC's National Center for Health Statistics, National Vital Statistics Reports, Births: Final Data for 2018, Nov 27, 2019, [https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/nvsr/nvsr68/nvsr68\\_13-508.pdf](https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/nvsr/nvsr68/nvsr68_13-508.pdf)

<sup>4</sup><https://www.nichd.nih.gov/health/topics/infertility/conditioninfo/common> accessed January 8, 2021

<sup>5</sup><https://www.cdc.gov/reproductivehealth/infertility/index.htm> accessed January 8, 2021

<sup>6</sup>Harris Williams & Co. Fertility market overview, May 2015.

## DARE-VVA1\*

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

**There are currently no FDA approved products labeled for VVA treatment in HR+ breast cancer.**

Potential to be the first therapeutic specifically approved for treatment of VVA in patients with hormone-receptor positive (HR+) breast cancer.

- Approximately 4 million US women have a history of invasive breast cancer; HR+ is the most common type.<sup>2</sup>
- 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%**.<sup>3</sup>



Daré is developing this novel local application of tamoxifen to mitigate the symptoms of VVA for HR+ breast cancer patients, including women currently on anti-cancer therapy.

\*505(b)(2) candidate<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup>. Anticipated regulatory pathway. Daré has not had any communications with the FDA regarding the specific marketing approval requirements for DARE-VVA1.

<sup>2</sup>. <https://www.cancer.org/content/dam/cancer-org/research/cancer-facts-and-statistics/breast-cancer-facts-and-figures/2022-2024-breast-cancer-fact-figures-acf.pdf>

<sup>3</sup>. Clinical Breast Cancer, Dec 2017: <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S1526820917300952>

# DARE-VVA1 - Proof of Concept

This exploratory study<sup>1</sup> in four postmenopausal women diagnosed with VVA demonstrated that a self-administered 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)
<b>Median Vaginal pH</b> Normal vaginal pH is usually less than 4.5. <sup>2</sup>	7.1 range 6.5 to 7.5	5.0 range 5.0 to 5.2	<b>-2.0 median</b> <b>range -2.5 to -1.5</b> Lower pH value is a measure of symptom relief
<b>Vaginal Dryness</b> Rated using a visual analogue scale (VAS) that ranged from: 0 = 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	<b>-5.5 median</b> <b>range -6.0 to -4.5</b> 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),<sup>3</sup> the average steady state plasma concentration of tamoxifen is 122 ng/ml with a range of 71 to 183 ng/ml

<sup>1</sup>.Clin. Exp. Obstet. Gynecol. - ISSN: 0390-6663 XLVI, n. 2, 2019

<sup>2</sup>.<https://www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/322537.php>

<sup>3</sup>.US Food and Drug Administration: "Drug Approval Package: Nolvadex (Tamoxifen Citrate) NDA# 21-109,2002". Available at: [https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/drugsatfda\\_docs/nda/2002/21109\\_Nolvadex.cfm](https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/drugsatfda_docs/nda/2002/21109_Nolvadex.cfm)

## Completed Phase 1 / 2 STUDY

The Phase 1/2 study evaluated different doses of DARE-VVA1, a tamoxifen vaginal insert, in 17 postmenopausal women with VVA. The study was a randomized, multi-center, double-blind, parallel-arm, placebo-controlled, dose-ranging study that evaluated the safety, tolerability, plasma pharmacokinetics (PK) and pharmacodynamics (PD) of DARE-VVA1. Eligible participants were randomly allocated to one of five treatment groups (approximately 4 participants per group) that evaluated four dose levels (1 mg, 5 mg, 10 mg, and 20 mg) and a placebo. Following a screening visit, DARE-VVA1 was self-administered intravaginally once a day for the first two weeks, and then twice a week for the following six weeks for a total treatment period of 56 days. In each treatment group, participants had serial blood sampling for PK analysis and underwent safety evaluations and preliminary assessments of effectiveness. Following the completion of the treatment period, participants attended a safety follow-up visit.

