

News Release



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JCR Pharmaceuticals Co., Ltd.

Translation

JR-141 (Pabinafusp Alfa) for Hunter Syndrome: Notice on the Publication of the Results of non-clinical Trials in Molecular Therapy

January 27, 2021 -- JCR Pharmaceuticals Co., Ltd. (TSE 4552; Chairman and President: Shin Ashida; "JCR") announced today that the results of the non-clinical trials of JR-141 (Pabinafusp Alfa) with MPS II mice for the treatment of mucopolysaccharidosis II (MPS II; Hunter syndrome) have been published in the electronic edition of [Molecular Therapy](#), the official journal of [American Society of Gene and Cell Therapy](#).

This content will be presented at the 17th Annual WORLDsymposium™ 2021 (February 8-12, 2021(EST), virtual-only).

A summary of the article is as follows.

- ◆ Title:
Clearance of heparan sulfate in the brain prevents neurodegeneration and neurobehavioral abnormality in mucopolysaccharidosis II mice
- ◆ Digital Object Identifier: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ymthe.2021.01.027>
- ◆ Summary
The fusion protein pabinafusp alfa (investigational code name, JR-141) was intravenously administered to the MPS II mice once weekly at 2 mg/kg or once biweekly at 4 mg/kg for 36 weeks. Pabinafusp alfa with either regimen markedly reduced heparin sulfate (HS) and attenuated histopathological changes in the brain. Loss of spatial learning ability was completely suppressed by the chronic treatment with pabinafusp alfa but not with the comparator. HS concentration in the cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) highly correlated with that in the brain.
In conclusion, repeated intravenous administration of pabinafusp alfa decreased HS deposition in the brain, leading to the prevention of neurodegeneration and the maintenance of neurocognitive function, which may be predictable from reduction of HS concentrations in the CSF.

[About JCR Pharmaceuticals]

JCR is a specialty pharma company engaged in the research, development, manufacturing and marketing of biopharmaceuticals and regenerative medicine with a focus on rare diseases. Its philosophy, "Contributing towards people's healthcare through pharmaceutical products" drives

JCR to create innovative pharmaceutical products as value-added treatment options for the under-served patient populations.

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