AC Immune to Present New Data Demonstrating the Depth of its Neurodegenerative Programs at the Upcoming Advances in Alzheimer's and Parkinson's Therapies Focus Meeting

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Four presentations at AAT-AD/PD™ focus meeting

LAUSANNE, Switzerland, March 05, 2020 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- AC Immune SA (NASDAQ: ACIU), a Swiss-based, clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company, announced today that four new data presentations will be delivered at this year's AAT-AD/PD™ Focus Meeting, taking place April 2–5 in Vienna, from the Company's broad neurodegenerative disease pipeline.

The four presentations will focus on advances in wholly-owned as well as partnered product programs. One presentation will showcase nonclinical data involved in the development of the anti-phospho Tau (anti-pTau) vaccine, ACI-35.030, currently in Phase 2 clinical testing. Two presentations will highlight our work to target TDP-43 proteinopathies including the mitigation of associated neuropathology using our therapeutic antibody candidate in an animal model of human disease and our efforts to develop the first in class candidate for molecular imaging of TDP-43 in humans. The final presentation will describe the discovery and characterization of an antibody that targets the spreading of alpha-synuclein *in vitro* and *in vivo*.

Prof. Andrea Pfeifer, CEO of AC Immune SA, commented: "We are very much looking forward to demonstrating the depth of the AC Immune product pipeline to the scientific community at the upcoming **AAT-AD/PD™ Focus Meeting**. Following our Roadmap to Successful Therapies for Neurodegenerative Diseases, the programs highlighted demonstrate the strong progress we are making in our clinical development and early-stage research based on our proprietary SupraAntigen™ and Morphomer™ discovery platforms. It is clear Alzheimer's disease has a high level of proteinopathies and co-pathologies involving alpha-synuclein or TDP-43, which could play important roles in neurodegenerative diseases, and as such are an important part of our research efforts."

Scientific updates at the AAT-AD/PD™ Focus Meeting 2020, Vienna, Austria, April 2–5, 2020

ACI-35.030 anti-pTau vaccine

Development of ACI-35.030, a second generation anti-phospho Tau vaccine, in clinical evaluation for the treatment of Alzheimer's disease
Date: April 2, 2020 | 6:15 – 6:35 pm CET
Location: Hall E
Presenter: Oral presentation by Marija Vukicevic

Morphomer™ TDP-43 imaging

Discovery and optimization of candidates for molecular imaging of TDP-43 proteinopathies
Date: April 3, 2020 | 9:41 – 9:47 am CET
Location: Hall M
Presenter: Short oral poster presentation by Tariq Afroz

Anti-TDP-43 antibody

Monoclonal antibody targeting TDP-43 mitigates associated neuropathology in mouse model of TDP-43 proteinopathy
Date: April 3, 2020 | 3:30 – 3:50 pm CET
Location: Hall F1
Presenter: Oral presentation by Tariq Afroz

Anti-alpha-synuclein antibody

Targeting spreading of pathological alpha-synuclein to treat Parkinson's disease

Date: April 5, 2020 | 9:15 – 9:35 am CET
Location: Hall M
Presenter: Oral presentation by Elpida Tsika

About AC Immune SA
AC Immune SA is a Nasdaq-listed clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company, which aims to become a global leader in precision medicine for neurodegenerative diseases. The Company utilizes two proprietary platforms, SupraAntigen™ and Morphomer™, to design, discover and develop small molecule and biological therapeutics as well as diagnostic products intended to diagnose, prevent and modify neurodegenerative diseases caused by misfolding proteins. The Company's pipeline features nine therapeutic and three diagnostic product candidates, with six currently in clinical trials. It has collaborations with major pharmaceutical companies including Genentech, Eli Lilly and Company and Janssen Pharmaceuticals.

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