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Elicera Therapeutics Continues Phase I/IIa CARMA Study with CAR T-Cell Therapy as Planned Following Safety Committee's Assessment in Cohort 2

Gothenburg, August 25, 2025 – Elicera Therapeutics AB (publ), a clinical stage cell and gene therapy company developing next generation cancer treatments based on oncolytic viruses and CAR T-cell therapies, armed with immune-activating properties via the company's commercially available iTANK platform, announced today that the Data Safety and Monitoring Board (DSMB) has completed its second assessment of the ongoing Phase I/IIa CARMA clinical study with the CAR T-cell therapy, ELC-301, for the treatment of B-cell lymphoma. The DSMB recommended the continuation of the study as planned.

The dose-escalation study, conducted in collaboration with Uppsala University as the sponsor, consists of two parts: a dose-escalation study (Phase I) with 12 patients and a dose-expansion study (Phase IIa) with 6 patients. The cell therapy ELC-301 incorporates the iTANK platform technology, which, through its parallel immune activation, aims to provide a broader and more effective attack on cancer cells.

The latest data report from the CARMA study, presented at the 7th Swedish Cancer Research Meeting in Malmö on May 22, showed promising preliminary results from the first dose cohort. Of the three patients treated with the lowest dose level, equivalent to one-tenth of the planned maximum dose, two achieved a complete metabolic response, meaning no active lymphoma was detected in imaging-based scans. This includes one patient who had previously stopped responding to a CD19-targeted CAR T therapy, reinforcing ELC-301's potential, particularly for this difficult-to-treat patient group. No serious adverse events were reported.

Following the Data Safety and Monitoring Board's (DSMB) recommendation to continue the study, treatment of patients in the third and final cohort with the highest dose level in the dose-escalation study can now commence.

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About the CARMA Study

CARMA is a phase I/IIa clinical study evaluating the safety and efficacy of the CAR T-cell therapy ELC-301 in the treatment of patients with B-cell lymphoma. The study is divided into a dose-escalation phase (phase I) and a dose-expansion phase (phase IIa). Phase I primarily aims to establish the optimal dose and safety profile in up to 12 patients, while phase IIa will further evaluate the efficacy of

the maximum tolerated dose in an additional six patients. Phase I is planned to include three cohorts (dosing groups), with three patients in the first and second cohorts, and six patients in the third cohort, who are expected to receive the maximum tolerated dose. The CARMA study is being conducted at Uppsala University Hospital and Karolinska University Hospital in Huddinge.

About ELC-301

ELC-301 is a fourth-generation CAR T-cell therapy targeting the CD20 antigen, armed with the company's iTANK platform to activate a broader and more comprehensive parallel immune response against cancer. CAR T-cells are a form of cell therapy created by genetically modifying a patient's T-cells to express a synthetic receptor (chimeric antigen receptor, CAR). This receptor is specifically designed to target a single tumor antigen—a molecule visible on the surface of cancer cells—and enables the T-cells to locate, bind to, and destroy the cancer cells.

About the iTANK-platform

The iTANK technology platform has been developed for arming and enhancing CAR T-cells to meet two of the major challenges CAR T-cell therapies face in the treatment of solid tumors: a very diverse set of tumor antigen targets and a very hostile tumor microenvironment. The technology is used to incorporate a transgene into CAR T-cells encoding a neutrophil activating bacterial protein (NAP). NAP secreted from the CAR(NAP) T-cells has been shown to be able to enhance the function of CAR T-cells and importantly activating a parallel bystander immune response against the cancer via CD8+ killer T-cells. This is expected to lead to a broad attack against most antigen targets on cancer cells. The iTANK platform is used to enhance the company's own CAR T-cells but can also be universally applied to other CAR T-cell therapies under development. Proof-of-concept data was published in Nature Biomedical Engineering in April 2022. The publication, titled "CAR T cells expressing a bacterial virulence factor triggers potent bystander antitumor responses in solid cancers" (DOI number: 10.1038/s41551-022-00875-5) can be found here:

<https://www.nature.com/articles/s41551-022-00875-5>. More information about iTANK platform is available here: <https://www.elicera.com/technology>

About Elicera Therapeutics AB

Elicera Therapeutics AB (publ) has developed the patented gene technology platform iTANK that enables the arming of new and existing CAR T-cell therapies targeting aggressive and relapsing cancer forms. Elicera Therapeutics thereby addresses a well-defined and vast market. The company's CAR T-cell therapies have shown a potent effect toward solid tumors which are recognized as particularly difficult to treat and constitute the majority of cancer cases. The company addresses a global multibillion market in cell therapy through its offering of non-exclusive licensing of the iTANK-platform to companies in the pharmaceutical industry. Elicera Therapeutics has four internal development projects in immune therapy that separately have the potential to generate substantial value through exclusive out-licensing agreements. The company's share is traded on Nasdaq First North Growth Market. For additional information, visit www.elicera.com.