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FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): **August 3, 2022 (August 2, 2022)**

Kiniksa Pharmaceuticals, Ltd.
(Exact name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Bermuda	**001-38492**	**98-1327726**
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	(Commission File Number)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

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☐ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

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☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	**Trading Symbol(s)**	**Name of each exchange on which registered**
Class A Common Shares $0.000273235 par value	KNSA	The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC (Nasdaq Global Select Market)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company ☐

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. ☐

Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On August 2, 2022, Kiniksa Pharmaceuticals (UK), Ltd. ("Kiniksa UK"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Kiniksa Pharmaceuticals, Ltd. (the "Company") entered into a license agreement (the "License Agreement") with Genentech, Inc. and F. Hoffmann-La Roche Ltd (collectively, "Genentech"), pursuant to which Kiniksa UK granted Genentech exclusive worldwide rights to develop and commercialize vixarelimab and related antibodies (each, a "Licensed Product").

Under the License Agreement, Kiniksa UK will receive $100 million in upfront and near-term payments, which payments include (a) $80 million due and payable within 30 days of the later of (i) the signing of the License Agreement and (ii) the first business day following antitrust clearance (such later date, the "Effective Date") and (b) $20 million due and payable within 30 days after Kiniksa UK's delivery of certain drug supplies to Genentech following the Effective Date. In addition, Kiniksa UK will be eligible to receive up to approximately $600 million in contingent payments, including specified development, regulatory and sales-based milestones, before fulfilling Kiniksa's upstream financial obligations. Kiniksa UK will also be eligible to receive tiered percentage royalties on a Licensed Product-by-Licensed Product basis ranging from low double digits to mid-teens on annual net sales of each Licensed Product, subject to certain customary reductions, with an aggregate minimum floor, before fulfilling Kiniksa's upstream financial obligations. Royalties will be payable on a Licensed Product-by-Licensed Product and country-by-country basis until the latest to occur of the expiration of certain patents that cover a Licensed Product, the expiration of regulatory exclusivity for such Licensed Product, or the tenth anniversary of first commercial sale of such Licensed Product in such country.

Pursuant and subject to the terms of the License Agreement, Genentech has the exclusive worldwide right to conduct development and commercialization activities for Licensed Products at its sole cost. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Kiniksa shall be responsible, at its sole cost, for continuing to conduct and finalize the Phase 2b clinical trial assessing the efficacy, safety and tolerability of vixarelimab in reducing pruritis in prurigo nodularis.

Absent early termination, the License Agreement will continue until there are no more royalty or other payment obligations owed to Kiniksa UK. Genentech has the right to terminate the License Agreement at its discretion with prior written notice and either party may terminate the License Agreement in the event of an uncured material breach of the other party or in the case of insolvency of the other party. In addition, the Agreement will terminate upon termination of the Biogen Agreement (as defined below). Genentech may also terminate the License Agreement prior to the Effective Date if Kiniksa UK is unable to or fails to certify that certain fundamental representations made as of the date of signing remain true and correct as of the Effective Date.

The License Agreement will be subject to certain closing conditions prior to the Effective Date, including satisfactory completion of regulatory and antitrust review. Either party may terminate the Agreement prior to the Effective Date if antitrust clearance has not occurred on or prior to 180 days after signing.

On August 2, 2022, the Company entered into Amendment No. 2 (the "Second Amendment") to the Asset Purchase Agreement, dated September 7, 2016, by and between the Company and Biogen MA Inc. ("Biogen"), as amended by Amendment No. 1 thereto, dated as of July 31, 2017 (such agreement, as amended, the "Biogen Agreement").

Pursuant to the terms of the Second Amendment, commencing on the Effective Date, certain defined terms in the Biogen Agreement will be amended, including Net Sales, Indication, Product, Combination Product and Valid Claim. In addition, the royalty rates to be paid by the Company to Biogen will increase by an amount equal to less than one percent.

