

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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): January 8, 2024

TARSUS PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

001-39614
(Commission File Number)

81-4717861
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

15440 Laguna Canyon Road, Suite 160
Irvine, CA 92618
(Address of principal executive offices, including Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (949) 409-9820

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- 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
Common Stock, \$0.0001 par value per share	TARS	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 7.01 Regulation FD.

On January 8, 2024, Tarsus Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (the “Company”) published a corporate presentation on the Investor & News section of its website, which is filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K (the “Report”).

The information in this Report, including Exhibit 99.1 hereto, is being furnished and shall not be deemed “filed” for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (“Exchange Act”), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that Section, and shall not be deemed incorporated by reference in any registration statement or other filing pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as otherwise expressly stated in such filing.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Tarsus Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Corporate Presentation
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded within 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.

TARSUS PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

Date:

January 8, 2024

/s/ Jeffrey S. Farrow

Jeffrey S. Farrow

Chief Financial Officer and Chief Strategy Officer

(Principal Financial Officer and Principal Accounting Officer)



Leading the Way in Category Creation

JANUARY 2024



Sulma, an XDEMYV® Patient



Forward-Looking Statements

This presentation contains forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties. Forward-looking statements are neither historical facts nor assurances of future performance. Instead, they are based on our current expectations about future events that we believe may affect our financial condition, results of operations, business strategy, and financial needs. All statements other than statements of historical facts contained in this presentation, including any statements regarding our ability to achieve distribution and patient access for our products including XDEMZY® and timing and breadth of payer coverage; our expectations of the potential market size, pricing, gross-to-net yields, fill rates, out-of-pocket costs, payer mix, eye care provider and patient acceptance and demand of XDEMZY, and opportunity and patient populations for our product candidates, including XDEMZY; our sales force size and hiring plans; the commercialization and market acceptance of XDEMZY; revenue expectations and cash runway and financing availability expectations; our ability to obtain marketing approvals of our product candidates and to meet existing or future regulatory standards or comply with post-approval requirements; our expectations regarding intellectual property exclusivity and term; our expectations regarding the potential advantages of our product candidates over existing therapies; our expectations regarding clinical development programs and operations; the market size for TP-03, TP-04, and TP-05, future events and Tarsus' plans for and the anticipated benefits of its product candidates including TP-03, TP-04 and TP-05 and the timing, objectives and results of the clinical trials including the complete clinical results of the Ersa trial, anticipated regulatory and development milestones, and our research and development programs; our expectations with regard to our ability to develop additional product candidates or product candidates for other indications; our ability to identify additional products, product candidates or technologies with significant commercial potential that are consistent with our commercial objectives; the ability of LianBio to commercialize TP-03 in the Greater China territory; and the implementation of our business model and strategic plans for our business and product candidates are forward-looking statements. The words "may," "will," "expect," "anticipate," "aim," "estimate," "intend," "plan," "believe," "is/are likely to," "potential," "continue" and other similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements, although not all forward-looking statements contain these identifying words. Forward-looking statements may involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause our actual results, performance or achievements to be materially different from those expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements. Accordingly, readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements. Except as required by applicable law, we do not plan to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements contained herein, whether as a result of any new information, future events, changed circumstances or otherwise. No representations or warranties (expressed or implied) are made about the accuracy of any such forward-looking statements. Important factors that could cause our actual results to differ materially are detailed from time to time in the reports we file with the Securities and Exchange Commission, copies of which are posted on our website and are available from us without charge. However, new risk factors and uncertainties may emerge from time to time, and it is not possible to predict all risk factors and uncertainties.





Expert Leadership Team With Decades of Eye Care, Product Launch and Market Building Experience

Bobby Azamian, M.D., Ph.D.
CEO & Chairman

Former CEO/CMO Metavention with extensive investment/entrepreneurial experience with Versant & Third Rock Ventures

20+ years of product launch experience and former VP Marketing, Allergan Eye Care (Restasis®, Lumigan®)

Aziz Mottiwala
Chief Commercial Officer



Elizabeth Yeu, M.D.
Chief Medical Advisor and Director

Board Member and President American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgeons (ASCRS)

25+ years of finance and operational experience; former CFO at Global Blood Therapeutics

Jeff Farrow
Chief Financial and Strategy Officer



Sesha Neervannan, Ph.D.
Chief Operating Officer

25+ years drug development experience, deep expertise in ophthalmic and dermatology products