The primary outcomes of this first-in-woman study were safety and plasma PK. Intravaginal administration of DARE-VVA1 was well tolerated and all treatment emergent adverse events were mild or moderate and equally distributed between participants randomized to study drug treatment versus placebo. Concentration of tamoxifen in plasma samples collected over the course of the study did not exceed 10 ng/mL, even in participants in the highest dose group (20 mg), which is 1/10th of the average steady-state concentration of tamoxifen seen with daily dosing of orally administered tamoxifen citrate tablets (20 mg and 10 mg tamoxifen) for three months (average steady-state plasma concentrations of over 100 ng/mL). Secondary outcomes of the study were preliminary efficacy and PD of DARE-VVA1 in terms of most bothersome vaginal symptom and changes in vaginal cytology and pH. Participants who received study drug treatment (at 1 mg, 5 mg, 10 mg or 20 mg doses) had improvements in the assessments and symptoms associated with VVA – specifically, they had decreases in vaginal pH, increases in the percentage of vaginal superficial cells, and significant ( $p=0.04$ ) decreases in the percentage of vaginal parabasal cells (despite the small sample size). Improvement in the self-assessed most bothersome vaginal symptom reported (either vaginal dryness or pain with intercourse) was also seen among these participants. The study results support ongoing development.

\*505(b)(2) candidate<sup>3</sup>.

Proprietary hydrogel formulation of diclofenac for vaginal administration. Alternative to oral nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) and hormonal contraceptives, which often can produce undesirable side effects.

**There are currently no FDA-approved vaginal diclofenac treatment options for primary dysmenorrhea.**

**Market research suggests that the global market for dysmenorrhea treatment is estimated to be valued at USD \$11 billion and that the size of this market is expected to increase to USD \$25 billion by the year 2028<sup>1</sup>**

Primary dysmenorrhea is defined as painful menstruation in women with normal pelvic anatomy, typically described as cramping pain in the lower abdomen before or during the menstrual period. Primary dysmenorrhea usually begins during adolescence and is a leading cause of recurrent short-term school absence in adolescent girls and a common problem in women of reproductive age.<sup>2</sup>

1. According to the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists' Committee on Adolescent Health Care, dysmenorrhea is the most common menstrual symptom among adolescent girls and young women, and most adolescents experiencing dysmenorrhea have primary dysmenorrhea.<sup>3</sup>
2. Prevalence rates of dysmenorrhea vary but range from 50% to 90%.<sup>3</sup>
3. A prospective study of college students found that 72% of monitored periods were painful, most commonly during the first day of menses, and 60% of the women studied reported at least one episode of severe pain.<sup>4</sup>

**By incorporating diclofenac into our proprietary hydrogel for vaginal administration, we believe we can provide a treatment option that addresses the the pain-related symptoms of the condition while minimizing side effects commonly seen with use of oral NSAIDs.**

\*505(b)(2) candidate\*

^Anticipated regulatory pathway. Daré has not had any communications with the FDA regarding the specific marketing approval requirements for DARE-PDM1

1 - <https://www.reain.com/report-store/global-dysmenorrhea-treatment-market>

2 - <https://www.aafp.org/pubs/afp/issues/2005/0112/p285.html>

3 - <https://www.acog.org/clinical/clinical-guidance/committee-opinion/articles/2018/12/dysmenorrhea-and-endometriosis-in-the-adolescent>

4 - <https://www.aafp.org/pubs/afp/issues/1999/0801/p489.html>

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 protection.**

## ~65M women in U.S. are in the reproductive health and contraception market segment<sup>1</sup>

The only approved injectable contraceptive product in the U.S. is DEPO-PROVERA CI (medroxyprogesterone acetate) injectable suspension, which is indicated as every 3 months (13 weeks) administered by deep, intramuscular injection in the gluteal or deltoid muscle.<sup>2</sup>

Some of the limitations with DEPO-PROVERA include the following:<sup>2,3</sup>

1. Requires an injection 4 times per year.
2. Unpredictable return to fertility. After stopping Depo-Provera, the median time to conception for those who do conceive is 10 months following last injection (range is 4 to 31 months).
3. Research suggests that Depo-Provera and Depo-SubQ Provera 104 might cause a loss of bone mineral density. This loss might be especially concerning in teens who haven't reached their peak bone mass. And it's not clear whether this loss is reversible. Thus, Depo-Provera is not indicated for longer term use (i.e. more than 2 years).

**The target product profile potential for ADARE204/214 are 6- and 12- month formulations, minimizing the number of injections required per year, and with a predictable return to fertility relative to the 6- or 12- month contraceptive window. Active is etonogestrel which does not have same black box warning regarding bone loss as medroxyprogesterone acetate.<sup>4</sup>**

\*505(b)(2) candidate\*

^Anticipated regulatory pathway. Daré has not had any communications with the FDA regarding the specific marketing approval requirements for ADARE 204/214.

