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## **Avenue Therapeutics Receives Notice of Allowance for a New Patent Application Covering Methods of Administration for Intravenous Tramadol**

NEW YORK, May 19, 2017 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Avenue Therapeutics, Inc. ("Avenue"), a Fortress Biotech (NASDAQ:FBIO) Company, today announced that Notice of Allowance has now been received from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) for a new patent application (U.S. Application No. 15/163,111), entitled "Intravenous Administration of Tramadol." The patent application describes and claims a dosing regimen of intravenous (IV) 50 mg tramadol that provides certain pharmacokinetic parameters that are similar to those of 100 mg tramadol HCl administered orally every 6 hours at steady state.

"This new patent is a key milestone for us because it solidifies the intellectual property position of our IV tramadol program," said Lucy Lu, MD, a co-inventor of the patent and Avenue's Interim Chief Executive Officer.

This patent application falls under Avenue's licensing agreement with Revogenex Ireland Ltd.

### **About Avenue Therapeutics**

Avenue Therapeutics, Inc. ("Avenue"), a Fortress Biotech Company, is a specialty pharmaceutical company that acquires or in-licenses, develops and commercializes products for use in acute healthcare or hospital settings. Avenue's lead product candidate is intravenous (IV) tramadol for the management of post-operative pain. The company plans to initiate a Phase III development program of IV tramadol in 2017. Avenue is headquartered in New York City. For more information, visit [www.avenuetx.com](http://www.avenuetx.com).

### **About Fortress Biotech**

Fortress Biotech, Inc. ("Fortress") is a biopharmaceutical company dedicated to acquiring, developing and commercializing novel pharmaceutical and biotechnology products. Fortress develops and commercializes products both within Fortress and through certain subsidiary companies, also known as Fortress Companies. In addition to its internal development programs, Fortress leverages its biopharmaceutical business expertise and drug development capabilities and provides funding and management services to help the Fortress Companies achieve their goals. Fortress and the Fortress Companies may seek licensings, acquisitions, partnerships, joint ventures and/or public and private financings to

accelerate and provide additional funding to support their research and development programs. For more information, visit [www.fortressbiotech.com](http://www.fortressbiotech.com).

### **Forward-Looking Statements**

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