IMMUNOMEDICS PUBLIShes RESULTS ON IMMUNOTHERAPY OF SOLID CANCERS MEDIATED BY A NOVEL BISPECIFIC ANTIBODY

-- T-cell Killing of Human Gastric and Pancreatic Cancer Cell Lines Enhanced with Interferon-α --

Morris Plains, NJ, September 26, 2014 — Immunomedics, Inc., (Nasdaq: IMMU) today announced the publication in Molecular Cancer Therapeutics1 of an article describing the development of a bispecific antibody, (E1)-3s, that redirects human T cells to certain solid cancers, and its combination with interferon-alpha (IFNα).

Created using the Company’s patented DOCK-AND-LOCK® protein conjugation technology, (E1)-3s is a bispecific antibody that targets the TROP-2 receptor expressed by many solid cancers and the CD3 antigen present on T cells. The redirecting bispecific antibody was developed for the potential treatment of gastric and pancreatic cancers, since these and various other solid cancers express high-levels of TROP-2. The Company has previously reported the observations that (E1)-3s effectively induces T-cell redirected killing of pancreatic and gastric cancer cell lines.2 In this new work, however, Company scientists showed the advantage of adding IFNα to this method of immunotherapy.

IFNα has been approved for the treatment of several neoplastic diseases, including patients with resected stage II and III melanoma, in whom it prolongs disease-free survival, and shows a trend toward increased overall survival. Interestingly, to the best of the Company’s knowledge, combination therapy with IFNα and a T-cell-redirecting bispecific antibody has not been investigated clinically, or even in animal models.

In the article by Rossi and his colleagues, the effects of IFNα on (E1)-3s-mediated T-cell killing of human gastric and pancreatic cancer cell lines were studied. Adding IFNα to (E1)-3s significantly improved the activity of (E1)-3s in vitro. In an animal model, the combination of IFNα and (E1)-3s delayed the growth of human pancreatic or gastric cancer cells significantly longer than each single agent alone.

More importantly, (E1)-3s was highly active without inducing high-level production of secondary cytokines, thereby reducing the risk of cytokine release syndrome (CRS), also known as cytokine storm, which is often associated with immunotherapy using T-cell-directed antibodies.

“These results suggest that, compared with other T-cell redirecting constructs, our T-cell redirecting bispecific antibody may be less likely to induce CRS, and the addition of IFNα to a therapeutic regimen is not likely to increase this risk,” remarked Cynthia L. Sullivan, President and Chief Executive Officer. “This is one of the major new approaches to cancer immunotherapy that we are developing, which may be even more effective in combination with our antibody-drug conjugates currently in clinical trials,” she added.

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References

About Immunomedics
Immunomedics is a clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company developing monoclonal antibody-based products for the targeted treatment of cancer, autoimmune disorders and other serious diseases. Immunomedics’s advanced proprietary technologies allow the Company to create humanized antibodies that can be used either alone in unlabeled or “naked” form, or conjugated with radioactive isotopes, chemotherapeutics, cytokines or toxins. Using these technologies, Immunomedics has built a pipeline of nine clinical-stage product candidates. Immunomedics has an ongoing collaboration with UCB, S.A. (UCB), to whom the Company licensed epratuzumab for the treatment of all non-cancer indications worldwide. UCB expects Phase 3 data in systemic lupus erythematosus in the first half of 2015. Immunomedics is exploring epratuzumab in oncology in collaboration with independent cancer study groups. Immunomedics’s most advanced candidate to which it retains worldwide rights for all indications is 90Y-clivatuzumab tetraxetan. The Company initiated a Phase 3 registration trial in January 2014 in patients with advanced pancreatic cancer and expects topline data in mid-2016. Immunomedics’s portfolio of wholly owned product candidates also includes antibody-drug conjugates (ADCs) that are designed to deliver a specific payload of a chemotherapeutic directly to the tumor while reducing overall toxic effects that are usually found with conventional administration of these chemotherapeutic agents. Immunomedics’s most advanced ADCs are IMMU-132 and IMMU-130, which are in Phase 2 trials for a number of solid tumors and metastatic colorectal cancer, respectively. Immunomedics also has a number of other product candidates that target solid tumors and hematologic malignancies, as well as other diseases, in various stages of clinical and pre-clinical development. These include bispecific antibodies targeting cancers and infectious diseases as T-cell redirecting immunotherapies, as well as bispecific antibodies for next-generation cancer and autoimmune disease therapies, created using its patented DOCK-AND-LOCK® protein conjugation technology. The Company believes that its portfolio of intellectual property, which includes approximately 257 active patents in the United States and more than 400 foreign patents, protects its product candidates and technologies. Immunomedics’s strength in intellectual property has resulted in a top-10 ranking in the Biotechnology industry by the Patent Board for the 2014 fiscal year. For additional information on the Company, please visit its website at www.immunomedics.com. The information on its website does not, however, form a part of this press release.

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