Calithera Biosciences to Present Telaglenastat KEAPSAKE Trial in Progress Poster at the IASLC 2021 World Conference on Lung Cancer

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KEAPSAKE is a Phase 2 randomized trial evaluating telaglenastat with chemoimmunotherapy in front-line among patients with non-small cell lung cancer and a mutation in the KEAP1/NRF2 pathway

SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., Sept. 08, 2021 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Calithera Biosciences, Inc. (Nasdaq: CALA), a clinical stage biotechnology company focused on discovering and developing novel small-molecule drugs for the treatment of cancer and other life-threatening diseases, today announced that it will present a trial in progress poster of the Phase 2 study of telaglenastat at the International Association for the Study of Lung Cancer (IASLC) 2021 World Conference on Lung Cancer.

The trial in progress poster presentation will summarize the ongoing double-blind KEAPSAKE trial (NCT04265534). KEAPSAKE is enrolling approximately 120 patients with stage IV non-squamous NSCLC with tumors that have a KEAP1 or NRF2 mutation. Patients are randomized to receive telaglenastat or placebo, in combination with pembrolizumab, carboplatin and pemetrexed. The primary endpoint of the study is progression-free survival (PFS).

“We believe in the potential of telaglenastat to meaningfully improve outcomes for patients with NSCLC harboring KEAP1/NRF2 mutations.” said Susan Molineaux, PhD, president and chief executive officer of Calithera. “We look forward to reporting interim data from KEAPSAKE in the fourth quarter.”

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A copy of the poster will be available at www.calithera.com in the publications section.

About Telaglenastat

Telaglenastat (CB-839) is an investigational, first-in-class, novel glutaminase inhibitor specifically designed to block glutamine consumption in tumor cells. While normal cells use glucose to meet cellular energy demands, tumor cells have a unique oncometabolism that increases their dependence on glutamine to fuel growth and survival. Calithera is conducting the randomized Phase 2 KEAPSAKE trial to evaluate telaglenastat in patients with advanced non-small cell lung cancer harboring KEAP1/NRF2 mutations.

About Calithera

Calithera Biosciences is a clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company pioneering the discovery and development of targeted therapies that disrupt cellular metabolic pathways to preferentially starve tumor cells and enhance immune-cell activity. Driven by a commitment to rigorous science and a passion for improving the lives of people impacted by cancer and other life-threatening diseases, Calithera is advancing a pipeline of first-in-clinic, oral therapeutics to meaningfully expand treatment options available to patients. Calithera is headquartered in South San Francisco, California. For more information about Calithera, please visit www.calithera.com.

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