Upon the termination or expiration of the License Agreement, as described above, the amendments to the terms of the Biogen Agreement, as set forth in the Second Amendment, will terminate and all terms of the Biogen Agreement will revert to the version of such terms in effect as of immediately prior to the Effective Date.

The foregoing description of the material terms of the License Agreement and the Second Amendment are qualified in their entirety by reference to the complete text of such agreements, which the Company intends to file, with confidential terms redacted, with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") as exhibits to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended September 30, 2022.

Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On August 3, 2022, the Company issued a press release announcing financial results for the quarter ended June 30, 2022. A copy of the press release is furnished with this Current Report on Form 8-K as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.

On August 3, 2022, the Company issued a press release regarding the transactions described above in Item 1.01 of this Current Report on Form 8-K. A copy of the press release is furnished with this Current Report on Form 8-K as Exhibit 99.2.

In accordance with General Instruction B.2 of Form 8-K, the information contained in Items 2.02 and 7.01 of this Current Report on Form 8-K, and Exhibits 99.1 and 99.2 shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, regardless of any general incorporation language in such filing and except as expressly provided by specific reference in such filing.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	Press Release issued by Kiniksa Pharmaceuticals, Ltd., dated August 3, 2022.
99.2	Press Release issued by Kiniksa Pharmaceuticals, Ltd., dated August 3, 2022.
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded within the inline XBRL document)

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 hereunto duly authorized.

KINIKSA PHARMACEUTICALS, LTD.

Date: August 3, 2022

By: /s/ Madelyn Zeylikman
Madelyn Zeylikman
Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

Kiniksa Pharmaceuticals Reports Second Quarter 2022 Financial Results and Provides Corporate Update

– ARCALYST® (rilonacept) net revenue of $27.0 million in Q2 2022 –
– ARCALYST full-year 2022 net revenue expected to be $115 - $130 million –
– Upfront and near-term proceeds of $100 million expected from vixarelimab global license agreement –
– Cash reserves after the close of the vixarelimab global license agreement expected to fund operations into at least 2025 –
– Conference call and webcast scheduled for 8:30 am ET today –

HAMILTON, BERMUDA – August 3, 2022 – Kiniksa Pharmaceuticals, Ltd. (Nasdaq: KNSA) (Kiniksa), a biopharmaceutical company with a portfolio of assets designed to modulate immunological pathways across a spectrum of diseases, today reported second quarter 2022 financial results and provided a corporate update.

"The continued momentum of ARCALYST in recurrent pericarditis in the second quarter of 2022 provides conviction in our full-year expectation for net revenue of between $115 to 130 million. Additionally, we believe the strong performance of ARCALYST since launch supports incremental investment to broaden our reach and help even more patients suffering from recurrent pericarditis," said Sanj K. Patel, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Kiniksa. "We are also focused on expanding our portfolio by leveraging our cross-functional cardiovascular expertise. These efforts will be enabled in part by the non-dilutive proceeds from our global license agreement with Genentech."

Corporate Update:

- Today, Kiniksa announced a global license agreement with Roche and Genentech, a member of the Roche Group (Genentech), for the rights to develop and commercialize vixarelimab.
  - Kiniksa will receive upfront and near-term proceeds of $100 million. In addition, the company is eligible to receive up to approximately $600 million in certain development, regulatory, and sales-based milestones, before fulfilling upstream financial obligations, as well as royalties on annual net sales.
  - Kiniksa completed screening patients for the Phase 2b clinical trial of vixarelimab in prurigo nodularis and plans to complete the trial. The company will not disclose data in the second half of 2022.
  - Kiniksa plans to use the non-dilutive proceeds received from the transaction to advance synergistic cardiovascular opportunities.

Portfolio Execution

ARCALYST (IL-1α and IL-1β cytokine trap)

- ARCALYST net revenue was $27.0 million for the second quarter of 2022.
  - More than 550 prescribers have written ARCALYST prescriptions for recurrent pericarditis since launch, with a growing number of repeat prescribers.
  - More than 90% payer approval rate of completed patient cases for recurrent pericarditis in the second quarter of 2022.
  - ARCALYST use in recurrent pericarditis to date indicates continuous treatment durations of approximately 12 months.
- Kiniksa plans to evolve its sales operation with approximately 20 additional field sales representatives in the fourth quarter of 2022.

