



## Zai Lab Announces First Patient Treated in Greater China in PANOVA-3 Phase 3 Pivotal Trial of Tumor Treating Fields in Pancreatic Cancer

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SHANGHAI, SAN FRANCISCO, and CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Jan. 12, 2022 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Zai Lab Limited (NASDAQ: ZLAB; HKEX: 9688), a patient-focused, innovative, commercial-stage, global biopharmaceutical company, today announced treatment of the first patient in Greater China in the PANOVA-3 trial, a Phase 3 pivotal trial of Tumor Treating Fields in patients with pancreatic cancer.

"Pancreatic cancer is a common, highly aggressive form of gastrointestinal cancer, with an estimated five-year survival rate of only about 7% in China," said Alan Sandler, M.D., President, Head of Global Development, Oncology, at Zai Lab. "As the majority of cases have progressed to an advanced stage, there remains an urgent clinical need for more effective treatment options. Tumor Treating Fields has already been approved in the U.S. for glioblastoma and mesothelioma and in China for glioblastoma, and we believe that it represents a promising therapeutic approach for patients with pancreatic cancer as well."

PANOVA-3 is a global, open-label, randomized Phase 3 trial evaluating the efficacy of Tumor Treating Fields administered concomitantly with gemcitabine and nab-paclitaxel as front-line treatment for patients with unresectable, locally advanced pancreatic cancer. The trial is expected to enroll approximately 556 patients. The primary endpoint is overall survival. Secondary endpoints include progression-free survival, local progression-free survival, objective response rate, one-year survival rate, quality of life, pain-free survival, resectability rate, and toxicity.

### About Pancreatic Cancer in China

Pancreatic cancer is one of the most common and deadliest cancers globally. In China, there are an estimated 124,994 new cases per year, according to World Cancer Report 2020, and it is now the eighth most common cancer type. The current median survival of patients with metastatic pancreatic cancer is four to six months, and the five-year survival rate was 7.2%<sup>1</sup>, making it the malignancy with the lowest survival rate in China.

There is an urgent need to improve the clinical outcomes of pancreatic cancer treatment. Pancreatic cancer is difficult to diagnose in early stages, as the disease does not cause easily detectable symptoms because of the location of the pancreas deep within the abdomen. Fewer than 20% of patients are eligible for surgical resection, which is the only potentially curative therapy. Even after radical surgery, many patients have disease recurrence. For patients with unresectable locally advanced or remotely metastasized pancreatic cancer, chemotherapy is still the primary treatment, and median post-treatment survival is less than one year.

<sup>1</sup>*Pancreatic cancer: A review of epidemiology, trend, and risk factors. World J Gastroenterol. 2021 Jul 21; 27(27): 4298–4321.*

### About Tumor Treating Fields

Tumor Treating Fields, or TTFIELDS, are electric fields that disrupt cancer cell division. Fundamental scientific research on TTFIELDS extends across more than two decades and, in all preclinical research to date, TTFIELDS have demonstrated a consistent anti-mitotic effect. TTFIELDS are intended principally for use together with other standard-of-care cancer treatments. There is a growing body of evidence that supports TTFIELDS' broad applicability with certain other cancer therapies, including radiation therapy, certain chemotherapies and certain immunotherapies. In clinical research and commercial experience to date, TTFIELDS has exhibited no systemic toxicity, with mild to moderate skin irritation being the most common side effect. The TTFIELDS global development program includes a network of preclinical collaborators and a broad range of clinical trials across all phases, including four phase 3 pivotal trials in a variety of tumor types. To date, more than 20,000 patients have been treated with TTFIELDS.

### About Zai Lab

Zai Lab (NASDAQ: ZLAB; HKEX: 9688) is a patient-focused, innovative, commercial-stage, global biopharmaceutical company focused on developing and commercializing therapies that address medical conditions with unmet needs in oncology, autoimmune disorders, infectious diseases, and neuroscience. To that end, our experienced team has secured partnerships with leading global biopharmaceutical companies in order to generate a broad pipeline of innovative marketed products and product candidates. We have also built an in-house team with strong product discovery and translational research capabilities and are establishing a pipeline of proprietary product candidates with global rights. Our vision is to become a leading global biopharmaceutical company, discovering, developing, manufacturing, and commercializing our portfolio in order to impact human health worldwide.

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### Zai Lab Forward-Looking Statements

This press release contains statements about future expectations, plans and prospects, including, without limitation, statements relating to the prospects and plans for developing and commercializing Tumor Treating Fields in the Greater China region. These forward-looking statements may contain words such as "aim," "anticipate," "believe," "could," "estimate," "expect," "forecast," "goal," "intend," "may," "plan," "possible," "potential," "will," "would" and other similar expressions. Such statements constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements are not statements of historical fact, nor are they guarantees or assurances of future performance. Forward-looking statements are based on our expectations and assumptions as of the date of this press release and are subject to inherent

uncertainties, risks, and changes in circumstances that may differ materially from those contemplated by the forward-looking statements. Actual results may differ materially from those indicated by such forward-looking statements as a result of various important factors, including but not limited to (1) our ability to successfully commercialize and generate revenue from our approved products, (2) our ability to finance our operations and business initiatives and obtain funding for such activities, (3) our results of clinical and pre-clinical development of our product candidates, (4) the content and timing of decisions made by the relevant regulatory authorities regarding regulatory approvals of our product candidates, (5) the effects of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic on our business and general economic, regulatory, and political conditions, and (6) the risk factors identified in our most recent annual or quarterly report and in other reports we have filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. We anticipate that subsequent events and developments will cause our expectations and assumptions to change, and we undertake no obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events, or otherwise, except as may be required by law. These forward-looking statements should not be relied upon as representing our views as of any date subsequent to the date of this press release.

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