Cytokinetics to Present Clinical Data Relating to CK-2017357 at the 22nd Annual Sessions of the Society for Vascular Medicine

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SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, CA, May 26, 2011 (MARKETWIRE via COMTEX) -- Cytokinetics, Incorporated (NASDAQ: CYTK) announced today that two posters relating to CK-2017357 are scheduled to be presented at the 22nd Annual Sessions of the Society for Vascular Medicine to be held June 2-4, 2011 at the Seaport Hotel in Boston, MA.

One poster will highlight the results from a Phase IIa Evidence-of-Effect clinical trial evaluating CK-2017357 in patients with claudication associated with peripheral artery disease and the other poster will provide support for the validation of a novel functional endpoint, bilateral heel raise test, in this patient population.

CK-2017357, the lead drug candidate from the company's skeletal muscle contractility program, is a fast skeletal muscle troponin activator and is in Phase IIa clinical trials. CK-2017357 selectively activates the fast skeletal muscle troponin complex by increasing its sensitivity to calcium, leading to an increase in skeletal muscle force. This mechanism of action has demonstrated pharmacological activity in preclinical models that may relate to the potential treatment of diseases associated with aging, muscle wasting or neuromuscular dysfunction.

Poster Presentations at the Society for Vascular Medicine 22nd Annual Scientific Sessions:

Abstract #25: A poster presentation titled "Efficacy and Tolerability Of The Novel Fast Skeletal Muscle Troponin Activator, CK-2017357, In Patients With Claudication" will be on display on Thursday, June 2nd and is scheduled to be presented by Alan Hirsch, MD, Cardiovascular Division and Lillehei Heart Institute, University of Minnesota, from 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM Eastern Time.

Abstract #23: A poster presentation titled "Bilateral Heel Raise Test: A Novel Functional Endpoint For Early Stage Clinical Trials In Peripheral Artery Disease (PAD)," will be on display on Thursday, June 2nd and is scheduled to be presented by Alan Hirsch, MD, Cardiovascular Division and Lillehei Heart Institute, University of Minnesota, from 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM Eastern Time.

About Cytokinetics

Cytokinetics is a clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company focused on the discovery and development of novel small molecule therapeutics that modulate muscle function for the potential treatment of serious diseases and medical conditions. Cytokinetics' lead drug candidate from its cardiac muscle contractility program, omecamtiv mecarbil (formerly CK-1827452), is in clinical development for the potential treatment of heart failure. Amgen Inc. holds an exclusive license worldwide (excluding Japan) to develop and commercialize omecamtiv mecarbil and related compounds, subject to Cytokinetics' specified development and commercialization participation rights. Cytokinetics is independently developing CK-2017357, a skeletal muscle activator, as a potential treatment for diseases and conditions associated with aging, muscle wasting or neuromuscular dysfunction. CK-2017357 is currently the subject of a Phase IIa clinical trials program and has been granted orphan-drug designation by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for the potential treatment of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, a debilitating disease of neuromuscular impairment in which CK-2017357 demonstrated potentially clinically relevant pharmacodynamic effects in a Phase IIa trial. Cytokinetics is also conducting research and non-clinical development of compounds that inhibit smooth muscle contractility and which may be useful as potential treatments for diseases and conditions associated with excessive smooth muscle contraction, such as bronchoconstriction associated with asthma and chronic obstructive pulmonary disorder (COPD). In addition, prior Cytokinetics' research generated three anti-cancer drug candidates that have progressed into clinical development: ispinesib, SB-743921 and GSK-923295. All of these drug candidates and potential drug candidates have arisen from Cytokinetics' research activities and are directed towards the cytoskeleton. The cytoskeleton is a complex biological infrastructure that plays a fundamental role within every human cell. Additional information about Cytokinetics can be obtained at www.cytokinetics.com.

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