

Santen Announces Launch of *LENTIS® Comfort*, Low-Add Segmental Intraocular Lens for Cataract Treatment in Japan

April 18, 2019, Osaka, Japan – Santen Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd. (“Santen”) today announced the launch of *LENTIS® Comfort*, a low-add segmental intraocular lens (Model: LS-313 MF15) in the Japanese market.

LENTIS® Comfort is an intraocular lens (“IOL”) for cataract surgery introduced from Oculentis of the Netherlands. The product is covered by the Japanese national health insurance program. Compared to a far distance correcting mono-focal IOL, *LENTIS® Comfort* is designed to provide patients with clear intermediate and far distance vision as well as smooth transition across distances. The product’s unique shape and design including a combined dual mono-focal structure and mild +1.5D additional power*, enable excellent intermediate and far distance vision, reduced ocular discomfort symptoms and extended depth of focus.

“The *LENTIS® Comfort* product is based on our wish to provide patients clear vision over intermediate and far distances,” said Takeshi Ito, Executive Corporate Officer of Japan Business and Head of the Japan Sales and Marketing Division, Santen. “I expect this product will improve the satisfaction of many patients following cataract surgery. Santen aims to further help patients by leveraging the extensive product lineup and the strengths we have nurtured in ophthalmology and our Japan business including pharmaceuticals and medical devices.”

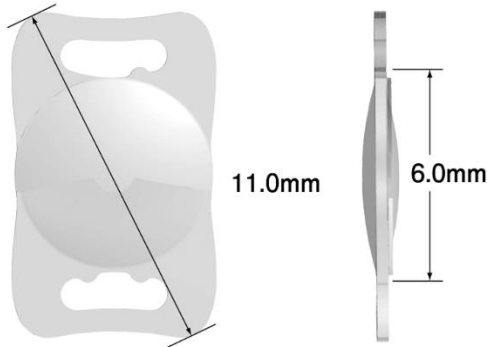
Through the launch of *LENTIS® Comfort*, a new intraocular lenses treatment option for cataract surgery, Santen aims to provide more comfortable vision to patients toward achieving improved quality of life (QOL).

*An added power in diopter to focus on near objects



Main features of *LENTIS® Comfort*

- Greater intermediate and far distance visual acuity compared with a mono-focal IOL
- Suppresses halos, glare and other optical discomfort subjective symptoms
- Achieves enlarged areas of clear vision by extending the depth of focus

LENTIS® Comfort: Summary of Product Characteristics

Product name	<i>LENTIS® Comfort</i>
Model	LS-313 MF15
Properties	
Optic Size	6.0 mm
Overall Length	11.0 mm
Material	Copolymer, consisting of acrylates with hydrophobic surface (UV absorbents contained)
Refractive Index (35°)	1.46
Haptic Angulation	0°
Method of Sterilization	Autoclaving
Available Diopters	+10.0D to +27.0D
Medical Device Approval Number	23000BZX00243000
Release date	April 18, 2019

Product Image

External Appearance	Packaging
	

About Santen

As a specialized company dedicated to ophthalmology, Santen carries out research, development, marketing, and sales of pharmaceuticals, over-the-counter products, and medical devices. Santen is the market leader for prescription ophthalmic pharmaceuticals in Japan and its products now reach patients in over 60 countries. With scientific knowledge and organizational capabilities nurtured over a nearly 130-year history, Santen provides products and services to contribute to the well-being of patients, their loved ones and consequently to society. For more information, please visit Santen's website (www.santen.com).

Santen Forward-looking Statements

Information provided in this press release contains forward-looking statements. The achievement of these forecasts is subject to risk and uncertainty from various sources. Therefore, please note that the actual results may differ significantly from the forecasts. Business performance and financial conditions are subject to the effects of changes in regulations made by the governments of Japan and other nations concerning medical insurance, drug pricing and other systems, and to fluctuations in market variables such as interest rates and foreign exchange rates.

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