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## **Bristol-Myers Squibb Advances CytomX Therapeutics' Anti-CTLA-4 Probody Therapeutic BMS-986249 into Randomized Cohort Expansion (Part 2a) of Ongoing Clinical Trial**

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*Expansion Phase to Evaluate CTLA-4-Directed Probody<sup>®</sup> Therapeutic in Combination with Opdivo<sup>®</sup> in Metastatic Melanoma*

*Bristol-Myers Squibb also Advances BMS-986288 into a Separate Phase 1/2a Clinical Trial*

SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., Feb. 24, 2020 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- CytomX Therapeutics, Inc. (Nasdaq: CTMX), a clinical-stage oncology-focused biopharmaceutical company pioneering a novel class of investigational antibody therapeutics based on its Probody<sup>®</sup> therapeutic technology platform, today announced that its partner, Bristol-Myers Squibb, has initiated a randomized Phase 2 cohort expansion in its ongoing first-in-human Phase 1/2a trial of the anti-CTLA-4 Probody BMS-986249 alone and in combination with Opdivo<sup>®</sup> (nivolumab). BMS-986249 is a peptide masked version of the anti-CTLA-4 antibody Yervoy<sup>®</sup> (ipilimumab). The randomized cohort expansion is designed to further evaluate the safety and efficacy of BMS-986249 in combination with Opdivo<sup>®</sup> in patients with metastatic melanoma, as part of the larger clinical trial ([NCT03369223](#)). The advancement of BMS-986249 into this part of the planned study triggers a milestone payment of \$10 million from Bristol-Myers Squibb to CytomX.

In September 2019, Bristol-Myers Squibb also initiated the dose escalation phase of a Phase 1/2a clinical trial ([NCT03994601](#)) of a second anti-CTLA-4 Probody, BMS-986288, based on a modified version of ipilimumab, administered as monotherapy and in combination with nivolumab in patients with selected advanced solid tumors.

These Probody programs, designed to optimize the risk-benefit profile of CTLA-4-directed therapy, arose from the companies' foundational 2014 worldwide oncology license and collaboration agreement.

"CTLA-4 is the prototypical checkpoint target and blocking this mechanism has proven highly effective in the treatment of melanoma and other cancer types. This exciting progress within our alliance with Bristol-Myers Squibb is aimed at the development of anti-CTLA-4 therapies to broaden the reach of this foundational pathway for cancer patients," said Sean McCarthy D.Phil., president, chief executive officer and chairman of CytomX Therapeutics. "This ongoing work by the Bristol-Myers Squibb team complements CytomX's own work and continued clinical progress with the combination of our anti-PD-L1 Probody, CX-072, with ipilimumab, which will further delineate the potential of our Probody therapeutic platform to deliver differentiated anti-cancer therapies."

Additional details on the Phase 1/2a trial of BMS-986249 are available at [ClinicalTrials.gov](#) using the Identifier [NCT03369223](#).

Additional details on the Phase 1/2a trial of BMS-986288 are available at [ClinicalTrials.gov](#) using the Identifier [NCT03994601](#).

### **About CytomX Therapeutics**

CytomX is a clinical-stage, oncology-focused biopharmaceutical company with a vision of transforming lives with safer, more effective therapies. We are developing a novel class of investigational antibody therapeutics, based on our Probody<sup>®</sup> technology platform, for the treatment of cancer. As leaders in the field, our innovative technology is designed to turn previously undruggable targets into druggable targets and to enable more effective combination therapies. CytomX and its partners, comprised of leading biotechnology and pharmaceutical companies, have developed a robust pipeline of potential best-in-class immunotherapies against clinically validated targets and potential first-in-class therapeutics against novel, difficult to drug targets. Five novel drug-candidates utilizing our Probody technology are in clinical trials, with three in Phase 2 studies and two in Phase 1. These clinical programs include cancer immunotherapies against validated targets such as a PD-L1-targeting Probody therapeutic wholly owned by CytomX (CX-072) and a CTLA-4-targeting Probody therapeutic partnered with Bristol Myers Squibb (BMS-986249). The CytomX clinical stage pipeline also includes first-in-class Probody drug conjugates against previously undruggable targets, including a CD166-targeting Probody drug conjugate wholly owned by CytomX (CX-2009) and a CD71-targeting Probody drug conjugate partnered with AbbVie (CX-2029). CD166 and CD71 are among cancer targets considered to be inaccessible to conventional antibody drug conjugates due to their presence on many healthy tissues. In addition to its wholly owned programs, CytomX has strategic collaborations with AbbVie, Amgen and BMS. For additional information about CytomX Therapeutics, visit [www.cytomx.com](#) and follow us on [LinkedIn](#) and [Twitter](#).

### **CytomX Therapeutics Forward-Looking Statements**

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