20+ years HR leadership including multiple roles at Allergan

Dianne Whitfield
Chief Human Resources Officer



Jose Trevejo, M.D., Ph.D.
Chief Medical Officer

20+ years experience leading drug development, clinical trials and research

Bryan Wahl, M.D., J.D.
General Counsel

~20 years broad legal experience including IP and strategic transactions; former partner at Knobbe



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A Category-Creating Approach to Delivering Blockbuster Medicines and Serving Millions of Patients

XDEMVY A GROUND-BREAKING LAUNCH

- ✓ The **first and only FDA-approved** therapy for *Demodex* blepharitis
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Supported by a world-class eyecare leadership team and \$247M* in cash



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Beginning With a Large, Durable Eye Care Market

EXPECTED OPTHALMIC MARKET

by 2028



Source: EvaluatePharma ophthalmic revenues

Eye care market is rich with opportunity

- Vision is our most valued sense
- Double digit growth expected from anterior segment (existing categories)

Category creation has led to eye care blockbusters

- Dry Eye Disease, Thyroid Eye Disease, Anti-VEGF in Wet AMD*, Prostaglandins in Glaucoma
- Significant untapped opportunities remain to help patients

Eyelid diseases represent one of the largest untapped opportunities

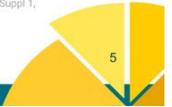
- *Demodex* blepharitis (DB) impacts 25M in the U.S.^{1,2}
- Meibomian Gland Disease (MGD) impacts 30-40M patients in the U.S.^{3,4}

*Age-related macular degeneration

1. Wilson J Ophthalmology 2015, 435606, 2014; 2. Titan collarette prevalence study; 3. Milner, MS, et al. Curr Opin Ophthalmol 2017 Jan; 28 Suppl 1, 3-47; 4. Foulks GN, Bran AJ. Ocul Surf. 2003;1:107-126.



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Demodex Blepharitis

A Pervasive and Damaging Eyelid Disease

- Caused by an infestation of *Demodex* mites
- Patients can suffer eyelid inflammation, redness, irritation and a negative impact on daily activities
- Quickly diagnosed during a routine eye exam through the identification of collarettes
- Potential for serious clinical implications if left untreated



Collarettes are the pathognomonic sign of DB:
Waxy, cylindrical plaque composed of dead mites, mite eggs & waste

Singular eyelash with multiple mites

~25M Americans Impacted^{1,2}

1. Wilson J Ophthalmology 2015, 43:5606, 2014; 2. Titan collarette prevalence study

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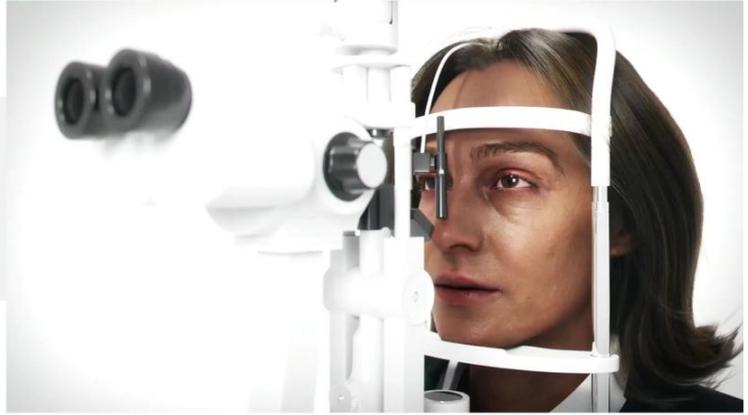




Easily Diagnosed Through the Presence of Collarettes

100% of patients
with collarettes
have *Demodex* blepharitis¹

WATCH VIDEO 



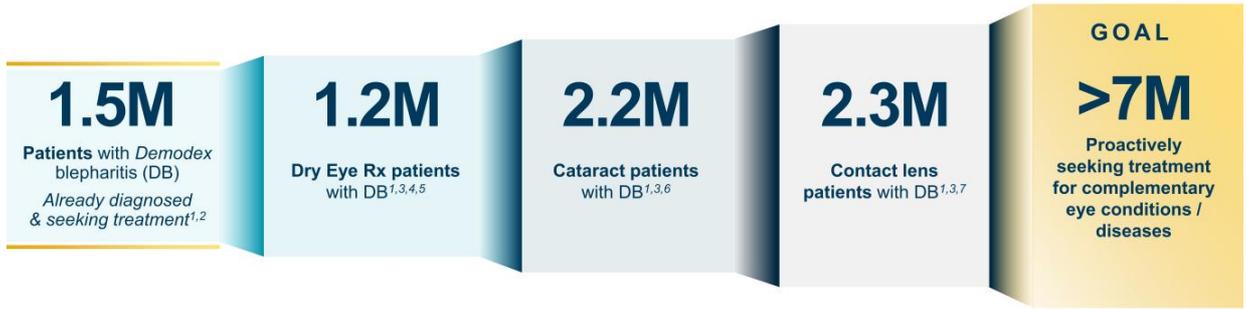
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Demodex Blepharitis is a Potential \$1B+ Opportunity



