



Calithera Biosciences Announces CB-839 Abstracts Accepted for Presentation at ASCO 2018

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SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., April 25, 2018 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Calithera Biosciences, Inc. (Nasdaq:CALA), a clinical stage biotechnology company focused on the development of novel cancer therapeutics, today announced that three abstracts describing CB-839, the Company's novel, orally bioavailable glutaminase inhibitor, will be presented at the 54th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO), which is being held from June 1 to June 7, 2018 in Chicago, Illinois.

Calithera's collaborators will present the following results:

Phase I clinical trial of the glutaminase inhibitor CB-839 plus capecitabine in patients with advanced solid tumors

Abstract #2562

Presenter: Jennifer R. Eads, M.D., Case Comprehensive Cancer Center

Date: June 4, 2018

Poster Display: 8:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. CT, Hall A

Developmental Therapeutics--Clinical Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics

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Calithera and clinical collaborators will present two trials-in-progress abstracts, which describe the design of ongoing studies.

CANTATA: A randomized phase 2 study of CB-839 in combination with cabozantinib vs. placebo with cabozantinib in patients with advanced metastatic renal cell carcinoma.

Abstract #TPS4601

Presenter: Nizar M. Tannir, M.D., MD Anderson Cancer Center

Date: June 2, 2018

Poster Display: 8:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. CT, Hall A

Genitourinary (Non-Prostate) Cancer

Novel PET/CT imaging biomarkers of CB-839 in combination with panitumumab and irinotecan in patients with metastatic and refractory RAS wildtype colorectal cancer: A phase I/II study

Abstract #TPS3616

Presenter: Satya Das, M.D., Vanderbilt University Cancer Center

Date: June 3, 2018

Poster Display: 8:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. CT, Hall A

Gastrointestinal (Colorectal) Cancer

About CB-839

Calithera's lead product candidate, CB-839, is a potent, selective, reversible and orally bioavailable inhibitor of glutaminase. CB-839's onco-metabolism activity takes advantage of the unique metabolic requirements of tumor cells and cancer-fighting immune cells such as cytotoxic T-cells. It is currently being evaluated in Phase 2 clinical trials in multiple tumor types, in combination with standard of care agents.

About Calithera

Calithera is a clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company focused on fighting cancer by discovering, developing, and commercializing novel small molecule drugs that target tumor and immune cell metabolism. Calithera is headquartered in South San Francisco, California. For more information about Calithera, please visit www.calithera.com.

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