



BERGENBIO TO PRESENT CLINICAL TRANSLATIONAL DATA FROM THE ONGOING PHASE II BEMCENTINIB COMBINATION STUDY IN NSCLC AT ANNUAL SITC MEETING

Bergen, Norway, 15 October 2020 – BerGenBio ASA (OSE:BG BIO), a clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company developing novel, selective AXL kinase inhibitors for severe unmet medical need, is pleased to announce that it has been selected for an oral presentation at the Society for Immunotherapy of Cancer (SITC) 35th Annual Meeting, taking place online from 9-14 November 2020.

Abstract titles have been announced online [here](#). BerGenBio will present clinical translational research updates from its Phase II bemcentinib and pembrolizumab combination study (BGBC008) in advanced non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC), as part of the Combinatorial Therapies session on 11 November. Full details of the presentation are below.

Title: A PhII study of bemcentinib, a first-in-class selective AXL kinase inhibitor, in combination with pembrolizumab in pts with previously-treated advanced NSCLC: Updated clinical & translational analysis

Author: Professor James Spicer, Professor of Experimental Cancer Medicine at King's College London

Session/Abstract ID: Combinatorial Therapies, 362

Date/Time: 11 November 2020, 11.40am EST

The presentation will be made available on BerGenBio's website, under '[Presentations](#)'.

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About AXL

AXL kinase is a cell membrane receptor and an essential mediator of the biological mechanisms underlying life-threatening diseases. In cancer, AXL suppresses the body's immune response to tumours and drives cancer treatment failure across many indications. AXL expression defines a very poor prognosis subgroup in most cancers. AXL inhibitors, therefore, have potential high value at the centre of cancer combination therapy, addressing significant unmet medical needs and multiple high-value market opportunities. Research has also shown that AXL mediates other aggressive diseases.

About Bemcentinib

Bemcentinib (formerly known as BGB324), is a potentially first-in-class selective AXL inhibitor in a broad phase II clinical development programme. Ongoing clinical trials are investigating bemcentinib in multiple solid and haematological tumours, in combination with current and emerging therapies (including immunotherapies, targeted therapies and chemotherapy), and as a single agent. Bemcentinib targets and binds to the intracellular catalytic kinase domain of AXL receptor tyrosine kinase and inhibits its activity. Increase in AXL function has been linked to key mechanisms of drug resistance and immune escape by tumour cells, leading to aggressive metastatic cancers.

About BerGenBio ASA

BerGenBio is a clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company focused on developing transformative drugs targeting AXL as a potential cornerstone of therapy for aggressive diseases, including immune-evasive, therapy resistant cancers. The company's proprietary lead candidate, bemcentinib, is a potentially first-in-class selective AXL inhibitor in a broad phase II oncology clinical development programme focused on combination and single agent therapy in lung cancer, leukaemia and COVID-19. A first-in-class functional blocking anti-AXL antibody, tilvestamab, is undergoing phase I clinical testing. In parallel, BerGenBio is developing companion diagnostic tests to identify patient populations most likely to benefit from bemcentinib: this is expected to facilitate more efficient registration trials supporting a precision medicine-based commercialisation strategy.

BerGenBio is based in Bergen, Norway with a subsidiary in Oxford, UK. The company is listed on the Oslo Stock Exchange (ticker: BG BIO). For more information, visit www.bergenbio.com

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