~1.5M Patients



\$1,850 WAC/Rx



~50% GTN Yield



\$1B+ peak net sales potential
in initial addressable segment alone



1. Wilson J Ophthalmology 2015. 435606, 2014; 2. Symphony claims data; 3. Titan collarette prevalence study; 4. Market Scope 2020 Dry Eye Products Report: A Global Market Analysis for 2019 to 2025; 5. White et al., Clin Ophthalmology 2019; 13 2285-2292 6. AAO/ASCRS Statement on Cataract Surgery, July 2021; 7. Refractive Surgery Council August 2021

XDEMZY: An eye care product UNLIKE ANY OTHER

The First and Only FDA-Approved Medicine for *Demodex* Blepharitis

- ▶ An innovative, category-creating therapeutic
- ▶ A strong value proposition for patients, ECPs and payers
- ▶ A high-touch, market-building commercial plan
- ▶ Patent protection expected through 2038



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XDEMVY: Delivering for Patients



Patient outcomes and experiences may vary.





XDEMZY: A High-Value, Market-Building Launch

Setting a New Standard for Blockbuster-Potential Eye Care Launches



Industry-Leading Team

- ✓ Deep eye care, biotech and product launch expertise
- ✓ 85 territory leaders targeting 15K ECPs covering **>80% of prescriptions**
- ✓ Best-in-class field team establishing behavioral change for an entirely new category



High-Impact Disease Education

- ✓ Action-oriented, visually focused physician and patient education campaigns
- ✓ Peer-to-peer scientific exchange conducted by **all-ECP medical field force**



Clear Value Proposition

- ✓ **Strong traction with payers**
- ✓ Unique distribution model leveraging high touch retail and digital pharmacies (18K+ pharmacies in network)
- ✓ Robust patient co-pay and bridging assistance program





XDEMVY: Delivering on Expectations



\$1.7 million
in net product sales

Five weeks post launch
(Sept. 30, 2023)

To date

>4,000* ECPs started patients on XDEMVY

- >50% repeat prescribers
- **Positive trend** in new writers – moving from “interest” to “action”

In the first month following product launch

>1,700 bottles dispensed to patients

- Unique online/retail distribution model provides convenient access to **>18K pharmacies**
- Patient out-of-pocket costs **≤ \$100** (in majority of cases)

In Q3 2023

Better than expected **73% GTN discount**

- Ongoing payer conversations indicate **on-track for broad commercial/Medicare coverage**



*As of Jan. 4, 2024



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Ongoing Waves of ECP Adoption

UTILIZATION ACROSS SEGMENTS

Early Adopters

(Diagnosing and treating patients on Day 1)

Eager Treaters

(Ready for an FDA-approved solution; ramping TRx alongside patient successes)

New to DB

(Beginning to diagnose, recognizing prevalence and acting)



In less than 5 months
+4,000*
XDEMZY Prescribers



ONGOING PRESCRIBING AFTER 5-10 TRx[†]



*As of Jan. 4, 2024
†TRx = Total prescriptions

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A Clear Path to Blockbuster Potential



Anticipated 2024+ milestones listed above

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PIPELINE

Abby, an XDEMYVY Patient

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A Category-Creating Pipeline With Near-Term Catalysts

Tarsus Product Portfolio

Product Candidate	Indication	Formulation	Preclinical	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	Marketed	Upcoming Catalyst	
XDEMY	Demodex blepharitis (US)	Eye drop	[Progress bar from Preclinical to Phase 3]						
TP-03	Demodex blepharitis (EU)	Eye drop	<i>Preservative-free formulation to be evaluated after FDA approval</i>						
TP-03	Meibomian Gland Disease (US)	Eye drop	Ersa Phase 2a [Progress bar from Preclinical to Phase 2]						Determining U.S. Regulatory Path

Existing and Potential Partnership Opportunities

TP-03	 Demodex blepharitis and Meibomian Gland Disease (Greater China)	Eye drop	Libra Phase 3 [Progress bar from Preclinical to Phase 3]						LianBio Determining Regulatory Path In China
TP-03	Demodex blepharitis and Meibomian Gland Disease (OUS)	Eye drop	<i>Active partnering discussions</i>						
TP-04	Papulopustular Rosacea (WW)	Topical	Galatea Phase 2a [Progress bar from Preclinical to Phase 2]						Data Expected 1Q 2024
TP-05	Lyme disease prevention (WW)	Oral Tablet	Carpo Phase 2a [Progress bar from Preclinical to Phase 2]						Data Expected 1Q 2024



