



BELLUS Health Convenes KOL Meeting to Discuss the State of Chronic Cough Treatment

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- Professor Jacky Smith from the University of Manchester to lead live webcast -

LAVAL, Quebec--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- BELLUS Health Inc. (TSX: BLU) ("BELLUS Health" or the "Company"), a clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company developing novel therapeutics for the treatment of chronic cough and other hypersensitization-related disorders, today announced that it will convene a Key Opinion Leader meeting to discuss chronic cough on Tuesday, July 16, 2019 in New York City. The event will include discussions on the unmet medical need in the category, and a review of current therapies in development including P2X3 antagonists. BELLUS Health will also provide clinical and regulatory updates on its lead P2X3 antagonist product candidate for the treatment of chronic cough, BLU-5937.

Dr. Jacky Smith, MB, ChB, FRCP, PhD, is a Professor of Respiratory Medicine at the University of Manchester, UK and an Honorary Consultant at University Hospital of South Manchester NHS Foundation Trust. She runs a multi-disciplinary research team whose focus is on understanding mechanisms underlying pathological cough, and a regional clinical service seeing patients with refractory chronic cough. Her main research interests lie in developing new endpoints in cough monitoring, understanding the mechanisms underlying cough in respiratory diseases and the testing of novel anti-tussive therapies. She is the Principal Investigator of BELLUS Health's Phase 2 study of BLU-5937 in refractory chronic cough.

Meeting Details:

Event: BELLUS Health Chronic Cough KOL Meeting

Date: Tuesday, July 16, 2019

Time: 8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. EDT

The live webcast of the event may be accessed through the [Events and Presentations](#) page of BELLUS Health's website, under the Investors & News section. The archived webcast and presentation will be available on the Company's website after the event.

About BELLUS Health (www.bellushealth.com)

BELLUS Health is a clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company developing novel therapeutics for the treatment of chronic cough and other hypersensitization-related disorders. The Company's lead product candidate, BLU-5937, is being developed for the treatment of chronic cough. BLU-5937, a highly selective P2X3 antagonist, has the potential to be a best-in-class therapeutic for chronic cough patients who do not respond to current therapies. In addition to chronic cough, BLU-5937 may potentially have clinical benefit in other afferent hypersensitization-related disorders, such as visceral pain, hypertension, and migraine, among others. BELLUS Health is currently conducting preclinical studies in additional undisclosed indications.

Chronic cough is classified as a cough lasting more than eight weeks and is associated with significant adverse social, psychosocial and physical effects on health and quality-of-life. More than 26 million adults in the United States suffer from chronic cough. Of these patients, more than 2.6 million have unexplained or refractory chronic cough lasting for more than a year. There are currently no approved therapeutics for the treatment of chronic cough.

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