Syndax Pharmaceuticals Announces Presentations at the 60th American Society of Hematology Annual Meeting

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WALTHAM, Mass., Nov. 1, 2018 /PRNewswire/ -- Syndax Pharmaceuticals, Inc. ("Syndax," the "Company" or "we") (Nasdaq: SNDX), a clinical stage biopharmaceutical company developing an innovative pipeline of cancer therapies, today announced that the Company's Menin-MLLr program will be featured during two presentations at the 60th American Society of Hematology (ASH) Annual Meeting being held December 1-4, 2018 in San Diego, California.

Oral Presentation Details:

Title: MLL-Menin Inhibition Reverses Pre-Leukemic Progenitor Self-Renewal Induced By NPM1 Mutations and Prevents AML Development
Presenter: Hannah Uckelmann, Ph.D., Dana-Farber Cancer Institute
Session Name: 602. Disordered Gene Expression in Hematologic Malignancy, including Disordered Epigenetic Regulation: Single Cell Profiling/Actionable Leukemia Targets
Session Date: Monday, December 3, 2018
Session Time: 7:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. PT
Presentation Time: 8:15 a.m. PT
Publication Number: 546
Location: San Diego Convention Center, Room 9

Scientific Spotlight Session Details:

Title: Targeting Chromatin Complexes in MLL Rearranged Leukemia
Presenter: Scott Armstrong, M.D., Ph.D., Dana-Farber Cancer Institute
Session Name: Biochemical and Genetic Insights Into MLL/11q23 Translocation Leukemia
Session Date: Sunday, December 2, 2018
Session Time: 4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. PT
Location: San Diego Convention Center, Room 9

About MLL Rearranged Leukemias

Rearrangements of the MLL gene give rise to an acute leukemia, MLL-r. MLL-r occurs in ~80% of infant acute leukemias and up to 10% of adult acute leukemias. It is associated with a poor prognosis, with less than 40% of infants with MLL-r surviving past 5 years. MLL rearrangements produce fusion proteins that require interaction with a protein called Menin in order to drive leukemic cancer growth. Disruption of the Menin-MLL-r interaction has been shown to halt the growth of MLL-r leukemic cells. MLL-r leukemias are routinely diagnosed through currently available cytogenetic screening techniques in leukemic cells, but there are currently no approved therapies indicated for MLL-r leukemias.

About NPM1c Acute Myeloid Leukemia

NPM1c represents another discrete form of acute myeloid leukemia (AML) distinguished by point mutations in the NPM1 gene that drives the leukemic phenotype. NPM1c is the most common type of cytogenetically normal AML and represents ~30% of all diagnosed AML. This subtype of AML has a poor prognosis, with a 5-year overall survival rate of ~50%. Similar to MLL-r leukemias, NPM1c AML is highly dependent on the expression of specific developmental genes, shown to be negatively impacted by inhibitors of the menin-MLL1 interaction. NPM1c AML is routinely diagnosed through currently available screening techniques in leukemic cells, but there are currently no approved therapies indicated for NPM1c AML.

About Syndax Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

Syndax Pharmaceuticals is a clinical stage biopharmaceutical company developing an innovative pipeline of cancer therapies. The Company is developing its lead product candidate, entinostat, a once-weekly, oral, small molecule, class I HDAC inhibitor, in combination with exemestane and several approved PD-1/PD-(L)1 antagonists. The Company's pipeline also includes SNDX-6352, a monoclonal antibody that blocks the colony stimulating factor 1 (CSF-1) receptor, as well as a portfolio of potent and selective inhibitors targeting the binding interaction of Menin with MLLr. For more information, please visit www.syndax.com or follow the Company on Twitter and LinkedIn.

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