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MorphoSys and I-Mab Biopharma Announce Initiation of Pivotal Phase 2 Study of TJ202/MOR202 for Multiple Myeloma

MorphoSys AG (FSE: MOR; Prime Standard Segment, MDAX & TecDAX; NASDAQ: MOR) and I-Mab Biopharma (I-Mab), a China-based clinical stage biopharmaceutical company exclusively focused on the development of innovative biologics in immuno-oncology and autoimmune diseases, announced today that the first patient has been dosed in a phase 2 clinical study in Taiwan to evaluate MorphoSys's investigational human CD38 antibody TJ202/MOR202 in patients with relapsed or refractory multiple myeloma. I-Mab owns the exclusive rights for development and commercialization of TJ202/MOR202 in China, Taiwan, Hong Kong and Macao.

"Advancing TJ202/MOR202 into a late stage phase 2 trial is a significant achievement," said Dr. Joan Shen, M.D., Head of R&D at I-Mab. "We expect that, if approved, TJ202/MOR202 may provide multiple myeloma patients with an important biologics treatment option that addresses the underlying pathology of the second most common blood cancer worldwide."

The dosing of the first patient triggers a milestone payment of USD 5 million to MorphoSys.

Under I-Mab's fast-to-market development strategy, the study has been designed as a pivotal trial, which, if successful, could lead to a biologics license application (BLA) in Greater China. The multi-center, single-arm, phase 2 study will be conducted in mainland China and Taiwan to evaluate the efficacy and safety of TJ202/MOR202 in combination with dexamethasone in patients with multiple myeloma who have previously received at least two prior lines of treatment. The primary endpoint is to evaluate the objective response rate.

"We are delighted that our partner I-Mab has taken this important step in advancing TJ202/MOR202 into pivotal clinical development in Asia. We see a high medical need for the treatment of patients with multiple myeloma in the Chinese region and look forward to supporting I-Mab in developing this investigational compound for these patients," said Dr. Malte Peters, Chief Development Officer of MorphoSys AG.

With MorphoSys's support through a licensing agreement in November 2017, I-Mab is currently leading the clinical development of TJ202/MOR202 in Greater China, including mainland China, Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan. In addition to Taiwan, I-Mab has filed an investigational new drug (IND) application to China's National Medical Products Administration in August 2018.

It should be noted that the recent court decision of the United States (U.S.) District Court of Delaware (1:16-cv-00221-LPS-CJB) has no bearing on the validity and scope of the patents exclusively licensed by I-Mab from MorphoSys AG, the exclusivity of which provides protection for I-Mab's development and commercialization of MOR202 in the Greater China region.

About TJ202/MOR202

TJ202/MOR202 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 suggest that an anti-CD38 antibody may have therapeutic potential also in other cancers as well as autoimmune diseases. Based on an exclusive regional licensing agreement signed in late 2017, I-Mab owns the exclusive rights for development and commercialization of TJ202/MOR202 in China, Taiwan, Hong Kong and Macao.

About I-Mab Biopharma

I-Mab is a dynamic and fast-growing global player exclusively focused on developing first-in-class and best-in-class biologics in the areas of immuno-oncology and autoimmune diseases through internal R&D capabilities and global partnerships. I-Mab's pipeline is driven by the company's development strategy to address unmet needs in China and to bring innovative assets to the world. The company is prepared to submit additional INDs in order to initiate clinical trials in China and the U.S., including multiple Phase 2 and Phase 3 studies. I-Mab is on a fast track toward becoming an end-to-end fully integrated biopharma company. The company has been well-recognized by capital markets by successfully raising approximately USD 370 million within 12 months, with the recent USD 220 million Series C financing representing one of the largest amounts ever raised by an innovative biotech company in China. www.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, of which 29 are currently in clinical development. In 2017, Tremfya[®], marketed by Janssen for the treatment of plaque psoriasis, became the first drug based on MorphoSys's antibody technology to receive regulatory approval. The Company's most advanced proprietary product candidate, MOR208, has been granted U.S. FDA breakthrough therapy designation for the treatment of patients with relapsed/refractory diffuse large B-cell lymphoma (DLBCL). Headquartered near Munich, Germany, the MorphoSys group, including the fully owned U.S. subsidiary MorphoSys US Inc., has approximately 330 employees. More information at <https://www.morphosys.com>.

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