Editas Medicine Announces Presentations at Upcoming Scientific Conferences

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CAMBRIDGE, Mass., April 27, 2016 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Editas Medicine, Inc. (NASDAQ:EDIT), a leading genome editing company, today announced that Editas scientists will present data from its cancer, hematology, ophthalmology and neuromuscular disease programs at the 19th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Gene and Cell Therapy (ASGCT). In addition, Editas scientists will present updated data from the Company's research program to develop therapies for the retinal degenerative disease LCA10 at the Annual Meeting of the Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology (ARVO). The ASGCT meeting will take place May 4-7 in Washington D.C., and the ARVO meeting will take place May 1-5 in Seattle, WA.

"The data to be presented at ASGCT and ARVO will show the broad promise of Editas' pipeline and the productivity of our genome editing platform," said Katrine S. Bosley, President and Chief Executive Officer of Editas Medicine. "We are committed to translating genome editing science into important medicines for patients in the years ahead."

Following is a schedule of the Company's presentations at ASGCT, including links to the abstracts:

Oral Presentation:

CRISPR/Cas9 Mediates Highly Efficient Gene Editing in Long-Term Engrafting Human Hematopoietic Stem/Progenitor Cells Date/Time: Saturday, May 7, 10:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Location: Washington 1-2 Session Info: Targeted Genome Editing: Methods and Technology

Poster Presentations:

Therapeutic Correction of an LCA-Causing Splice Defect in the CEP290 Gene by CRISPR/Cas-Mediated Genome Editing Date/Time: Wednesday, May 4, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Location: Exhibit Hall C & B South Session Info: Targeted Genome Editing I

Screening S. Aureus CRISPR-Cas9 paired-guide RNAs for efficient targeted deletion in Duchenne muscular dystrophy

Date/Time: Thursday, May 5, 6-8 p.m. **Location:** Exhibit Hall C & B South **Session Info:** Targeted Genome Editing II

<u>Successful Generation of CAR⁺PD-1- Primary T Cells Using Cas9-Mediated Genome Editing</u>

Date/Time: Friday, May 6, 6-8 p.m. **Location:** Exhibit Hall C & B South **Session Info:** Targeted Genome Editing III

DNA Ends Matter: The Impact of Using CRISPR/Cas9 Variants on DNA Repair Pathway Choices and Editing Profiles at the HBB Locus

Date/Time: Friday, May 6, 6-8 p.m. **Location:** Exhibit Hall C & B South **Session Info:** Targeted Genome Editing III

Following is a schedule of the Company's poster presentation at ARVO, including a link to the abstract:

Therapeutic Correction of an LCA-Causing Splice Defect in the CEP290 Gene by CRISPR/Cas-Mediated Genome Editing

Date/Time: Sunday, May 1, 3:15-5 p.m. **Location:** Exhibit/Poster Hall C0001-C0042

Session Info: Poster Session – Biochemistry/Molecular Biology: Gene editing and therapies

About Editas Medicine

Editas Medicine is a leading genome editing company dedicated to treating patients with genetically defined diseases by correcting their disease-causing genes. The Company was founded by world leaders in genome editing, and its mission is to translate the promise of genome editing science into a broad class of transformative genomic medicines to benefit the greatest number of patients.

Forward Looking Statements

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