KPL-404 (monoclonal antibody inhibitor of CD40-CD154 interaction)

- Kiniksa is conducting a Phase 2 clinical trial of KPL-404 in rheumatoid arthritis which is designed to evaluate the efficacy, dose response, pharmacokinetics, and safety of chronic subcutaneous dosing over 12 weeks.

Mavrilimumab (monoclonal antibody inhibitor targeting GM-CSFRα)

- Kiniksa is evaluating the development of mavrilimumab in rare cardiovascular diseases where the granulocyte macrophage colony stimulating factor (GM-CSF) mechanism has been implicated and that have synergies with the company's existing commercial infrastructure.

Financial Results

- Total net revenue for ARCALYST product sales in the second quarter of 2022 was $27.0 million, compared to $7.7 million for the second quarter of 2021.
- Total operating expenses for the second quarter of 2022 were $46.3 million, compared to $48.3 million for the second quarter of 2021.
  - Collaboration expense in the second quarter of 2022 was $3.7 million. Kiniksa did not report a collaboration expense in the second quarter of 2021.
  - Non-cash, share-based compensation expense for the second quarter of 2022 was $6.7 million, compared to $5.7 million for the second quarter of 2021.
- Net loss for the second quarter of 2022 was $20.0 million, compared to a net loss of $41.6 million for the second quarter of 2021.
- As of June 30, 2022, the company had $138.2 million of cash, cash equivalents, and short-term investments, and no debt.

Financial Guidance

- Kiniksa continues to expect ARCALYST net revenue for the full-year 2022 to be between $115 million and $130 million.
- Kiniksa expects that its cash and cash equivalents will fund its current operating plan into at least 2025 following the close of the vixarelimab global license agreement with Genentech.

Conference Call Information

- Kiniksa will host a conference call and webcast at 8:30 a.m. Eastern Time on Wednesday, August 3, 2022, to discuss second quarter 2022 financial results and to provide a corporate update.
- Individuals interested in participating in the call should dial (646) 307-1963 (U.S. and Canada) or (800) 715-9871 (international) using conference ID number 1606846. To access the webcast, please visit the Investors and Media section of Kiniksa's website. A replay of the webcast will also be available on Kiniksa's website within approximately 48 hours after the event.

About Kiniksa

Kiniksa is a biopharmaceutical company focused on discovering, acquiring, developing, and commercializing therapeutic medicines for patients suffering from debilitating diseases with significant unmet medical need. Kiniksa's portfolio assets, ARCALYST, KPL-404, and mavrilimumab, are based on strong biologic rationale or validated mechanisms, target underserved conditions, and offer the potential for differentiation. These assets are designed to modulate immunological pathways across a spectrum of diseases. For more information, please visit www.kiniksa.com.

About ARCALYST

ARCALYST is a weekly, subcutaneously injected recombinant dimeric fusion protein that blocks interleukin-1 alpha (IL-1α) and interleukin-1 beta (IL-1β) signaling. ARCALYST was discovered by Regeneron and is approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for recurrent pericarditis, cryopyrin-associated periodic syndromes (CAPS), including Familial Cold Autoinflammatory Syndrome and Muckle-Wells Syndrome, and deficiency of IL-1 receptor antagonist (DIRA). The FDA granted Breakthrough Therapy designation to ARCALYST for the treatment of recurrent pericarditis in 2019 and Orphan Drug designation to ARCALYST for the treatment of pericarditis in 2020. The European Commission granted Orphan Drug Designation to ARCALYST for the treatment of idiopathic pericarditis in 2020.

