# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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## FORM 6-K

## REPORT OF FOREIGN ISSUER PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16 OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

September 8, 2022

(Commission File No. 001-38475)

## ASLAN PHARMACEUTICALS LIMITED

(REG. NO. 289175) (Translation of registrant's name into English)

#### **CAYMAN ISLANDS**

(Jurisdiction of incorporation or organisation)
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(Address of registrant's principal executive office)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover Form 20-F or Form 40-F.

Form 20-F Form 40-F

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is submitting the Form 6-K in paper as permitted by Regulation S-T Rule 101 (b) (1):

Yes

No

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ASLAN Pharmaceuticals presents new data on eblasakimab in multiple posters at the 31st Annual European Academy of Dermatology and Venereology (EADV) Congress

On September 7, 2022, ASLAN Pharmaceuticals Limited (the "Company") announced the presentation of new data on eblasakimab in multiple posters at the 31st Annual European Academy of Dermatology and Venereology (EADV) Congress. Key points include:

- Data presented at EADV for the first time show eblasakimab suppresses downstream inflammatory biomarkers of atopic dermatitis, continuing 4-6 weeks after the last dose.
- Notable improvements in quality-of-sleep measures, with fewer patients reporting sleep disturbance on eblasakimab
- Eblasakimab significantly reduced P-NRS (itch) scores and improvements continued throughout 8-week course of treatment across all dose cohorts

Further information is set out in the press release attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and which is incorporated by reference herein.

The information contained in this Form 6-K is hereby incorporated by reference into the Company's Registration Statement on Form F-3 (File No. 333-234405), Registration Statement on Form F-3 (File No. 333-254768), Registration Statement on Form S-8 (File No. 333-252118) and Registration Statement on Form S-8 (File No. 333-25218) and Registration Statement on Form S-8 (File No. 333-25218) and Registration Statement on Form S-8 (File No. 333-25218) and Regis

#### Forward Looking Statements

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Exhibits					
Exhibit Number	Exhibit Description				
99.1	Press release dated September 7, 2022, regarding announcement of presentation of new data on eblasakimab at the 31st Annual European Academy of Dermatology and Venereology Congress				

## **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, thereto duly authorized.

ASLAN PHARMACEUTICALS LIMITED (Registrant)

By: /s/ Kiran Kumar Asarpota

Name: Kiran Kumar Asarpota Title: Chief Operating Officer

Date: September 08, 2022



Exhibit 99.1

### **PRESS RELEASE**

## ASLAN PHARMACEUTICALS PRESENTS NEW DATA ON EBLASAKIMAB IN MULTIPLE POSTERS AT THE 31st ANNUAL EUROPEAN ACADEMY OF DERMATOLOGY AND VENEREOLOGY (EADV) CONGRESS

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**California and Singapore, September 7, 2022** – ASLAN Pharmaceuticals (NASDAQ: ASLN), a clinical-stage, immunology-focused biopharmaceutical company developing innovative treatments to transform the lives of patients, today announced the presentation of new *eblasakimab* data at the 2022 European Academy of Dermatology and Venereology (EADV) annual congress in Milan, Italy. Three posters are being presented as e-posters throughout the duration of the congress from September 7 to 10, 2022.

The posters include previously unpublished data on biomarkers and quality-of-life measures, and new, additional analyses of clinical data from the previously reported Phase 1 multiple-ascending dose study of *eblasakimab* in moderate-to-severe atopic dermatitis (AD).

Alex Kaoukhov, Chief Medical Officer, ASLAN Pharmaceuticals, commented, "The newly presented biomarker data provide a robust, objective basis for the clinical efficacy we observed in the Phase 1 trial of *eblasakimab* and support its potential to offer a clearly differentiated treatment option for AD patients. We observed significant improvements in itch and sleep loss within the 8-week study period, suggesting the potential for a greater magnitude of effect with prolonged treatment and we are investigating this in the ongoing phase 2b study. Collectively, the data being presented at EADV gives us great confidence to continue investigating *eblaskaimab's* role in AD and other indications in the future."

#### 2022 EADV e-poster details

#### Poster 1 (Poster #0243)

Eblasakimab, a monoclonal antibody targeting IL-13Ra1, reduces serum biomarkers that are associated with atopy and correlated with disease severity, in patients with moderate-to-severe atopic dermatitis

#### Discussion

AD is a skin disease with a predominant Type-2-inflammatory signature. Signaling through the Type 2 receptor induces expression of a multitude of marker molecules, correlating with disease severity. Marker molecules such as thymus activation regulated cytokine (TARC/CCL17), immunoglobulin E (IgE), and lactate dehydrogenase (LDH) are elevated in patients with severe disease. The poster shows results of patient samples from the proof-of-concept (PoC) trial of *eblasakimab* in adults with moderate-to-severe atopic dermatitis. Samples were immunoassayed for serum TARC, IgE and tested for LDH.

