Cytokinetics Announces Data From Phase IIa "Evidence of Effect" Clinical Trial of CK-2017357 in Patients With Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis to Be Presented at the 63rd Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Neurology

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SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, CA, Apr 11, 2011 (MARKETWIRE via COMTEX) -- Cytokinetics, Incorporated (NASDAQ: CYTK) announced today that an oral presentation of results from its Phase IIa "Evidence of Effect" (EoE) clinical trial of CK-2017357 in patients with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) is scheduled to be presented as part of the Clinical Trials Session at the 63rd Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Neurology, to be held April 9-16, 2011 in Honolulu, Hawaii. CK-2017357, a fast skeletal muscle troponin activator, is the lead drug candidate from the company's skeletal muscle contractility program and the subject of a Phase IIa clinical trials program in patients with ALS, in patients with symptoms of claudication associated with peripheral artery disease, and in patients suffering from myasthenia gravis.

Oral Presentation at the 63rd Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Neurology

Date: Friday, April 15, 2011

Time: 12:15 PM Hawaii-Aleutian Standard Time

Session: 2011 Clinical Trials Session

Location: Hawaii Convention Center in Honolulu, Hawaii

Title: A Phase 2A, Double-Blind, Randomized, Placebo-Controlled, Single-Dose, Crossover Study of the Selective Fast Skeletal Muscle Troponin Activator, CK-2017357, in Patients with ALS

Presenter: Jeffrey M. Shefner, M.D., Ph.D., Professor and Chair, Department of Neurology at the Upstate Medical University, State University of New York

About Cytokinetics

Cytokinetics is a clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company focused on the discovery and development of novel small molecule therapeutics that modulate muscle function for the potential treatment of serious diseases and medical conditions. Cytokinetics' lead drug candidate from its cardiac muscle contractility program, omecamtiv mecarbil (formerly CK-1827452), is in clinical development for the potential treatment of heart failure. Amgen Inc. holds an exclusive license worldwide (excluding Japan) to develop and commercialize omecamtiv mecarbil and related compounds, subject to Cytokinetics' specified development and commercialization participation rights. Cytokinetics is independently developing CK-2017357, a skeletal muscle activator, as a potential treatment for diseases and conditions associated with aging, muscle wasting or neuromuscular dysfunction. CK-2017357 is currently the subject of a Phase IIa clinical trials program and has been granted orphan-drug designation by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for the potential treatment of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis. Cytokinetics is also conducting non-clinical development of compounds that inhibit smooth muscle contractility and which may be useful as potential treatments for diseases and conditions associated with excessive smooth muscle contraction, such as bronchoconstriction associated with asthma and chronic pulmonary obstructive disease. In addition, prior Cytokinetics' research generated three anti-cancer drug candidates that have progressed into clinical development: ispinesib, SB-743921 and GSK-923295. All of these drug candidates and potential drug candidates have arisen from Cytokinetics' research activities and are directed towards the cytoskeleton. The cytoskeleton is a complex biological infrastructure that plays a fundamental role within every human cell. Additional information about Cytokinetics can be obtained at www.cytokinetics.com.

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