



Hana Biosciences Completes Pre-NDA Meeting With FDA for Marqibo in Adult Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia

SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., Apr 27, 2010 (GlobeNewswire via COMTEX News Network) -- Hana Biosciences (OTCBB:HNAB), a biopharmaceutical company focused on strengthening the foundation of cancer care, today announced that the Company has completed a pre-New Drug Application (NDA) meeting with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) related to its lead product candidate, Marqibo for the treatment of relapsed/refractory adult Philadelphia chromosome-negative acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL). The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the proposed NDA and to confirm the clinical, non-clinical and manufacturing requirements for the NDA submission.

Following the pre-NDA meeting, Hana intends to proceed with its plan to submit a rolling NDA for Marqibo in relapsed/refractory adult Philadelphia chromosome-negative ALL.

About Marqibo(R) (vincristine sulfate liposomes injection)

Marqibo is a novel, targeted, Optisome(TM) encapsulated formulation of vincristine sulfate, a widely-used chemotherapy, which has shown promising anti-cancer activity in patients with ALL, non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease, and melanoma in several clinical trials. Marqibo is designed to enhance the penetration and concentration of vincristine sulfate at sites of active cancer and facilitate dose-intensification compared to standard vincristine formulations. Unlike standard vincristine, Marqibo is dosed based on actual patient body surface area without the need for dose-capping.

Hana Biosciences has received orphan drug and fast track designations for Marqibo for the treatment of adult ALL from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. Marqibo has also received orphan drug designation in adult ALL from the European Medicines Evaluation Agency.

About Hana Biosciences

Hana Biosciences, Inc. is a biopharmaceutical company dedicated to developing and commercializing new, differentiated cancer therapies designed to improve and enable current standards of care. The company's lead product candidate, Marqibo (R), potentially treats acute lymphoblastic leukemia and lymphomas. The Company has additional pipeline opportunities, some of which, like Marqibo, improve delivery and enhance the therapeutic benefits of well characterized, proven chemotherapies and enable high potency dosing without increased toxicity. Additional information on Hana Biosciences can be found at www.hanabiosciences.com.

The Hana Biosciences, Inc. logo is available at <http://www.globenewswire.com/newsroom/prs/?pkgid=3290>

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candidates, and its lack of experience in developing and commercializing pharmaceutical products. Additional risks are described in the company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009. Hana assumes no obligation to update these statements, except as required by law.

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