

# Can-Fite: New Pre-clinical Studies Demonstrate Inhibition of Fat Cell Expansion by Cannabis Derived CBD

- *Findings point towards potential weight loss upon utilization of nano molar CBD concentrations*
- *Can-Fite experience in this field is based on its Namodenoson drug positioned for NASH; Results from Phase II study of Namodenoson in NASH expected end of Q1 2020*
- *Obesity market estimated to exceed \$12 billion by 2023*

PETACH TIKVA, Israel--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- [Can-Fite BioPharma Ltd.](#) (NYSE American: CANF) (TASE:CFBI), a biotechnology company advancing a pipeline of proprietary small molecule drugs that address autoimmune inflammatory, liver and metabolic diseases, today announced new pre-clinical data demonstrating that cannabis derived CBD enriched fractions, supplied by Univo Pharmaceuticals, inhibit the expansion of human fat cells (pre-adipocytes) by 60%, a result that points towards the potential anti-obesity effect of this agent. Although it is already documented that cannabis derived compounds possess anti-obesity effect, the novel data presented by the Company demonstrates the anti-obesity effect at low nano-molar concentrations. Low CBD concentrations are known to be safe and well accepted in humans.

Can-Fite experience in this field is based on the development of its NASH drug Namodenoson which recently completed enrollment in its Phase II study. The end points of this study include serum ALT levels, percentage change in liver fat, as measured by PDFF (proton density fat fraction), weight loss and additional serum parameters. Data are expected before the end of this quarter.

Dr. Fishman, Can-Fite CEO commented, "These new findings, showing reduction in fat cell expansion, together with the good safety profile of minute CBD concentration, support its potential utilization as an anti-obesity drug."

The global obesity treatment market is lucrative due to the awareness of a link between obesity and chronic diseases such as diabetes and NASH. According to [Market Research Future](#), the global obesity treatment market is expected to exceed \$12 billion by 2023.

The Company expects to release data from its Phase II NAFLD/NASH study of Namodenoson during the first quarter of 2020.

## About Namodenoson

Namodenoson is a small orally bioavailable drug that binds with high affinity and selectivity to the A3 adenosine receptor (A3AR). Namodenoson is being evaluated as a second line treatment for hepatocellular carcinoma, with a recently completed Phase II trial and planned Phase III trial in this indication. The drug is currently in an ongoing Phase II trial as a

treatment for non-alcoholic fatty liver disease (NAFLD) and non-alcoholic steatohepatitis (NASH). A3AR is highly expressed in diseased cells whereas low expression is found in normal cells. This differential effect accounts for the excellent safety profile of the drug.

### **About Can-Fite BioPharma Ltd.**

Can-Fite BioPharma Ltd. (NYSE American: CANF) (TASE: CFBI) is an advanced clinical stage drug development Company with a platform technology that is designed to address multi-billion dollar markets in the treatment of cancer, inflammatory disease and sexual dysfunction. The Company's lead drug candidate, Piclidenoson, is currently in Phase III trials for rheumatoid arthritis and psoriasis. Can-Fite's liver cancer drug, Namodenoson, recently completed a Phase II trial for hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC), the most common form of liver cancer, and is in a Phase II trial for the treatment of non-alcoholic steatohepatitis (NASH). Namodenoson has been granted Orphan Drug Designation in the U.S. and Europe and Fast Track Designation as a second line treatment for HCC by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. Namodenoson has also shown proof of concept to potentially treat other cancers including colon, prostate, and melanoma. CF602, the Company's third drug candidate, has shown efficacy in the treatment of erectile dysfunction in preclinical studies and the Company is investigating additional compounds, targeting A3AR, for the treatment of sexual dysfunction. These drugs have an excellent safety profile with experience in over 1,000 patients in clinical studies to date. For more information please visit: [www.can-fite.com](http://www.can-fite.com).

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