1 - CDC National Survey for Family Growth, 2013-2015 dataset, cdc.gov.

2 - [https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/drugsatfda\\_docs/label/2010/020246s036lbl.pdf](https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/drugsatfda_docs/label/2010/020246s036lbl.pdf)

3 - <https://www.mayoclinic.org/health-procedures/depo-provera/about/pac-20192204#:~:text=Among%20the%20things%20to%20consider,birth%20control%20method%20for%20you.>

4 - [https://www.organon.com/product/usa/pi\\_circulars/n/nexplanon/nexplanon\\_pi.pdf](https://www.organon.com/product/usa/pi_circulars/n/nexplanon/nexplanon_pi.pdf)

# DARE-LARC<sub>1</sub>\*

Long-Acting, Reversible Personal Contraceptive System – levonorgestrel-releasing implant drug delivery system designed to store and precisely deliver hundreds of therapeutic doses over years that a woman can turn on and off herself, according to her own needs, without further healthcare provider intervention.

There are currently no FDA approved implants available that allow one to remotely pause and resume dosing.



\*505(b)(2) candidate<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Anticipated regulatory pathway. Daré has not had any communications with the FDA regarding the specific marketing approval requirements for DARE-LARC<sub>1</sub>.

Glycerol monolaurate (GML) is a naturally occurring fatty acid monoester that has shown broad antimicrobial activity, killing bacteria, fungi and viruses, and represents a new class of antimicrobial agents.

**GML has the potential to be a first-in-category multi-target antimicrobial.**

## **Bacterial vaginosis and vulvovaginal candidiasis represent the two most common vaginal infections in the United States, leading to over 30 million treatment visits per year<sup>1,2</sup>**

Women often experience multiple episodes of vaginal infection in a year, and treatments for one condition may increase the likelihood of developing another condition.<sup>3</sup> GML has multiple properties that make it an attractive active pharmaceutical ingredient (API) to potentially treat and/or prevent vaginal infections of various sources.

1. Proven activity against the key culprit microbial species (Gardnarella and Candida) that cause most vaginal infections<sup>4</sup>
2. Potential to inhibit bacterial biofilm formation and disrupt already formed biofilms<sup>5</sup>
3. Unique microbicidal mechanism of action, targeting bacterial surface signal signaling by plasma membrane disruption, potentially preventing development of microbial resistance<sup>5</sup>

**GML has been shown both *in vitro* and in women to reduce both bacterial and fungal colonization without affecting the healthy bacteria that maintain vaginal health<sup>4</sup> and has also been shown *in vivo* to inhibit viral transmission.<sup>6</sup>**

1. <https://www.cdc.gov/std/bv/stats.htm>

2. Benedict K, Jackson BR, Chiller T, Beer KD. Estimation of direct healthcare costs of fungal diseases in the United States. Clin Infect Dis. 2018 Sep 10.

3. <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3827160/>

4. Antimicrob Agents Chemother. 2010 Feb;54(2):597-601.

5. <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3394780/>

6. 2009. Glycerol monolaurate prevents mucosal SIV transmission. Nature 458:1034-1038.

Novel hydrogel formulation for delivery of live biotherapeutics to support vaginal health

**There are currently no FDA approved live biotherapeutics for vaginal health.**

**Grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation for \$584,986 to support activities related to development of a vaginal thermosetting gel formulation for the delivery of live biotherapeutics that can be reconstituted at the point of care.**

- Vaginal health conditions, such as bacterial vaginosis, remain prevalent and serious problems that can negatively impact a woman's quality of life and create economic burden for women, employers, and the broader healthcare system.
- Scientific evidence suggests that there may be benefits to following an effective primary bacterial infection treatment with administration of live bacterial cultures to rebalance the vaginal microbiota disrupted by the infection. It is believed that addressing the vaginal dysbiosis by reconstituting the vaginal microbiota could reduce recurrence and reduce susceptibility to other infections and conditions, including sexually transmitted infections and preterm labor and birth.
- A barrier to development of live biotherapeutic products for vaginal administration in low and middle income countries is the identification of a delivery vehicle capable of maintaining the viability of the live microbes during product storage, shipment and distribution.

**If successful, the formulation could be carried forward for further development as a delivery vehicle with potential to enhance the availability of novel therapeutics for vaginal health in the United States and worldwide, including in countries with varying climatic conditions and/or where extended storage may be required.**



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