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# **Ohr Pharmaceutical Announces Completion of Enrollment in Phase II Clinical Trial of Squalamine Eye Drops in Wet-AMD**

NEW YORK, April 29, 2014 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Ohr Pharmaceutical, Inc. (Nasdaq:OHRP), a pharmaceutical company focused on the development of novel therapeutics for large unmet medical needs, today announced that it has completed the enrollment of its OHR-002 Phase II clinical trial evaluating Squalamine Eye Drops for the treatment of the wet form of age related macular degeneration ("wet-AMD"). The study has enrolled a total of 142 patients, and the Company expects to announce interim data on the first 60 patients completing the protocol in June this year. Final data are expected in the first calendar quarter of 2015.

"I am pleased with the continued progress of this important study and look forward to the upcoming planned interim analysis," said Dr. Jeffrey S. Heier, Director of the Vitreoretinal Service at Ophthalmic Consultants of Boston, and member of Ohr's scientific advisory board. "A topical therapeutic would offer an important alternative for the large wet-AMD patient population currently being treated with frequent intravitreal injections."

"Completing enrollment in this Squalamine Eye Drop study is an important early milestone for Ohr," said Irach B. Taraporewala, Ph.D., Chief Executive Officer of Ohr Pharmaceutical. "We are very encouraged by the interest shown by both patients and physicians in this trial and believe our eye drop formulation of Squalamine has the potential to be a valuable new treatment for wet-AMD. Additionally, this study serves as the cornerstone of our expanding clinical program to evaluate the efficacy and safety of the Squalamine Eye Drops in multiple ophthalmic disorders currently treated with intravitreal injections."

## **About OHR-002**

OHR-002 is a randomized, double masked, placebo controlled Phase II trial evaluating the efficacy and safety of Squalamine Eye Drops for the treatment of wet-AMD. The study enrolled 142 treatment naive wet-AMD patients at more than twenty clinical sites in the U.S. Patients are treated with either Squalamine Eye Drops or placebo eye drops twice daily over a nine-month period. The primary and secondary endpoints include visual acuity parameters, need for rescue intravitreal injections, and safety. The protocol includes an interim analysis based on the first 60 patients completing the treatment period. This interim

analysis is expected in June 2014. Final analysis of all patients is expected in the first calendar quarter of 2015. More information on the clinical trial can be found at [clinicaltrials.gov](http://clinicaltrials.gov).

### **About Squalamine Eye Drops**

Squalamine is an anti-angiogenic small molecule with a novel intracellular mechanism of action, which counteracts multiple growth factors implicated in the angiogenesis process. Ohr Pharmaceutical has developed a novel eye drop formulation of Squalamine for the treatment of wet-AMD, designed for self-administration, which may provide several potential advantages over the FDA approved current standards of care, which require intravitreal injections directly into the eye. The drug, using an intravenous administration in over 250 patients in Phase I and Phase II trials for the treatment of wet-AMD, showed favorable biological effect and maintained and improved visual acuity outcomes. In May 2012, the Squalamine Eye Drop program was granted Fast Track Designation by the U.S. FDA. A Phase II randomized, double blind, placebo controlled study (OHR-002) to evaluate the efficacy and safety of Squalamine Eye Drops for the treatment of wet-AMD has completed enrolling patients. Two additional investigator sponsored trials (IST) are evaluating squalamine eye drops for the treatment of proliferative diabetic retinopathy and retinal vein occlusion, with two additional IST's expected to be initiated in diabetic macular edema in the second calendar quarter of 2014.

### **About Ohr Pharmaceutical, Inc.**

Ohr Pharmaceutical Inc. (OHRP) is a pharmaceutical company dedicated to the clinical development of new drugs for underserved therapeutic needs in large and growing markets. The Company is focused on advancing its pipeline products currently in phase II clinical development: Squalamine Eye Drops for the treatment of the wet form of age-related macular degeneration, and OHR/AVR118 for the treatment of cancer cachexia. Additional information on the Company can be found at [www.ohrpharmaceutical.com](http://www.ohrpharmaceutical.com).

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