SpringWorks Therapeutics Announces Data from Phase 3 DeFi Trial Evaluating Nirogacestat in Adult Patients with Progressing Desmoid Tumors at the European Society for Medical Oncology (ESMO) Congress 2022

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– Nirogacestat Treatment Resulted in Rapid, Sustained and Statistically Significant Improvements in Primary and All Key Secondary Efficacy Endpoints –

– NDA Submission to the U.S. FDA Planned for Second Half of 2022; Application to be Submitted for Review Under the FDA’s Real-Time Oncology Review Program (RTOR) –

– Company to Host Virtual Investor Event on Sunday, September 11 at 10:00 a.m. ET (4:00 p.m. CEST) –

STAMFORD, Conn., Sept. 10, 2022 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- SpringWorks Therapeutics, Inc. (Nasdaq: SWTX), a clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company focused on developing life-changing medicines for patients with severe rare diseases and cancer, announced that data from the Phase 3 DeFi trial of nirogacestat, an investigational oral gamma secretase inhibitor, in adult patients with progressing desmoid tumors, are being presented today as a late-breaking oral presentation during a Presidential Symposium at the European Society for Medical Oncology (ESMO) Congress 2022.

“Desmoid tumors can have a debilitating impact on patients’ lives and there is an urgent need for a new standard-of-care treatment,” said Saqib Islam, Chief Executive Officer of SpringWorks. “DeFi is the largest and most robust Phase 3 trial conducted to date in patients with desmoid tumors and we believe these positive data bring us a step closer toward potentially introducing the first approved therapy for this underserved community. We look forward to completing our full NDA filing package by the end of the year, which will be submitted for review under FDA’s RTOR program.”

The DeFi trial met its primary endpoint of improving progression-free survival (PFS), as assessed by blinded independent central review, demonstrating a statistically significant improvement for nirogacestat over placebo, with a 71% reduction in the risk of disease progression (hazard ratio (HR) = 0.29 (95% CI: 0.15, 0.55); p< 0.001). The median Kaplan-Meier estimate of PFS was not reached in the nirogacestat arm and was 15.1 months in the placebo arm. A PFS benefit was observed across all prespecified subgroups, including gender, tumor location, prior treatment or surgery, and mutational status. Confirmed objective response rate (complete response + partial response) based on RECIST v1.1 was 41% with nirogacestat versus 8% with placebo (p<0.001). The complete response rate was 7% in the nirogacestat arm and 0% in the placebo arm. Nirogacestat demonstrated statistically significant and clinically meaningful improvements in patient-reported outcomes (PRO), which were key secondary endpoints of the study. Specifically, nirogacestat significantly reduced pain (p<0.001) and other DT-specific symptoms (p<0.001) and also significantly improved physical/role functioning (p<0.001) and overall health-related quality of life (p=0.007). Most PRO benefits were observed as early as Cycle 2, which was the first timepoint for post-treatment evaluation, and were sustained over the duration of the study.

At the time of primary analysis (April 7, 2022), the median duration of treatment was 20.6 months for participants on nirogacestat and 11.4 months for those on placebo, with the majority of nirogacestat patients continuing on treatment. Nirogacestat exhibited a manageable safety profile in the DeFi trial, with 95% of all treatment-emergent adverse events (TEAEs) reported as Grade 1 or 2. The most frequently reported TEAEs in participants receiving nirogacestat as compared to the placebo arm were diarrhea (84% vs 35%), nausea (54% vs 39%), and fatigue (51% vs 36%). Forty-two percent of patients in the nirogacestat arm vs 0% in the placebo arm required dose reductions due to TEAEs and 20% of patients in the nirogacestat arm vs 1% in the placebo arm discontinued treatment due to TEAEs. Ovarian dysfunction, which was defined by investigator-reported events of amenorrhea, premature menopause, menopause, and ovarian failure, was observed in 75% (27/36) of women of childbearing potential receiving nirogacestat. These events resolved in 74% (20/27) of the affected participants, including 64% (9/14) of such participants who remained on nirogacestat treatment and 100% (11/11) of those participants who discontinued treatment for any reason.

“The DeFi study enrolled patients with progressing desmoid tumors at baseline and included a high proportion of patients with multifocal disease and uncontrolled pain, representing a very difficult-to-treat patient population,” said Bernd Kasper, M.D., Ph.D., University of Heidelberg, Mannheim Cancer Center, Germany and Principal Investigator of the DeFi trial. “The consistently positive data generated across progression-free survival, objective response rate, and patient-reported outcomes, coupled with a safety profile that is suitable for long-term dosing, support the potential for nirogacestat to become an important and much needed treatment for patients with desmoid tumors.”

