



Cytokinetics Announces Additional Data From BENEFIT-ALS to be Presented at the Joint Congress of European Neurology

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South San Francisco, CA, May 27, 2014- Cytokinetics, Incorporated (Nasdaq: CYTK) announced today that additional data from BENEFIT-ALS (Blinded Evaluation of Neuromuscular Effects and Functional Improvement with *Tirasemtiv* in ALS) will be presented during an oral presentation scheduled at the Joint Congress of European Neurology to be held May 31 - June 3, 2014 at the International Congress Center in Istanbul, Turkey.

Oral Presentation at the Joint Congress of European Neurology

Title: New Data from BENEFIT-ALS: Blinded Evaluation of Neuromuscular Effects and Functional Improvement with *Tirasemtiv* in ALS

Presenter: Jeremy M. Shefner, M.D., Ph.D

Date: Sunday, June 1, 2014

Session Time: 4:45 PM - 6:15 PM

Session: Oral Session 2.2 "Motor Neurone Diseases"

Room: Hamidiye

About *Tirasemtiv* and BENEFIT-ALS

Tirasemtiv, a novel skeletal muscle activator, is the lead drug candidate from Cytokinetics' skeletal muscle contractility program. *Tirasemtiv* selectively activates the fast skeletal muscle troponin complex by increasing its sensitivity to calcium and, in preclinical studies, demonstrated increases in skeletal muscle force in response to neuronal input and delays in the onset and reductions in the degree of muscle fatigue. BENEFIT-ALS was a Phase IIb, multinational, double-blind, randomized, placebo-controlled clinical trial designed to evaluate the safety, tolerability and potential efficacy of *tirasemtiv* in patients with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS). BENEFIT-ALS did not achieve its primary efficacy endpoint, the mean change from baseline in the ALS Functional Rating Scale in its revised form (ALSFRS-R). Treatment with *tirasemtiv* resulted in a statistically significant and potentially clinically meaningful reduction in the decline of Slow Vital Capacity (SVC), a measure of the strength of the skeletal muscles responsible for breathing that has been shown to be an important predictor of disease progression and survival in prior trials of patients with ALS. The analyses of other pre-specified secondary efficacy endpoints produced mixed results. Results from BENEFIT-ALS were presented at the 66th Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Neurology on April 29, 2014. Cytokinetics expects to continue to analyze the data from BENEFIT-ALS to inform the potential further development of *tirasemtiv* in patients living with ALS.

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*, is in Phase II clinical development for the potential treatment of heart failure. Amgen Inc. holds an exclusive license worldwide to develop and commercialize *omecamtiv mecarbil* and related compounds, subject to Cytokinetics' specified development and commercialization participation rights. Cytokinetics is independently developing *tirasemtiv*, a fast skeletal muscle activator, as a potential treatment for diseases and medical conditions associated with neuromuscular dysfunction. *Tirasemtiv* is the subject of a Phase II clinical trials program and has been granted orphan drug designation and fast track status by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and orphan medicinal product designation by the European Medicines Agency for the potential treatment of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS). Cytokinetics is collaborating with Astellas Pharma Inc. to develop CK-2127107, a skeletal muscle activator structurally distinct from *tirasemtiv*, for non-neuromuscular indications. All of these drug candidates have arisen from Cytokinetics' muscle biology focused 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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