

PRESS RELEASE

Collectis Presents First Preclinical Data on UCARTMESO, an Allogeneic CAR-T Cell Product Candidate Targeting Mesothelin to Treat Solid Tumors at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Immunotherapy of Cancer

November 12, 2021 – New York – Cellecctis S.A. (NASDAQ: CLLS – EURONEXT GROWTH: ALCLS) (the “Company”), a clinical-stage gene-editing company employing its core technology to develop products based on gene-editing with a portfolio of allogeneic chimeric antigen receptor (CAR-)T cells in the field of immuno-oncology and gene-edited hematopoietic stem cells in other indications, announced the first preclinical data on UCARTMESO, its allogeneic CAR-T cell product candidate targeting mesothelin, being developed for patients with mesothelin-expressing solid tumors.

The data were presented today in a poster session at the Society for Immunotherapy of Cancer (SITC) 36th Annual Meeting titled “Mesothelin (MSLN) targeting allogeneic CAR-T cells engineered to overcome tumor immunosuppressive microenvironment”. Poster # 143.

The poster presentation highlighted the following preclinical data:

- Mesothelin is an interesting target for CAR-T cell therapy for solid tumors because it is highly and consistently expressed in mesothelioma and pancreatic cancers. It is also over-expressed in subsets of other solid tumors (ovarian cancer, non-small cell lung cancer, gastric cancer, triple-negative breast cancer) while modestly expressed in healthy cells, indicating that targeting mesothelin may result in a safe and effective therapy.
- UCARTMESO product candidate is composed of allogeneic non-alloreactive T cells edited with TALEN[®]-encoding mRNAs to disrupt TRAC, CD52 and TGFBR2 genes, and transduced *ex vivo* with a recombinant lentiviral vector (rLV) to express a second-generation CAR targeting MSLN. It is the first TALEN[®]-induced triple knock out (KO) product candidate in the allogeneic CAR-T space.
- The preclinical data demonstrated potent activity of UCARTMESO *in vitro* and *in vivo* against MSLN expressing cell lines, and *in vivo* activity in pancreatic and pleural mesothelioma mouse models.
- Due to TGFBR2 KO, UCARTMESO was shown to restore IL2RA upregulation upon *in vitro* activation, even in media rich in TGFB1, which contributes to the immune suppressive microenvironment in tumors.

Laurent Poirot, PhD, Senior Vice President Immunology, noted: “Overall, the data demonstrated that the TGFBR2 gene knock out provides valuable additional properties to UCARTMESO, which may result in a very effective therapy despite an immune suppressive tumor microenvironment, and supports its clinical development for the treatment of solid tumors.”

A copy of the presentation will be available on Cellecctis’ website [here](#), shortly after the event.

About Collectis

Collectis is a gene editing company, developing first of its kind therapeutic products. Collectis utilizes an allogeneic approach for CAR-T immunotherapies in oncology, pioneering the concept of off-the-shelf and ready-to-use gene-edited CAR T-cells to treat cancer patients, and a platform to make therapeutic gene editing in hemopoietic stem cells for various diseases. As a clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company with over 21 years of expertise in gene editing, Collectis is developing life-changing product candidates utilizing TALEN®, its gene editing technology, and PulseAgile, its pioneering electroporation system to harness the power of the immune system in order to treat diseases with unmet medical needs.

As part of its commitment to a cure, Collectis remains dedicated to its goal of providing lifesaving UCART product candidates for multiple cancers including acute myeloid leukemia (AML), B-cell acute lymphoblastic leukemia (B-ALL) and multiple myeloma (MM). HEAL is a new platform focusing on hemopoietic stem cells to treat blood disorders, immunodeficiencies and lysosomal storage diseases.

Collectis headquarters are in Paris, France, with locations in New York, New York and Raleigh, North Carolina. Collectis is listed on the Nasdaq Global Market (ticker: CLLS) and on Euronext Growth (ticker: ALCLS).

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