ESMO Oral Presentation Details

**Title:** DeFi: A Phase 3, Randomized Controlled Trial of Nirogacestat Versus Placebo for Progressing Desmoid Tumors (DT)  
**Presentation Number:** LBA2  
**Presenter:** Bernd Kasper, M.D., Ph.D., University of Heidelberg, Mannheim Cancer Center, Mannheim, Germany  
**Session/Type:** Presidential Symposium 1, Proffered Paper Session  
**Date:** Saturday, September 10, 2022  
**Time:** 4:55-5:10 p.m. CEST (10:55-11:10 a.m. ET)

**Investor Event Details**

**Presenters:** SpringWorks’ management team will be joined by Bernd Kasper, M.D., Ph.D., University of Heidelberg, Mannheim Cancer Center, Mannheim, Germany and Principal Investigator of the DeFi trial.  
**Date:** Sunday, September 11, 2022  
**Time:** 4:00 p.m. CEST (10:00 a.m. ET)
Instructions: To join the live webcast and view corresponding slides, please visit the Events & Presentations page within the Investors & Media section of the Company’s website at https://ir.springworksrx.com. To join via audio teleconference, please register here. Once registration is complete, participants will be provided with a dial-in number and conference code to access the call. A replay will be available on the Company’s website for a limited time following the event.

About the DeFi Trial

DeFi (NCT03795964) is a global, randomized (1:1), double-blind, placebo-controlled Phase 3 trial evaluating the efficacy, safety and tolerability of nirogacestat in adult patients with progressing desmoid tumors. The double-blind phase of the study randomized 142 patients (nirogacestat, n=70; placebo n=72) to receive 150 mg of nirogacestat or placebo twice daily. Key eligibility criteria included tumor progression by >20% as measured by Response Evaluation Criteria in Solid Tumors (RECIST 1.1) within 12 months prior to the first dose of study treatment. The primary endpoint is progression-free survival, as assessed by blinded independent central review. Secondary and exploratory endpoints include safety and tolerability measures, objective response rate (ORR), duration of response, changes in tumor volume assessed by magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), and changes in patient-reported outcomes (PROs). DeFi includes an open label extension phase, which is ongoing.

About Desmoid Tumors

Desmoid tumors are rare, aggressive, locally invasive, and potentially morbid tumors of the soft tissues. While they do not metastasize, desmoid tumors are associated with a high rate of recurrence. Sometimes referred to as aggressive fibromatosis, or desmoid fibromatosis, these soft tissue tumors can be serious, debilitating, and, in rare cases when vital structures are impacted, they can be life-threatening.

Desmoid tumors are most commonly diagnosed in patients between the ages of 20 and 44 years, with a two-to-three times higher prevalence in females. It is estimated that there are 1,000-1,650 new cases diagnosed per year in the United States. Historically, desmoid tumors were treated with surgical resection, but this approach has become less favored due to a high recurrence rate after surgery.

There are currently no FDA-approved therapies for the treatment of desmoid tumors.

About Nirogacestat

Nirogacestat is an investigational, oral, selective, small molecule gamma secretase inhibitor in Phase 3 clinical development for desmoid tumors, which are rare and often debilitating and disfiguring soft-tissue tumors. Gamma secretase cleaves multiple transmembrane protein complexes, including Notch, which is believed to play a role in activating pathways that contribute to desmoid tumor growth.

In addition, gamma secretase has been shown to directly cleave membrane-bound B cell maturation antigen (BCMA), resulting in the release of the BCMA extracellular domain (ECD) from the cell surface. By inhibiting gamma secretase, membrane-bound BCMA can be preserved, increasing target density while reducing levels of soluble BCMA ECD, which may serve as decoy receptors for BCMA-directed therapies. Nirogacestat’s ability to enhance the activity of BCMA-directed therapies has been observed in preclinical models of multiple myeloma. SpringWorks is evaluating nirogacestat as a BCMA potentiator and has eight collaborations with industry-leading BCMA developers to evaluate nirogacestat in combinations across modalities, including with an antibody-drug conjugate, two CAR T cell therapies, three bispecific antibodies and a monoclonal antibody. SpringWorks has also formed research collaborations with Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center and Dana-Farber Cancer Institute to further characterize the ability of nirogacestat to modulate BCMA and potentiate BCMA-directed therapies using a variety of preclinical multiple myeloma models.