## Results

Eblasakimab treatment reduced circulating levels of TARC/CCL17, IgE, and LDH, suggesting eblasakimab's unique mechanism of action targeting IL-13R 1 and blocking the signaling of IL-4 and IL-13 through the Type 2 receptor is associated with reduced expression of the biomarker molecules associated with disease severity in AD. Reductions from baseline were observed as early as the first post-baseline assessment for TARC/CCL17 (day 4), IgE (day 15) and



LDH (day 15), with a rapid onset and significant difference at week 8 between 600 mg vs placebo for TARC/CCL17 (mean values of -62.23 vs -17.83, P<0.001). Serum biomarkers generally remained supressed in the *eblasakimab* groups for four to six weeks following the last dose.

#### Poster 2 (Poster #0342)

Eblasakimab improves itch and sleep loss in adult patients with moderate-to-severe atopic dermatitis in a randomized, double-blinded, placebo-controlled, Phase 1 study

#### Discussion

Chronic itch is a hallmark of AD and occurs in over 80% of patients with the disease<sup>2</sup>. Itch is the most burdensome symptom reported by patients and is strongly linked to sleep disturbances; in the general population, up to 48% of adults experience sleep disturbances, but in adults with AD this figure is up to 90%<sup>3</sup>. The poster presents patient reported outcomes from the PoC trial of *eblasakimab* in adults with moderate-to-severe atopic dermatitis and includes analyses of pruritus numeric rating scale (P-NRS) and Patient Oriented Eczema Measure (POEM) with a single sleep loss component.

#### Results

Eblasakimab significantly reduced P-NRS scores across all dose cohorts in the modified Intent to Treat (mITT) population and improvements continued throughout the 8-week course of treatment. At week 8, patients in the 600mg dose group showed a 48% improvement in worst itch, versus a 13% improvement in the placebo group (P=0.05). 56% of patients in the 600mg eblasakimab group demonstrated at least a two point mean improvement in sleep loss, a clinically significant improvement in sleep loss, versus 15% in the placebo group.

#### *Poster 3 (Poster #0343)*

Eblasakimab improves multiple disease measures in adult patients with moderate-to-severe atopic dermatitis in a randomized, double-blinded, placebo-controlled, Phase 1 study

#### Discussion

The poster presents results on assessments of clinical signs of AD from the randomized, placebo controlled, double-blinded Phase 1 PoC trial of *eblasakimab* in adults with moderate-to-severe AD and highlights improvements in disease measures after treatment with *eblasakimab*. Efficacy assessments include changes in eczema area and severity index (EASI), Investigators Global Assessment (IGA) and Body Surface Area (BSA) score. Patients in the mITT population received *eblasakimab* at 200 mg (N=4), 400 mg (N=6), 600 mg (N=16) or placebo (N=13).

## Results

In the mITT population, significant improvements in EASI score were seen early and progressed throughout the trial compared with placebo, with the 400mg and 600mg dose cohorts producing a greater response than the 200mg dose. At week 8, significant improvements were noted in the mean percentage change from baseline in EASI score in the 600mg group versus placebo (65% vs 27%, P=0.014), and 69% of patients achieved EASI-75 in the *eblasakimab* 600mg dose group versus 15% on placebo (P=0.005). *Eblasakimab* was well tolerated with notable improvements also seen in IGA versus placebo (44% vs 15%) in the 600mg group at week 8.

The posters presented at the conference are available to access here.

#### References

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- 3. Bawany et al (2021) J Allergy Clin Immunol Pract 9(4):1488-1500



#### About eblasakimab

Eblasakimab is a potential first-in-class monoclonal antibody targeting the IL-13 receptor, with the potential to deliver a differentiated safety and efficacy profile as well as an improved dosing regimen for atopic dermatitis patients. In September 2021, ASLAN announced positive results from the Phase 1b multiple-ascending-dose study that established proof-of-concept of ASLAN004 and supported its potential as a novel treatment for AD. In January 2022, ASLAN initiated the TREK-AD Phase 2b trial to evaluate the safety and efficacy of eblasakimab in moderate-to-severe AD patients.

#### **About ASLAN Pharmaceuticals**

ASLAN Pharmaceuticals (Nasdaq: ASLN) is a clinical-stage, immunology-focused biopharmaceutical company developing innovative treatments to transform the lives of patients. ASLAN is currently evaluating *eblasakimab* (also known as ASLAN004), a potential first-inclass antibody targeting the IL-13 receptor, in atopic dermatitis, and *farudodstat* (also known as ASLAN003), a potent oral inhibitor of the enzyme DHODH, in autoimmune disease. ASLAN has a team in California and in Singapore. For additional information please visit www.aslanpharma.com or follow ASLAN on LinkedIn.

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