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Alcon receives CE Mark for first-of-its-kind AutonoMe™ preloaded intraocular lens (IOL) delivery system with Clareon® IOL

- AutonoMe™ preloaded IOL delivery system provides easy, intuitive control for precise IOL insertion during cataract surgery

- New Clareon® IOL in vitro data and early clinical experience to be presented at European Society of Cataract & Refractive Surgeons congress

Basel, October 6, 2017 – Alcon, the global leader in eye care and a division of Novartis, has achieved European CE Mark for the Clareon® IOL with the AutonoMe™ delivery system. AutonoMe™ is the first-and-only automated, disposable, pre-loaded IOL delivery system that enables precise delivery of the IOL into the capsular bag in patients undergoing cataract surgery. The new device is being introduced with the Clareon® IOL, a new BioMaterial with an advanced design that enables sharp, crisp vision; low edge glare; and, unsurpassed optic clarity. These new innovations, along with supporting scientific data, will be presented at the XXXV congress of the European Society of Cataract & Refractive Surgeons (ESCRS) taking place October 7 – 11 in Lisbon, Portugal.

“With the introduction of Clareon® AutonoMe™, we are proud to unveil our latest innovations to benefit doctors and their patients undergoing cataract surgery,” said Mike Ball, Chief Executive Officer, Alcon. “Throughout Alcon’s history, we have worked with doctors to enhance and transform the way cataract surgery is performed. Clareon® AutonoMe™ builds upon the comprehensive legacy of AcrySof® by offering cataract surgeons easy, intuitive control of IOL delivery with the newest optic material.”

The AutonoMe™ delivery system, preloaded with the Clareon® IOL, is designed with advancements intended to benefit both surgeons and cataract patients. Its automated CO₂-powered delivery mechanism and intuitive, ergonomic design allow precise and simplified single-handed control of IOL placement during cataract surgery.

“Comfort and efficiency during the cataract surgery are key to achieving better outcomes. This new device is expected to improve the procedure and ultimately to reduce surgical time,” said Prof. Rudolph Nuijts, University of Maastricht, Netherlands. “This is great news for surgeons because Clareon® AutonoMe™ provides a cutting-edge, intuitive and easy-to-use device that allows precise and controlled IOL delivery.”

The Clareon® hydrophobic acrylic IOL, which received CE Mark in May, is made of a patented, innovative optic polymer material. Clareon® builds on and maintains the benefits of the proven AcrySof® platform with a new optic BioMaterial that offers cataract patients unsurpassed clarity.

Alcon will present new data on Clareon® via paper presentations and electronic posters at ESCRIS, including:

- Scientific Paper Presentation: Optical Purity Evaluation and Accelerated Aging of the New Clareon® Biomaterial vs. Other Hydrophobic Acrylic Material in a Laboratory Setup, Dr. G. Auffarth (Tuesday, October 10, 3:42 – 3:48 p.m., Room 3.6, FIL congress center)
- Scientific Paper Presentation: *Evaluation of Clarity Characteristics in a New Hydrophobic Acrylic IOL in Comparison with Commercially Available Lenses*, Dr. L. Werner, (Tuesday, October 10, 3:48p.m., Room 3.6, FIL congress center)
- Electronic Poster: *Model Eye and In Vitro Assessment of Positive Dysphotopsia or Glare Types Photic Phenomena: A Comparison of a New Material IOL to other Monofocal Intraocular Lenses*, Dr. L. Werner
- Electronic Poster: *Miyake-Apple Posterior View analysis of Capsular Bag Behavior of the New Clareon® Hydrophobic Acrylic IOL Material*, Dr. H. Fang
- Electronic Poster: *Silicone Oil Adhesion of Hydrophobic Acrylic Intraocular Lenses (IOL): A Comparative Laboratory Study of the New Clareon® Versus Current AcrySof® IOL Material*, Dr. F. Hengerer
- Electronic Poster: *Evaluation of the Mechanical Behavior of a New Single-Piece Intraocular Lens as Compared to Commercially Available IOLs*, Dr. S. Lane

Clareon® AutonoMe™ is expected to be commercially available to cataract surgeons in the EU early next year. Learn more about these innovations at the Alcon Booth #P272 in the exhibition area of the Feira Internacional de Lisboa (FIL) congress center at ECRS.

**About Cataracts**

A cataract is a clouding of the natural lens of the eye that affects vision. As a cataract develops, the eye's lens gradually becomes harder and cloudy which scatters light rays and allows less light to pass through it, thus reducing the patient's ability to see. The vast majority of cataracts occur as part of normal aging but radiation exposure, taking steroids, diabetes, and eye trauma can accelerate the development of cataracts.

Additionally, cataracts can be hereditary and congenital and can present shortly after birth. Cataracts are the most common age-related eye condition and the leading cause of preventable blindness in adults 55 and older. Cataracts are treated by surgically removing the eye's cloudy natural lens and replacing it with an intraocular lens (IOL). More than 98 percent of cataract surgeries are considered successful and patients can usually return to their normal routines very soon after surgery.

**Important Information About the Clareon® IOL with the AutonoMe™ Delivery System**

As with any surgical procedure, there is risk involved. Potential complications accompanying cataract and/or IOL implantation surgery may include, but are not limited to, the following: lens epithelial cell on-growth, corneal endothelial damage, infection (endophthalmitis), retinal detachment, vitritis, cystoid macular edema, corneal edema, pupillary block, cycloic membrane, iris prolapse, hypopyon, transient or persistent glaucoma. Surgeons should use careful preoperative evaluation and sound clinical judgement to decide the benefit/risk ratio before implanting a lens in a patient with one or more of the conditions identified in the product labeling. Only Alcon-qualified ophthalmic viscosurgical devices (OVDs) should be used with Clareon® AutonoMe™. The use of an unqualified OVD may cause damage to the lens and potential complications during the implantation process.

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