ARCALYST is indicated for:

- Treatment of Recurrent Pericarditis (RP) and reduction in risk of recurrence in adults and pediatric patients 12 years and older.
- Treatment of Cryopyrin-Associated Periodic Syndromes (CAPS), including Familial Cold Auto-inflammatory Syndrome (FCAS), and Muckle-Wells Syndrome (MWS) in adults and children 12 years and older.
- Maintenance of remission of Deficiency of Interleukin-1 Receptor Antagonist (DIRA) in adults and pediatric patients weighing 10 kg or more.

IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION ABOUT ARCALYST

- ARCALYST may affect your immune system and can lower the ability of your immune system to fight infections. Serious infections, including life-threatening infections and death, have happened in patients taking ARCALYST. If you have any signs of an infection, call your doctor right away. Treatment with ARCALYST should be stopped if you get a serious infection. You should not begin treatment with ARCALYST if you have an infection or have infections that keep coming back (chronic infection).
- While taking ARCALYST, do not take other medicines that block interleukin-1, such as Kineret® (anakinra), or medicines that block tumor necrosis factor, such as Enbrel® (etanercept), Humira® (adalimumab), or Remicade® (infliximab), as this may increase your risk of getting a serious infection.
- Talk with your doctor about your vaccine history. Ask your doctor whether you should receive any vaccines before you begin treatment with ARCALYST.
- Medicines that affect the immune system may increase the risk of getting cancer.
- Stop taking ARCALYST and call your doctor or get emergency care right away if you have any symptoms of an allergic reaction.
- Your doctor will do blood tests to check for changes in your blood cholesterol and triglycerides.
- Common side effects include injection-site reactions (which may include pain, redness, swelling, itching, bruising, lumps, inflammation, skin rash, blisters, warmth, and bleeding at the injection site), upper respiratory tract infections, joint and muscle aches, rash, ear infection, sore throat, and runny nose.

For more information about ARCALYST, talk to your doctor and see the Product Information.

About KPL-404

KPL-404 is an investigational humanized monoclonal antibody that is designed to inhibit CD40-CD154 (CD40 ligand) interaction, a key T-cell co-stimulatory signal critical for B-cell maturation and immunoglobulin class switching and Type 1 immune responses. Kiniksa believes disrupting the CD40-CD154 interaction is an attractive approach to address multiple autoimmune disease pathologies.

About Mavrilimumab

Mavrilimumab is an investigational fully human monoclonal antibody that blocks activity of GM-CSF by specifically binding to the alpha subunit of the GM-CSF receptor (GM-CSFRα). Phase 2 clinical trials of mavrilimumab in rheumatoid arthritis and GCA achieved their primary and secondary endpoints with statistical significance. Kiniksa is evaluating the development of mavrilimumab in rare cardiovascular diseases where the GM-CSF mechanism has been implicated and that have synergies with the company's existing commercial infrastructure.

Forward-Looking Statements

This press release contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. In some cases, you can identify forward looking statements by terms such as "may," "will," "should," "expect," "plan," "anticipate," "could," "intend," "target," "project," "contemplate," "believe," "estimate," "predict," "potential" or "continue" or the negative of these terms or other similar expressions, although not all forward-looking statements contain these identifying words. All statements contained in this press release that do not relate to matters of historical fact should be considered forward-looking statements, including without limitation, statements regarding: the global license agreement between Kiniksa and Genentech, including (i) anticipated upfront, near-term, milestone and royalty payments under such agreement, (ii) statements regarding the use of proceeds from the agreement and (iii) Kiniksa's plan to complete its Phase 2b clinical trial of vixarelimab in prurigo nodularis; our expectation that ARCALYST net revenue for full-year 2022 will be between $115 million and $130 million; our plans to evolve our sales operation with approximately 20 additional field sales representatives in the fourth quarter of 2022; our expectation about our cash reserves funding our current operating plan into 2025 following the close of the vixarelimab global license agreement with Genentech; our expectations regarding our next steps for mavrilimumab; our beliefs about the mechanisms of action of our product candidates and potential impact of their approach, including that using KPL-404 to disrupt the CD40-CD154 interaction is an attractive approach to address multiple autoimmune disease pathologies; and our belief that all of our product candidates offer the potential for differentiation.