Meibomian Gland Disease: A Large, Underserved Eye Care Category No FDA-Approved Pharmacologic Treatment

MGD

Occurs when the glands do not produce enough lipids or lipids are of poor quality



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~30-40M
Americans impacted by MGD^{1,2}

>50%
of patients with MGD have *Demodex* infestation^{1,3,4,5}



TP-03



- Targets and kills *Demodex* mites that contribute to MGD
- Left untreated, MGD can lead to gland loss and threaten vision
- Positive Phase 2a data reported in Dec. 2023

Determining U.S. Regulatory Path Forward

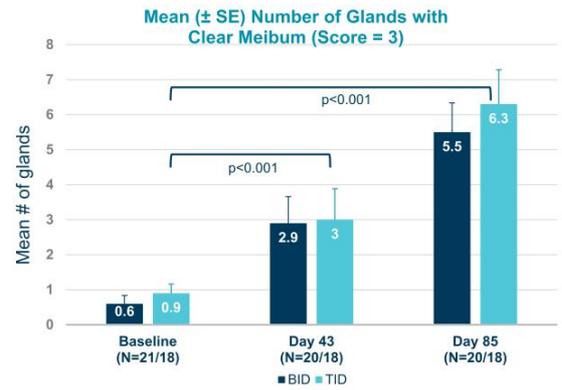
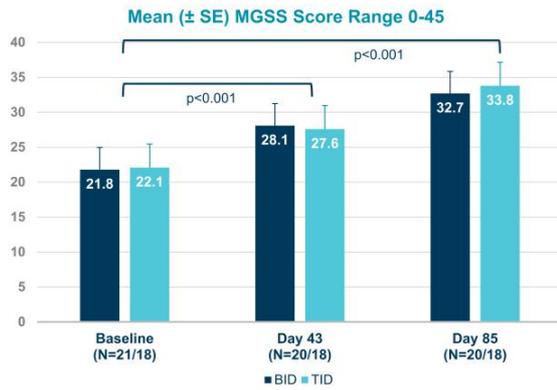


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Ersa Phase 2a Trial for the Treatment of MGD with *Demodex* Mites

TP-03 Significantly Improves Gland Function and Number of Glands Secreting Clear Liquid



No discontinuations due to treatment-related adverse events



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Rosacea – An Inflammatory Skin Condition

Current Treatment Options Offer Limited Efficacy

Rosacea

Chronic skin disease characterized by facial redness, inflammatory lesions, burning and stinging

~16M

Americans impacted by rosacea¹

~3-5M

Experience papulopustular rosacea (PPR)²



1. Buddenkotte J, Steinhoff M. Recent advances in understanding and managing rosacea. F1000Res.2018.7. 2. Source on file

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TP-04: Potential to be the First Topical to Address Root Cause of Disease



TP-04

ONGOING Galatea Phase 2a Study

- BID for 12 weeks
- 30 patients with moderate to severe PPR

Demodex Mites: Highly prevalent in the skin of patients with PPR and may contribute to the inflammatory response associated with the disease

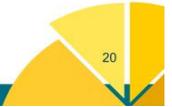
Patient Impact: Redness, swelling and/or pus-filled bumps

TP-04: The lotilaner API has demonstrated potent ability across several studies to eradicate *Demodex* mites

Topline data expected in 1Q 2024



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Lyme Disease – A Growing Public Health Crisis

No FDA-Approved Prophylaxis

Lyme Disease

A tick-borne infection caused by the transmission of *Borrelia burgdorferi*

~27M

Americans at high-to-moderate infection risk

\$1.3B

Impact to U.S. healthcare system



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TP-05: Potential to Be the First and Only Durable, On-Demand Oral Prophylaxis for Lyme Disease



TP-05

ONGOING
Carpo Phase 2a Study

To inform:

- Safety
- Pharmacokinetics
- Tick-kill efficacy

Prevention is key: Strong patient/physician interest in an oral, on-demand, non-vaccine option that targets the tick – preventing exposure to the bacteria that causes Lyme Disease

Patient Impact: Difficult to manage; long-term sequelae can progress to severe joint, CNS and cardiac complications

TP-05: Fast- and long-acting,* with the potential to provide protection throughout the entire tick season

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