

Can-Fite Announces Publication of Clinical Study Data for Piclidenoson and Namodenoson in Scientific Journal

- ***Data suggest Piclidenoson and Namodenoson could potentially be the first A3AR agonists to achieve FDA approval and provide clinicians with new oral and safe drugs in the arsenal for fighting psoriasis, liver cancer, and NASH***
- ***Can-Fite is a global leader in the development of small molecule A3AR drugs with an ongoing Phase IIb NASH study, a pivotal Phase III liver cancer study open for enrollment, and topline data expected from a completed Phase III psoriasis study in Q2 2022***

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 inflammatory, cancer and liver diseases, today announced an article titled “Drugs Targeting the A3 Adenosine Receptor: Human Clinical Study Data” was published in MDPI’s open access scholarly journal *Molecules*. The complete article can be accessed here: [LINK](#)

Can-Fite is a global leader in the development of small molecule A3 adenosine receptor (A3AR) technology with 15 patent families, extensive efficacy and safety data in over 1,500 patients, and three indications in Phase II and III studies.

In the scientific community, A3AR is well established as a target for combatting inflammation and cancer. The target, Gi protein-coupled A3AR, is highly expressed in inflammatory and cancer cells, but not in normal cells. High A3AR expression is also found in peripheral blood mononuclear cells (PBMCs) of patients with inflammatory diseases and cancer, reflecting A3AR expression in pathological remote sites. Solid tumor cells including breast, colon, small cell lung, pancreatic carcinoma, and melanoma, highly express A3AR compared to normal adjacent tissue cells. A3AR is also expressed in inflammatory cells such as synoviocytes derived from patients with rheumatoid arthritis, skin biopsies, and PBMCs from psoriasis and Crohn’s disease patients.

Targeting this receptor with synthetic and highly selective A3AR agonists induces anti-inflammatory and anti-cancer effects. Can-Fite’s patent estate provides broad coverage for its A3AR platform technology across numerous indications.

“As a leader in the development of A3AR targeting drugs, we are pleased to have this comprehensive article published in an open-source scientific journal. We believe providing data on our platform’s mechanism of action and its performance in several clinical studies supports the advancement of knowledge and discovery specific to A3AR and increases its potential to become a widely used mechanism to treat chronic and acute disease,” stated Can-Fite CEO Dr. Pnina Fishman.

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, liver, and inflammatory disease. The Company's lead drug candidate, Piclidenoson has completed enrollment in a Phase III trial for psoriasis. Can-Fite's liver drug, Namodenoson, is being evaluated in a Phase IIb trial for the treatment of non-alcoholic steatohepatitis (NASH), and a Phase III trial for hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC), the most common form of liver cancer. 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. These drugs have an excellent safety profile with experience in over 1,500 patients in clinical studies to date. For more information please visit: www.can-fite.com.

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