These forward-looking statements are based on management's current expectations. These statements are neither promises nor guarantees, but involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other important factors that may cause our actual results, performance or achievements to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements, including without limitation, the following: ours and Genentech's ability to obtain antitrust clearance and close our global license agreement in a timely manner; our ability to realize anticipated near-term payments, milestones and royalty payments under such agreement; our ability to successfully utilize the proceeds we will receive from such agreement; delays or difficulty in enrollment of patients in, and activation or continuation of sites for, our clinical trials; delays or difficulty in completing our clinical trials as originally designed; potential for changes between final data and any preliminary, interim, top-line or other data from clinical trials; our inability to replicate results from our earlier clinical trials or studies; impact of additional data from us or other companies, including the potential for our data to produce negative, inconclusive or commercially uncompetitive results; potential undesirable side effects caused by our products and product candidates; our inability to demonstrate safety and efficacy to the satisfaction of applicable regulatory authorities; potential for applicable regulatory authorities to not accept our filings, delay or deny approval of any of our product candidates or require additional data or trials to support approval; inability to successfully execute on our commercial strategy for ARCALYST; our reliance on third parties as the sole source of supply of the drug substance and drug product used in our products and product candidates; our reliance on Regeneron as the sole manufacturer of ARCALYST; raw materials, important ancillary products and drug substance and/or drug product shortages; our reliance on third parties to conduct research, clinical trials, and/or certain regulatory activities for our product candidates; complications in coordinating requirements, regulations and guidelines of regulatory authorities across jurisdictions for our clinical trials; the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and any subsequent pandemic and measures taken in response to such pandemics on our business and operations as well as the business and operations of our manufacturers, CROs upon whom we rely to conduct our clinical trials, and other third parties with whom we conduct business or otherwise engage, including the FDA and other regulatory authorities; changes in our operating plan and funding requirements; and existing or new competition.

These and other important factors discussed in our filings with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, including under the caption “Risk Factors” contained therein, could cause actual results to differ materially from those indicated by the forward-looking statements made in this press release. Any such forward-looking statements represent management’s estimates as of the date of this press release. Except as required by law, we disclaim any intention or obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements should not be relied upon as representing our views as of any date subsequent to the date of this press release.

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KINIKSA PHARMACEUTICALS, LTD.
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS
(In thousands, except share and per share amounts)
(Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2022	2021	2022	2021
Revenue:				
Product revenue, net	$ 26,972	$ 7,704	$ 49,161	$ 7,704
Collaboration revenue	—	—	10,000	—
Total revenue	26,972	7,704	59,161	7,704
Costs and operating expenses:				
Cost of goods sold	5,029	2,466	9,248	2,466
Collaboration expenses	3,672	—	11,926	—
Research and development	13,798	23,945	34,615	52,628
Selling, general and administrative	23,841	21,848	46,059	42,448
Total operating expenses	46,340	48,259	101,848	97,542
Loss from operations	(19,368)	(40,555)	(42,687)	(89,838)
Interest income	103	6	137	15
Loss before provision for income taxes	(19,265)	(40,549)	(42,550)	(89,823)
Provision for income taxes	(716)	(1,014)	(2,641)	(1,224)
Net loss	$ (19,981)	$ (41,563)	$ (45,191)	$ (91,047)
Net loss per share attributable to common shareholders—basic and diluted	$ (0.29)	$ (0.61)	$ (0.65)	$ (1.33)
Weighted average common shares outstanding—basic and diluted	69,289,972	68,395,703	69,213,860	68,332,943

KINIKSA PHARMACEUTICALS, LTD.
SELECTED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET DATA
(In thousands)
(Unaudited)

	As of	
	June 30, 2022	December 31, 2021
Cash, cash equivalents, and short-term investments	$ 138,208	$ 182,201
Working capital	136,394	151,622
Total assets	210,576	232,800
Accumulated deficit	(720,588)	(675,397)
Total shareholders' equity	153,494	185,037

