



# BERGENBIO PRESENTS UPDATED BEMCENTINIB AML DATA AT ASH 2021 MEETING

**Bergen, Norway, 13 December 2021** – BerGenBio ASA (OSE:BGBIO), BerGenBio ASA (OSE: BGBIO), a clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company developing novel, selective AXL kinase inhibitors for severe unmet medical needs, is pleased to announce that it is presenting updated data from the Company's Phase II study of bemcentinib (BCBC003) in a poster presentation today at the 63<sup>rd</sup> Annual American Society of Hematology (ASH) Meeting.

Professor Sonja Loges will provide an update from the Company's Phase II study (BGBC003) of bemcentinib in combination with low dose cytarabine (LDAC) in older, relapsed and refractory AML patients unfit for intensive chemotherapy.

The data presented indicate that bemcentinib in combination with LDAC is well tolerated and offers meaningful clinical benefits. Translational research has identified immune-based activity associated with response to treatment, demonstrating that bemcentinib elicits activation of CD8+ T cells and B cells/plasma cells, two major adaptive immune cell populations responsible for anti-AML immune responses. Survival data measured as median Overall Survival (mOS) in older unfit relapsed AML patients looks encouraging compared to historical controls all through not yet matured.

**Professor Sonja Loges, Chief Investigator of the BGBC003 trial commented:** *"The data on relapsed AML patients who currently have very few treatment options, is very encouraging. These results affirm our belief that the combination of bemcentinib and LDAC provides meaningful clinical benefits."*

Details of the presentation:

**Title:** Bemcentinib (Oral AXL Inhibitor) in combination with Low-dose Cytarabine Is Well Tolerated and Efficacious in Older Relapsed AML Patients. Updates from the Ongoing Phase II Trial (NCT02488408) and Preliminary Translational Results indicating Bemcentinib elicits anti-AML immune responses.

**Session Name:** 616. Acute Myeloid Leukemias: Investigational Therapies, Excluding Transplantation and Cellular Immunotherapies: Poster III

**Time, Location:** 6.00 – 8.00 PM Eastern, Georgia World Congress Center, Hall B5

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BerGenBio is a clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company focused on developing transformative drugs targeting AXL as a potential cornerstone of therapy for aggressive diseases, including immune-evasive, therapy resistant cancers. The company's proprietary lead candidate, bemcentinib, is a potentially first-in-class selective AXL inhibitor in a broad phase II clinical development programme focused on combination and single agent therapy in cancer and COVID-19. A first-in-class functional blocking anti-AXL antibody, tilvestamab, is undergoing phase I clinical testing. In parallel, BerGenBio is developing companion diagnostic tests to potentially identify patient populations most likely to benefit from AXL inhibition. This is expected to facilitate more efficient registration trials supporting a precision medicine-based commercialisation strategy.

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