Nirogacestat has received Orphan Drug Designation from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for the treatment of desmoid tumors and from the European Commission for the treatment of soft tissue sarcoma. The FDA also granted Fast Track and Breakthrough Therapy Designations for the treatment of adult patients with progressive, unresectable, recurrent or refractory desmoid tumors or deep fibromatosis. SpringWorks plans to submit a New Drug Application (NDA) to the FDA in the second half of 2022, which will be submitted for review under the FDAs Real-Time Oncology Review (RTOR) program.

About SpringWorks Therapeutics

SpringWorks is a clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company applying a precision medicine approach to acquiring, developing and commercializing life-changing medicines for patients living with severe rare diseases and cancer. SpringWorks has a differentiated targeted oncology pipeline spanning solid tumors and hematological cancers, including two potentially registrational clinical trials in rare tumor types as well as several programs addressing highly prevalent, genetically defined cancers. SpringWorks’ strategic approach and operational excellence in clinical development have enabled it to rapidly advance its two lead product candidates into late-stage clinical trials while simultaneously entering into multiple shared-value partnerships with innovators in industry and academia to unlock the full potential for its portfolio and create more solutions for patients with cancer. For more information, visit www.springworksrx.com and follow @SpringWorksRx on Twitter and LinkedIn.

SpringWorks Forward-Looking Statements

This press release contains “forward-looking statements” within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, as amended, relating to our business, operations, and financial conditions, including, but not limited to, current beliefs, expectations and assumptions regarding the future of our business, future plans and strategies, our development plans, our preclinical and clinical results, the potential for nirogacestat to become an important new treatment for patients with desmoid tumors, the potential for the results of the Phase 3 DeFi clinical trial to support an NDA submission, the timing of our planned NDA submission for nirogacestat, and our plans for seeking regulatory approval for and making nirogacestat available to desmoid tumor patients, if approved, as well as relating to other future conditions. Words such as, but not limited to, “look forward to,” “believe,” “expect,” “anticipate,” “estimate,” “intend,” “plan,” “would,” “should” and “could,” and similar expressions or words, identify forward-looking statements. New risks and uncertainties may emerge from time to time, and it is not possible to predict all risks and uncertainties. Any forward-looking statements in this press release are based on management’s current expectations and beliefs and are subject to a number of risks, uncertainties and important factors that may cause actual events or results to differ materially from those expressed or implied by any forward-looking statements contained in this press release, including, without limitation, risks relating to: (i) the success and timing of our product development activities, including the initiation and completion of SpringWorks’ clinical trials, (ii) our expectations regarding the potential clinical benefit to patients with desmoid tumors based upon the results of our DeFi trial, (iii) the fact that topline or interim data from a clinical study may not be predictive of the final or more detailed results of such study, or the results of other ongoing or future studies, (iv) the success and timing of our collaboration partners’ ongoing and planned
clinical trials, (v) the timing of our planned regulatory submissions and interactions, including the NDA for nirogacestat planned for the second half of 2022 and the timing and outcome of decisions made by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and other regulatory authorities, investigational review boards at clinical trial sites and publication review bodies; (vi) whether FDA or other regulatory authorities will require additional information or further studies, or may fail or refuse to approve or may delay approval of our drug candidates, including nirogacestat and mirdametinib, (vii) our ability to obtain and maintain regulatory approval of any of our product candidates, (viii) our plans to research, discover and develop additional product candidates, (ix) our ability to enter into collaborations for the development of new product candidates, (x) our ability to establish manufacturing capabilities, and our and our collaboration partners’ abilities to manufacture our product candidates and scale production, (xi) our ability to meet any specific milestones set forth herein, and (xii) uncertainties and assumptions regarding the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on SpringWorks’ business, operations, clinical trials, supply chain, strategy, goals and anticipated timelines.

Except as required by applicable law, we do not plan to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements contained herein, whether as a result of any new information, future events, changed circumstances or otherwise. Although we believe the expectations reflected in such forward-looking statements are reasonable, we can give no assurance that such expectations will prove to be correct. Accordingly, readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements.

For further information regarding the risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause differences between SpringWorks’ expectations and actual results, you should review the “Risk Factors” in Item 1A of Part I of SpringWorks’ Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2022, as well as discussions of potential risks, uncertainties and other important factors in SpringWorks’ subsequent filings.

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