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GSK and Theravance Announce Completion of the Relovair(TM)* Registrational Programme and Topline Results From Relovair(TM) vs. Advair(R) Phase III Studies in COPD

COPD and Asthma Regulatory Plans Remain on Track for Submission From Mid-2012

LONDON and SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., March 23, 2012 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- GlaxoSmithKline (GSK) and Theravance, Inc. (Nasdaq:THRX) today announced that the registrational programme for Relovair™ is now complete. In addition, results from two studies for the once-daily investigational medicine Relovair™ (fluticasone furoate "FF"/vilanterol "VI" (FF/VI)) in patients with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) and results from a study to evaluate the efficacy and safety of FF and FP (fluticasone propionate) compared to placebo in the treatment of persistent asthma in adults and adolescents were announced.

The full results of all these studies will be presented at future scientific meetings.

COPD Non-Pivotal Phase III Studies

Two replicate 12-week superiority studies evaluated the 24-hour lung function profile of once-daily FF/VI 100/25mcg compared with twice-daily Advair® 250/50mcg (fluticasone propionate "FP"/salmeterol "SAL" (FP/SAL)) in patients with COPD. Each study randomised approximately 500 patients. In the first study, FF/VI demonstrated superiority over FP/SAL on the predefined primary endpoint of 0-24 hour weighted mean FEV1 ($p < 0.001$). In the second study, FF/VI demonstrated numerical improvements but not statistical superiority over FP/SAL on the predefined primary endpoint of 0-24 hour weighted mean FEV1 ($p=0.267$).

Across these two studies, the most common adverse events in the FF/VI arms were nasopharyngitis, headache, and oropharyngeal candidiasis.

Asthma Pivotal Phase III Programme Completed

GSK has also completed the phase III registrational programme for FF/VI, following the completion of a study to evaluate the efficacy and safety of FF and FP compared to placebo in the treatment of persistent asthma in adults and adolescents. In this 24-week multi-centre study of approximately 330 patients, FF met the primary endpoint of a statistically significant change from baseline in trough evening FEV1 at the end of the 24-week treatment period ($p=0.009$) compared to placebo. FP also met this primary endpoint when compared to placebo ($p=0.011$).

In this study, the most common adverse events on the FF arm were bronchitis, headache, nasopharyngitis, upper respiratory tract infection, pharyngitis, and sinusitis.

FF/VI Regulatory Plans

For COPD, GSK continues with its plans to submit regulatory applications for FF/VI in the US and Europe in mid-2012. For asthma, GSK plans to submit an application in Europe in mid-2012 and will continue discussions with the FDA on the regulatory requirements for a US asthma indication.

FF/VI is one of several late-stage assets in the GSK respiratory development portfolio, which includes LAMA/LABA (GSK573719/VI) and MABA (GSK961081), developed in collaboration with Theravance, as well as FLAP-inhibitor (GSK2190915), p-38 kinase inhibitor (losmapimod) and anti-IL5 MAb (mepolizumab). The phase III programme for LAMA/LABA is expected to complete in 2012.

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