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TRILLIUM THERAPEUTICS ANNOUNCES DOSING OF FIRST PATIENT IN PHASE 1B/2 STUDY OF TTI-622 IN COMBINATION WITH AZACITIDINE IN TP53-MUTATED ACUTE MYELOID LEUKEMIA

CAMBRIDGE, MA, August 9, 2021 – Trillium Therapeutics Inc. (NASDAQ/TSX: TRIL), a clinical stage immuno-oncology company developing innovative therapies for the treatment of cancer, today announced that it has dosed the first TP53-mutated acute myeloid leukemia (AML) patient with TTI-622 (SIRPα-IgG4 Fc), an investigational checkpoint inhibitor of the innate immune system, in combination with azacitidine.

TTI-622 is a fusion protein that is designed to block the inhibitory activity of CD47, a molecule that is overexpressed by a wide variety of tumors. CD47 binds to SIRPα on macrophages and delivers a “don’t eat me” signal that inhibits the ability of macrophages to engulf and destroy cancer cells. Preclinical studies have shown that TTI-622 exhibits anti-tumor activity against AML cells as a monotherapy that is enhanced when combined with azacitidine.

“The dosing of this patient marks the third combination cohort that has been initiated with TTI-622,” commented Dr. Ingmar Bruns, Trillium’s Chief Medical Officer. “This is our second study in AML and demonstrates our commitment to these patients.”

The combination of TTI-622 and azacitidine is being assessed as part of the ongoing, open-label study (NCT03530683). Approximately 25 patients with newly diagnosed TP53-mutated AML will be enrolled. The primary endpoints are safety and complete response rate.

“There are very few therapeutic options for TP53-mutated AML patients, and their prognosis is poor,” added Dr. Bruns. “We believe TTI-622 added to standard-of-care azacitidine has the potential to improve patient outcomes.”

Trillium continues to build on its robust foundation and strong cash position and is now executing on its ambitious Phase 1b/2 program, in multiple patient settings across hematologic and solid tumor cancers. The company looks forward to generating a strong flow of data over the next couple of years.
About Trillium Therapeutics
Trillium is an immuno-oncology company developing innovative therapies for the treatment of cancer. The company’s two clinical programs, TTI-622 and TTI-621, target CD47, a “don’t eat me” signal that cancer cells frequently use to evade the immune system. For more information visit: www.trilliumtherapeutics.com

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