



Calithera Biosciences Announces CB-839 Clinical Data Selected for Oral Presentation at the 28th EORTC-NCI-AACR Symposium on Molecular Targets and Cancer Therapeutics

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SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., Sept. 07, 2016 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Calithera Biosciences, Inc. (Nasdaq:CALA), a clinical stage biotechnology company focused on the discovering and developing novel small molecule drugs directed against tumor metabolism and tumor immunology targets for the treatment of cancer, today announced that clinical data for its lead drug candidate CB-839, the company's novel, orally bioavailable glutaminase inhibitor, will be presented at the 28th Annual EORTC-NCI-AACR Symposium on Molecular Targets and Cancer Therapeutics, which is being held from November 29 to December 2, 2016 in Munich, Germany. Clinical results to be presented in a plenary session will be focused on data from Calithera's CB-839 Phase I combination trial with everolimus in renal cell carcinoma.

Phase 1 Study of CB-839, a small molecule inhibitor of glutaminase, in combination with everolimus in patients with clear cell and papillary renal cell carcinoma

Presenter: Funda Meric-Bernstam, M.D. Anderson Cancer Center

Plenary Session 2, Proffered Paper Session, Room 14

Wednesday, November 30, 2016, 4:30 p.m. CET

Two additional posters will be presented with preclinical results from CB-839 and the company's novel metabolic immune checkpoint inhibitor CB-1158, respectively.

CB-839, a selective glutaminase inhibitor, has anti-tumor activity in renal cell carcinoma and synergizes with everolimus and receptor tyrosine kinase inhibitors

Presenter: Ethan Emberley, Calithera Biosciences

Poster Session: Molecular Targeted Agents II, Board P055

Thursday, December 1, 2016, 10:15 a.m.-5:00 p.m. CET

Arginase inhibitor CB-1158 elicits immune-mediated anti-tumor responses as a single agent and enhances the efficacy of other immunotherapies

Presenter: Suzanne Steggerda, Calithera Biosciences

Poster Session: Immunotherapy, Board P121

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About Calithera Biosciences

Calithera Biosciences, Inc. is a clinical-stage pharmaceutical company focused on discovering and developing novel small molecule drugs directed against tumor metabolism and tumor immunology targets for the treatment of cancer. Calithera's lead product candidate, CB-839, is a potent, selective, reversible and orally bioavailable inhibitor of glutaminase. CB-839 takes advantage of the pronounced dependency many cancers have on the nutrient glutamine for growth and survival. It is currently being evaluated in Phase 1/2 clinical trials in combination with standard of care agents. CB-1158 is a first-in-class immuno-oncology metabolic checkpoint inhibitor targeting arginase, a critical immunosuppressive enzyme responsible for T-cell suppression by myeloid-derived suppressor cells. Arginase depletes arginine, a nutrient that is critical for the activation, growth and survival of the body's cancer-fighting immune cells, known as cytotoxic T-cells. Calithera is headquartered in South San Francisco, California. For more information about Calithera, please visit www.calithera.com.

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