

Onconova Therapeutics Reports Second Quarter 2022 Financial Results and Provides Business Update

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Conference call and live webcast at 4:30 p.m. ET today

NEWTOWN, Pa., Aug. 11, 2022 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Onconova Therapeutics, Inc. (NASDAQ: ONTX), ("Onconova"), a clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company focused on discovering and developing novel products for patients with cancer, today announced financial results for the three months ended June 30, 2022, and provided a business update.

Highlights for the second quarter of 2022 and recent weeks include:

- Safety data from the ongoing Phase 1 solid tumor trials of narazaciclib in the United States and China continue to be encouraging with the maximum tolerated dose not yet reached in either study. The trial in the United States is currently enrolling its fifth dose escalation cohort, with continuous dosing. The trial in China is also enrolling its fifth dose escalation cohort but once a day on days 1-21 of 28-day cycles. A protocol amendment to enable further dose escalation in the trial in China is being prepared.
- Data from in vitro and cell-based assays that suggest narazaciclib's inhibitory profile may provide safety and efficacy
 advantages over currently approved CDK4/6 inhibitors were featured in an abstract published at the American Society of
 Clinical Oncology (ASCO) Annual Meeting.
- Each of rigosertib's investigator-sponsored trials continues to progress. A Phase 2 trial evaluating rigosertib plus pembrolizumab in patients with checkpoint inhibitor refractory metastatic melanoma is on schedule to be initiated in the second half of 2022. The expansion cohort of the Phase 1/2a trial of rigosertib plus nivolumab in patients with KRAS-mutated non-small cell lung cancer continues to enroll patients, with additional data from the trial expected in Q3 2022. The Phase 2 trial of rigosertib monotherapy in advanced squamous cell carcinoma associated with recessive dystrophic epidermolysis bullosa also continues to enroll patients.
- Mark Guerin was appointed Chief Operating Officer in addition to his role as Chief Financial Officer and Dr. Adar Makovski Silverstein was promoted to Senior Director and Head of Corporate Development.
- Cash and cash equivalents at June 30, 2022 were \$46.5 million, which the Company believes will be sufficient to fund ongoing clinical trials and business operations for at least eighteen months.

Management Commentary

"We saw sustained progress across our pipeline over the past months and are well positioned to complete our current Phase 1 trials as we move through the second half of the year," said Steven M. Fruchtman, M.D., President and Chief Executive Officer of Onconova. "Narazaciclib continues to show a favorable safety profile in its Phase 1 studies, which will be key to informing the design of future trials seeking to address the unmet needs posed by the limitations of currently available CDK4/6 inhibitors. These limitations stem from issues related to safety, tolerability, and primary and acquired drug resistance, which we believe narazaciclib's differentiated inhibitory profile may overcome. We were pleased to publish preclinical data supporting this hypothesis at the most recent ASCO meeting and look forward to continued efforts to translate these promising findings to the clinic."

Dr. Fruchtman continued, "Alongside narazaciclib's advancement, we also made key progress in rigosertib's investigator-sponsored studies. This includes a Phase 2 trial evaluating rigosertib combined with a PD-1 checkpoint inhibitor in checkpoint inhibitor refractory metastatic melanoma which is on schedule to open for enrollment in the second half of 2022. This study seeks to leverage rigosertib's immunomodulatory effects and is supported by initial data from the ongoing trial of rigosertib plus anti-PD-1 therapy in KRAS-mutated NSCLC. These data provided strong evidence of the studied doublet's activity in patients who previously failed checkpoint inhibitor therapy, which is a finding we aim to build upon with the presentation of additional data at a medical meeting later this quarter. Data has been presented, which will be updated, demonstrating that responses seen with rigosertib in this setting are agnostic to the type of KRAS mutation present. This upcoming milestone highlights how rigosertib's investigator-sponsored studies enable the capital efficient pursuit of value creating opportunities to complement our lead narazaciclib program."

Second Quarter Financial Results

Cash and cash equivalents as of June 30, 2022, were \$46.5 million, compared with \$55.1 million as of December 31, 2021. The Company believes that its cash and cash equivalents will be sufficient to fund ongoing clinical trials and business operations for at least eighteen months.

Research and development expenses were \$2.0 million for the second quarter of 2022, compared with \$1.9 million for the second quarter of 2021.

General and administrative expenses were \$2.1 million for the second quarter of 2022, compared with \$2.9 million for the second quarter of 2021.

