U.S. FDA ACCEPTS NDA FOR ONCE-DAILY FORMULATION OF ANTIOBESITY AGENT BELVIQ®

Eisai Co., Ltd. (Headquarters: Tokyo, CEO: Haruo Naito, “Eisai”) announced today that the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has accepted for review a New Drug Application (NDA) for a once-daily formulation of its antiobesity agent BELVIQ® (U.S. brand name, generic name: lorcaserin hydrochloride, “lorcaserin”) which has the potential to offer patients the convenience of once-daily treatment.

Acceptance of the application indicates that the FDA has found the submission to be sufficiently complete to review and that the FDA will begin conducting its assessment of the application. This NDA was submitted to the FDA by Arena Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (Headquarters: California, United States, Interim CEO: Harry F. Hixson), with whom Eisai and its U.S. subsidiary Eisai Inc. have a marketing and supply agreemeeeS

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