



## **I-Mab and MorphoSys Announce First Patient Dosed in Phase 3 Clinical Trial of TJ202/MOR202 in r/r Multiple Myeloma in Mainland China**

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SHANGHAI, China, and ROCKVILLE, Md., and MUNICH, Germany, April 27, 2020 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- I-Mab (NASDAQ: IMAB), a clinical stage biopharmaceutical company committed to the discovery, development and commercialization of novel or highly differentiated biologics to treat diseases with significant unmet medical needs, and MorphoSys AG (FSE: MOR; Prime Standard Segment, MDAX & TecDAX; NASDAQ: MOR), today jointly announced that the first patient has been dosed in a phase 3 clinical study in mainland China to evaluate MorphoSys' investigational human CD38 antibody TJ202/MOR202 in combination with lenalidomide plus dexamethasone in patients with relapsed or refractory multiple myeloma (r/r MM). Under a licensing agreement with MorphoSys, I-Mab has exclusive rights for development and commercialization of TJ202/MOR202 in mainland China, Taiwan, Hong Kong and Macao.

The clinical trial (NCT03952091) in mainland China is a randomized, open-label, parallel-controlled, multi-center study to evaluate the efficacy and safety of the combination of TJ202/MOR202, lenalidomide and dexamethasone versus the combination of lenalidomide and dexamethasone in patients with r/r MM who received at least one prior line of treatment. This multi-center study has already started at sites in Taiwan in April 2019 and now officially started in mainland China as part of the coordinated effort to accelerate the study.

"TJ202/MOR202 is a front-runner candidate that adequately demonstrates our fast-to-market development strategy, representing a highly differentiated clinical development approach to provide new treatment options for unmet medical needs," said Dr. Joan Shen, CEO of I-Mab. "The phase 3 study is the second registrational trial of TJ202 as a potential second line treatment option for patients with multiple myeloma in Greater China."

"We are delighted that our partner I-Mab has dosed the first patient in the ongoing phase 3 study for TJ202/MOR202 in mainland China, which marks an important step in the development of this compound," commented Dr. Malte Peters, Chief Research & Development Officer of MorphoSys. "There is a high need for the treatment of patients with r/r multiple myeloma in the Greater China area and we look forward to the further development of TJ202/MOR202 by our partner I-Mab in this indication."

In addition to the phase 3 trial, I-Mab is conducting a pivotal phase 2 study (NCT03860038) to evaluate the efficacy and safety of TJ202/MOR202 in combination with dexamethasone in subjects with r/r MM who received at least 2 prior lines of treatment.

### **About TJ202/MOR202**

MOR202/TJ202 is an investigational human monoclonal antibody derived from MorphoSys's HuCAL antibody technology. The antibody is directed against CD38 on the surface of multiple myeloma cells, which has been characterized as one of the most strongly and uniformly expressed antigens on the surface of malignant plasma cells. According to its suggested mode of action, the antibody recruits cells of the body's immune system to kill the tumor through antibody-dependent cellular cytotoxicity (ADCC) and antibody-dependent cellular phagocytosis (ADCP). The antibody does not involve complement dependent cytotoxicity, or CDC, an additional immune mechanism involved in tumor cell killing. Scientific research suggests that an anti-CD38 antibody may have therapeutic potential also in other cancers as well as autoimmune diseases. Based on a licensing agreement between MorphoSys and I-Mab signed in November 2017, I-Mab owns the exclusive rights for development and commercialization of MOR202/TJ202 in mainland China, Taiwan, Hong Kong and Macao.

### **About I-Mab**

I-Mab (NASDAQ: IMAB) is a dynamic, global biotech company exclusively focused on developing novel or highly differentiated biologics in the therapeutic areas of immuno-oncology and autoimmune diseases. I-Mab's mission is to bring transformational medicines to patients through innovation. I-Mab's innovative pipeline of more than 10 clinical and pre-clinical stage drug candidates is driven by the Company's Fast-to-PoC (Proof-of-Concept) and Fast-to-Market development strategies through internal R&D and global partnerships. The Company is on track to become a fully integrated end-to-end global biopharmaceutical company with cutting-edge discovery platforms, proven pre-clinical and clinical development expertise, and world-class GMP manufacturing capabilities. I-Mab has offices in China and the United States. For more information, please visit <http://ir.i-mabbiopharma.com>

### **About MorphoSys**

MorphoSys (FSE & NASDAQ: MOR) is a clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company dedicated to the discovery, development and commercialization of exceptional, innovative therapies for patients suffering from serious diseases. The focus is on cancer. Based on its leading expertise in antibody, protein and peptide technologies, MorphoSys, together with its partners, has developed and contributed to the development of more than 100 product candidates, 27 of which are currently in clinical development. In 2017, Tremfya®, marketed by Janssen for the treatment of plaque psoriasis, became the first drug based on MorphoSys' antibody technology to receive regulatory approval. MorphoSys' most advanced proprietary product candidate, tafasitamab (MOR208), is in late-stage clinical development for the treatment of patients with relapsed/refractory diffuse large B-cell lymphoma (r/r

DLBCL). Headquartered near Munich, Germany, the MorphoSys group, including the fully owned U.S. subsidiary MorphoSys US Inc., has over 400 employees. More information at [www.morphosys.com](http://www.morphosys.com)

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#### **MorphoSys forward looking statements**

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