Net loss for the second quarter of 2022 was \$4.0 million, or \$0.19 per share on 20.9 million weighted shares outstanding, compared with a net loss of

\$4.2 million, or \$0.27 per share for the second quarter of 2021 on 15.8 million weighted shares outstanding.

Conference Call and Webcast

Onconova will host an investment community conference call today beginning at 4:30 p.m. Eastern Time, during which management will discuss financial results for the second quarter of 2022, provide a business update, and answer questions. Interested parties can participate by dialing (800) 289-0571 (domestic callers) or (856) 344-9290 (international callers) and using conference ID 3600715.

A live webcast of the conference call will be available in the Investors & Media section of the Company's website at www.onconova.com. A replay of the webcast will be available on the Onconova website for 90 days following the call.

About Onconova Therapeutics, Inc.

Onconova Therapeutics is a clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company focused on discovering and developing novel products for patients with cancer. The Company has proprietary targeted anti-cancer agents designed to disrupt specific cellular pathways that are important for cancer cell proliferation.

Onconova's novel, proprietary multi-kinase inhibitor narazaciclib (formerly ON 123300) is being evaluated in two separate and complementary Phase 1 dose-escalation and expansion studies. These trials are currently underway in the United States and China.

Onconova's product candidate rigosertib is being studied in an investigator-sponsored study program, including in a dose-escalation and expansion Phase 1/2a investigator-sponsored study with oral rigosertib in combination with nivolumab for patients with KRAS+ non-small cell lung cancer.

For more information, please visit www.onconova.com.

Forward-Looking Statements

Some of the statements in this release are forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, and involve risks and uncertainties. These statements relate to Onconova's expectations regarding the timing of Onconova's and investigator-initiated clinical development and data presentation plans, and the mechanisms and indications for Onconova's product candidates. Onconova has attempted to identify forward-looking statements by terminology including "believes," "estimates," "anticipates," "expects," "plans," "intends," "may," "could," "might," "will," "should," "preliminary," "encouraging," "approximately" or other words that convey uncertainty of future events or outcomes. Although Onconova believes that the expectations reflected in such forward-looking statements are reasonable as of the date made, expectations may prove to have been materially different from the results expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. These statements are only predictions and involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties, and other factors, including the success and timing of Onconova's clinical trials, investigator-initiated trials and regulatory agency and institutional review board approvals of protocols, Onconova's collaborations, market conditions and those discussed under the heading "Risk Factors" in Onconova's most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K and quarterly reports on Form 10-Q. Any forward-looking statements contained in this release speak only as of its date. Onconova undertakes no obligation to update any forward-looking statements contained in this release to reflect events or circumstances occurring after its date or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events.

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ONCONOVA THERAPEUTICS, INC.

Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets

(in thousands)

	June 30 2022			December 31, 2021		
Assets	(u	naudited)				
Current assets:						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	46,533	\$	55,070		
Receivables		28		28		
Prepaid expenses and other current assets		1,472		332		
Total current assets		48,033		55,430		
Property and equipment, net		31		38		
Other non-current assets		10		10		
Total assets	\$	48,074	\$	55,478		

Liabilities and stockholders' equity

Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 3,003	\$ 2,757
Accrued expenses and other current liabilities	3,231	3,132
Deferred revenue	 226	 226
Total current liabilities	6,460	6,115
Deferred revenue, non-current	 3,130	 3,243
Total liabilities	 9,590	 9,358
Stockholders' equity:		
Preferred stock	-	-
Common stock	209	209
Additional paid in capital	491,181	490,644
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(41)	(14)
Accumulated deficit	 (452,865)	 (444,719)
Total stockholders' equity	 38,484	 46,120
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 48,074	\$ 55,478

ONCONOVA THERAPEUTICS, INC.

Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations

(in thousands, except share and per share amounts)

	Three Months Ended June 30,			Six months months ended June 30,				
		2022	_	2021		2022		2021
Revenue	\$	57	\$	57	\$	113	\$	113
Operating expenses:								
General and administrative		2,139		2,850		4,325		5,067
Research and development		2,038		1,852		4,040		3,789
Total operating expenses		4,177		4,702		8,365		8,856
Loss from operations		(4,120)		(4,645)		(8,252)		(8,743)
Change in fair value of warrant liability		-		427		-		(209)
Other income (loss,) net		96		(13)		106		6
Net loss		(4,024)		(4,231)		(8,146)		(8,946)
Net loss per share of common stock, basic and diluted	\$	(0.19)	\$	(0.27)	\$	(0.39)	\$	(0.59)
Basic and diluted weighted average shares outstanding		20,904,085	_	15,780,863		20,904,085		15,201,719