Exhibit 99.2

Kiniksa Pharmaceuticals Announces Global License Agreement with Genentech for Vixarelimab

– Kiniksa to receive $100 million in upfront and near-term payments –
– Kiniksa is eligible to receive development and commercial milestones as well as royalties on net sales –
– Global license includes development and commercialization rights to vixarelimab –

HAMILTON, BERMUDA – August 3, 2022 – Kiniksa Pharmaceuticals, Ltd. (Nasdaq: KNSA) (Kiniksa), a biopharmaceutical company with a portfolio of assets designed to modulate immunological pathways across a spectrum of diseases, today announced a global license agreement with Roche and Genentech, a member of the Roche Group (Genentech), for the rights to develop and commercialize vixarelimab, a fully human monoclonal antibody targeting oncostatin M receptor beta (OSMRβ).

"We are proud to have advanced vixarelimab from a preclinical-stage asset through Phase 2 clinical studies. Our work underscores the differentiated potential of the OSMRβ mechanism as well as its potential to help patients with serious unmet need," said Sanj K. Patel, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Kiniksa. "The agreement provides an optimal infrastructure for the further development of vixarelimab. We plan to allocate the non-dilutive capital received from this transaction towards synergistic opportunities across our portfolio, including the expansion of our ARCALYST cardiovascular franchise."

Under the terms of the global license agreement, Kiniksa will receive $100 million in upfront and near-term payments, and is eligible to receive up to approximately $600 million in certain clinical, regulatory, and sales-based milestones, before fulfilling upstream financial obligations. Kiniksa is also eligible to receive royalties on annual net sales. Genentech will obtain rights for the development and commercialization of vixarelimab. The transaction is subject to certain closing conditions, including the expiration of the waiting period under the Hart-Scott-Rodino (HSR) Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976 and other customary closing conditions.

Genentech will focus development of vixarelimab in fibrosis, where oncostatin M (OSM)-mediated pathogenesis is thought to be an important pathway for intervention in multiple fibrotic indications. "Pursuing novel therapies in fibrosis is central to Genentech's focus on developing medicines for patients with respiratory diseases," said James Sabry, Global Head of Roche Pharma Partnering.

"Developing vixarelimab, a first-in-class fully human monoclonal antibody, in fibrosis is another example of how we are taking an innovative approach to meet patients' unmet needs."

Kiniksa has completed screening patients for the Phase 2b clinical trial of vixarelimab in prurigo nodularis. The company plans to complete the trial but will no longer disclose data in the second half of 2022.

About Kiniksa

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About Vixarelimab

Vixarelimab is an investigational fully human monoclonal antibody that targets oncostatin M receptor beta (OSMRβ), which mediates signaling of interleukin-31 (IL-31) and oncostatin M (OSM), two key cytokines implicated in pruritus, inflammation, and fibrosis.

Kiniksa Forward Looking Statements

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These forward-looking statements are based on management's current expectations. These statements are neither promises nor guarantees, but involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other important factors that may cause actual results, performance or achievements to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements, including without limitation, the following: ours and Genentech's ability to obtain antitrust clearance and close the proposed transaction in a timely manner; Genentech's ability to demonstrate safety and efficacy of vixarelimab in their chosen indications to the satisfaction of applicable regulatory authorities; our ability to realize anticipated near-term payments and milestone and royalty payments under the agreement; our ability to successfully execute on potential synergistic opportunities, including an expansion of our ARCALYST cardio-inflammatory franchise; the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and measures taken in response to the pandemic; and changes in our operating plan.

These and other important factors discussed in our filings with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC), including under the caption "Risk Factors" contained therein, could cause actual results to differ materially from those indicated by the forward-looking statements made in this press release. Any such forward-looking statements represent management's estimates as of the date of this press release. Except as required by law, we disclaim any intention or obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements should not be relied upon as representing our views as of any date subsequent to the date of this press release.

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