



## Calithera Biosciences Announces CB-708 Preclinical Data Presentation at the AACR Annual Meeting 2019

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SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., Feb. 27, 2019 (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 preclinical data highlighting the potential of CB-708, the company's orally bioavailable CD73 inhibitor will be presented in a poster session at the American Association for Cancer Research (AACR) Annual Meeting 2019, taking place March 29 to April 3, 2019 in Atlanta, Georgia.

Details for the presentation are as follows:

**Title:** Reversal of adenosine-mediated immune suppression by CB-708, an orally bioavailable and potent small molecule inhibitor of CD73

**Presenter:** Clarissa Lee, Calithera Biosciences

**Session Title:** Novel Immunomodulatory Agents 2, Abstract #4134

**Session Date and Time:** Tuesday April 2, 2019 1:00 p.m. ET - 5:00 p.m. ET

**Location:** Georgia World Congress Center, Exhibit Hall B, Poster Section 25, Board 8

Additional meeting information can be found at the AACR website [www.aacr.org](http://www.aacr.org). The poster presentation will be available at [www.calithera.com](http://www.calithera.com) in the Publications Section.

CD73 is an enzyme in the tumor microenvironment that produces adenosine, a powerful inhibitor of immune function in tumors. CD73 is expressed across a wide range of tumor types and tumor infiltrating leukocytes. Expression of CD73 often correlates with poor prognosis in patients with cancer. Blockade of adenosine production by CD73 inhibition is expected to reverse immunosuppression in the tumor microenvironment and enhance the immune system's ability to fight the cancer. CB-708 is an orally bioavailable small molecule inhibitor of CD73.

### About Calithera

Calithera is a clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company focused on fighting cancer and other life-threatening diseases 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](http://www.calithera.com).

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