



Calithera Biosciences Announces CB-839 in Combination with Nivolumab Phase 1/2 Data Accepted for Oral Presentation at the Society for Immunotherapy of Cancer (SITC) 32nd Annual Meeting

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SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., Sept. 19, 2017 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Calithera Biosciences, Inc. (Nasdaq:CALA), 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, today announced that data for its drug candidate CB-839, an orally bioavailable glutaminase inhibitor, will be presented at the 32nd Annual Meeting of the Society for Immunotherapy of Cancer (SITC), which is being held from November 10 to November 12, 2017, at the Gaylord National Hotel & Convention Center in National Harbor, Maryland. Clinical results to be presented include data from Calithera's trial of CB-839 dosed in combination with Opdivo® (nivolumab) in patients with advanced melanoma, renal cell carcinoma, or non-small cell lung cancer. The trial is the subject of a clinical collaboration with Bristol-Myers Squibb.

A phase 1/2 study of CB-839, a first-in-class glutaminase inhibitor, combined with nivolumab in patients with advanced melanoma, renal cell carcinoma or non-small cell lung cancer.

Presenter: Dr. Funda Meric-Bernstam, MD Anderson Cancer Center

Session: Clinical Trials: Novel Combinations

Session Date and Time: November 11, 2017, 3:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. ET

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 an 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 2 clinical trials. CB-1158 is an investigational immuno-oncology metabolic checkpoint inhibitor designed to target arginase, a critical immunosuppressive enzyme responsible for T-cell suppression by myeloid-derived suppressor cells (MDSCs). 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. CB-1158 is being developed in collaboration with Incyte Corporation and is currently in a Phase I clinical trial. Calithera is headquartered in South San Francisco, California. For more information about Calithera, please visit <http://www.calithera.com/>.

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