

# **Can-Fite: Pancreatic Carcinoma Phase IIa Clinical Study with Namodenoson Received Regulatory Authorization from the Israeli Ministry of Health**

*Study will aim to establish safety and clinical efficacy*

PETACH TIKVA, Israel, Sept. 16, 2024 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Can-Fite BioPharma Ltd. (NYSE American: CANF) (TASE: CANF), a biotechnology company advancing a pipeline of proprietary small molecule drugs that address oncological and inflammatory diseases, today announced that it received approval from the Israeli Ministry of Health (MoH) to conduct Phase IIa clinical trial with orally-administered Namodenoson in the treatment of pancreatic carcinoma.

"We are very much encouraged by the excellent data in the pre-clinical studies demonstrating the impressive anti-cancer effect of namodenoson and definitive molecular mechanism of action against pancreatic carcinoma," stated Dr. Fishman, Can-Fite's Chief Scientific Officer and Executive Chairman. "We are very keen to initiate the study in this devastating disease and are pleased with the regulatory approval of the Israeli MOH. We do hope that as we have shown efficacy in patients with advanced liver cancer studies, we will be able to demonstrate safety and efficacy in the pancreatic cancer patient population."

The Phase IIa is a multicenter open-label trial in patients with advanced pancreatic adenocarcinoma whose disease has progressed on at least 1st-line therapy. The trial will evaluate the safety, clinical activity, and pharmacokinetics (PK) of Namodenoson in this patient population. All patients will receive oral Namodenoson 25 mg, administered twice daily for consecutive 28-day cycles. Patients will be evaluated regularly for safety. Approximately 20 evaluable patients will be enrolled. The primary objective of this trial is to characterize the safety profile of Namodenoson and the secondary objective is to evaluate the clinical activity as determined by the Objective Response Rate (ORR) using Response Evaluation Criteria in Solid Tumors (RECIST 1.1), Progression-Free Survival (PFS), Disease Control Rate (DCR), Duration of Response (DoR), and Overall Survival (OS).

The study will be conducted by Dr. Stemmer, a leading key opinion leader, at the Institute of Oncology, Rabin Medical Center, Israel and by Dr. Al Mutar from the UT Southwestern Medical Center in the US.

## **About Namodenoson**

Namodenoson is a small orally bioavailable drug that binds with high affinity and selectivity to the A3 adenosine receptor (A3AR). Namodenoson was evaluated in Phase II trials for two indications, as a second line treatment for hepatocellular carcinoma, and 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: CANF) 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 recently reported topline results 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 NASH a Phase III trial for hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC), and the Company is planning a Phase IIa study in pancreatic 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 1,600 patients in clinical studies to date. For more information please visit: [www.can-fite.com](http://www.can-fite.com).

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companies, technologies and our industry; risks related to any resurgence of the COVID-19 pandemic and the war between Israel and Hamas; risks related to not satisfying the continued listing requirements of NYSE American; and statements as to the impact of the political and security situation in Israel on our business. More information on these risks, uncertainties and other factors is included from time to time in the “Risk Factors” section of Can-Fite’s Annual Report on Form 20-F filed with the SEC on March 28, 2024 and other public reports filed with the SEC and in its periodic filings with the TASE. Existing and prospective investors are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date hereof. Can-Fite undertakes no obligation to publicly update or review any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future developments or otherwise, except as may be required by any applicable securities laws.

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