

Waverley Pharma Provides Update on its PARP-1 Inhibitor Program

WINNIPEG, MB, Jan. 11, 2023 /CNW/ - Waverley Pharma Inc. ("Waverley Pharma" or the "Company") (TSXV: WAVE), a Canadian pharmaceutical company, is pleased to provide an update on the status of its oncology focused PARP-1 inhibitor program. Based on growing interest in new PARP-1 inhibitors with selective activity against PARP-1 over PARP-2, the Company has renewed its focus on completing its PARP-1 pre-clinical development program, which is at the lead optimization stage. The current lead compound has single digit nanomolar activity and significant selectivity to PARP-1 over PARP-2.

It is postulated that the effect of chemotherapy and radiation therapy is dampened by DNA repair enzymes 1 Poly (ADP-Ribose) Polymerase-1 (PARP-1) which belongs to the PARP family of enzymes and is involved in the detection and repair of DNA damage. PARP-1 inhibitors are a class of anti-cancer agents targeting DNA repair mechanism. The inhibition of PARP-1 is of clinical importance in various types of cancer. PARP-1 inhibitors have shown great potential to target high-grade ovarian cancers and triple-negative breast cancers which are resistant to current treatment. PARP-1 inhibitors can be used as a monotherapy to selectively kill cancer cells and in combination with other therapies.

About Waverley Pharma

Waverley Pharma is a pharmaceutical company focused on the development and commercialization of safe, effective, and affordable cancer therapeutics in the EU, United Kingdom and North American markets. The Company, through its subsidiary, is currently selling four generic oncology products in the United Kingdom, namely capecitabine, temozolomide, pemetrexed and bortezomib. In addition, the Company has received marketing approval for pemetrexed and bortezomib in Europe and the United States. Waverley Pharma is committed to providing patients with affordable prescription medicines that lower healthcare costs and provide a better quality of life. For more information on Waverley Pharma please visit www.waverleypharma.com.

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