Aclaris Therapeutics to Present Scientific Posters at the 77th Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Dermatology

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Phase 2 Clinical Study Results in Treatment of Common Warts Selected for Oral Presentations

WAYNE, Pa., Feb. 19, 2019 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Aclaris Therapeutics, Inc. (NASDAQ:ACRS), a dermatologist-led biopharmaceutical company, today announced that posters summarizing the clinical results of a Phase 2 clinical trial of its investigational medicine, A-101 45% topical solution for the treatment of common warts, have been selected for oral presentation during the American Academy of Dermatology (AAD) Annual Meeting to be held March 1 - 5, 2019 in Washington, D.C.

The details of the e-posters with oral presentations are as follows:

- Long-Term Efficacy and Safety of Hydrogen Peroxide Topical Solution, 45% (w/w) in Patients with Common Warts: Posttreatment Results from the Phase 2 WART-203 Trial
  - Poster 10224
  - Date and time of oral presentation: Saturday, March 2, 10:25 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
  - Location of oral presentation: Hall H, ePoster Presentation Center 2
- Efficacy and Safety of Hydrogen Peroxide Topical Solution, 45% (w/w) for Treatment of Common Warts: 8-Week Results from the Phase 2 WART-203 Trial
  - Poster 10150
  - Date and time of oral presentation: Sunday, March 3, 10:20 a.m. to 10:25 a.m.
  - Location of oral presentation: Hall H, ePoster Presentation Center 1

In addition, the following original abstracts were accepted for e-poster presentation during the meeting:

- Poster 10235 - Rater Reliability Testing of the Physician Wart Assessment for Common Warts: A Noninterventional, Observational Study
- Poster 10497 - Effectiveness of Hydrogen Peroxide Topical Solution 40% and 45% (w/w) in Patients with Seborrheic Keratoses on the Trunk, Extremities, and Face: Results of a Phase 2, Randomized, Double-Blind, Vehicle-Controlled, Parallel Group Study
- Poster 10513 - Safety of Hydrogen Peroxide Topical Solution 40% and 45% (w/w) in Patients with Seborrheic Keratoses on the Trunk, Extremities, and Face: Results of a Phase 2, Randomized, Double-Blind, Vehicle-Controlled, Parallel-Group Study
- Poster 10527 - Onset of Treatment Effectiveness with Hydrogen Peroxide Topical Solution 40% and 45% (w/w) in Patients with Seborrheic Keratoses on the Trunk, Extremities and Face: Results of a Phase 2, Randomized, Double-Blind, Vehicle-Controlled, Parallel-Group Study

About A-101 45% Topical Solution

A-101 45% topical solution, an investigational medicine for the treatment of common warts, is a proprietary, stabilized, high concentration hydrogen peroxide topical solution, 45% (w/w), also referred to as HP45. It is being developed as a topical, non-invasive treatment for self-administration or administration by a caregiver. If approved, A-101 45% topical solution would be the first prescription medicine approved by the FDA for the treatment of common warts.

About Common Warts

Common warts, also called verruca vulgaris, are skin growths caused by a virus infecting the top layer of the skin. They affect an estimated 22 million Americans each year with a higher incidence in children than adults. Common warts are often skin-colored and feel rough but can be darker and smooth. Symptoms include pain, bleeding, itching, and burning. Common warts are contagious and may interfere with social activities, cause embarrassment, and carry a social stigma. Each year, over 2 million people in the U.S. are diagnosed with common warts during a visit to a health care professional.

About Aclaris Therapeutics, Inc.

Aclaris Therapeutics, Inc. is a dermatologist-led biopharmaceutical company focused on identifying, developing, and commercializing innovative therapies to address significant unmet needs in aesthetic and medical dermatology and immunology. Aclaris' focus on market segments with no FDA-approved medications or where treatment gaps exist has resulted in the first FDA-approved treatment for raised seborrheic keratoses and several clinical programs to develop medications for the potential treatment of common warts, alopecia areata, and vitiligo. For additional information,

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