



KRRO-110 Receives Orphan Drug Designation from U.S. FDA for Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Deficiency

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CAMBRIDGE, Mass., March 14, 2025 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Korro Bio, Inc. (Korro) (Nasdaq: KRRO), a clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company focused on developing a new class of genetic medicines based on editing RNA for both rare and highly prevalent diseases, announced today that the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has granted orphan drug designation to the investigational medicine KRRO-110 for the treatment of Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Deficiency (AATD).

"Receiving orphan drug designation from the FDA underscores the growing need for new treatments for patients living with AATD," said Kemi Olugemo, MD, Chief Medical Officer at Korro. "KRRO-110 has the potential to treat both liver and lung manifestations of AATD, and we are committed to addressing the unmet need and advancing this potentially best-in-class therapy for people living with AATD."

KRRO-110 is the first RNA editing development candidate from Korro's proprietary OPERA™ platform and is currently being evaluated in the Phase 1/2a REWRITE clinical study for AATD. Dosing of the first two single ascending dose cohorts in healthy adult volunteers has been completed, and an interim readout is expected in the second half of 2025.

The FDA's Office of Orphan Products Development grants orphan designation status to drugs and biologics that are intended for the treatment of rare diseases affecting fewer than 200,000 people in the United States. Orphan drug designation provides various development incentives, including tax credits for qualified clinical testing, prescription drug user fee exemptions, and the potential for market exclusivity following FDA approval.

About REWRITE

REWRITE is a two-part single and multiple dose-escalating study that will evaluate the safety and tolerability of KRRO-110 in up to 64 participants, including healthy adults and clinically stable AATD patients with the PiZZ genotype. Secondary and exploratory endpoints include pharmacokinetic and pharmacodynamic parameters that will guide optimal dose selection for later stage studies. Interim data from Part 1 (single ascending doses in healthy volunteers and individuals with AATD) is expected in the second half of 2025, and completion of the study is anticipated in 2026. For additional information about the REWRITE study, visit [ClinicalTrials.gov \(NCT06677307\)](https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/study/NCT06677307).

About Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Deficiency (AATD) and KRRO-110

AATD is a genetic disorder most commonly caused by a single missense mutation (G-to-A) in the SERPINA1 gene. Affected adults experience pulmonary emphysema and/or hepatic cirrhosis, as well as end organ manifestations. KRRO-110 is the first RNA editing oligonucleotide product candidate from Korro's proprietary RNA editing platform, Oligonucleotide Promoted Editing of RNA (OPERA™). KRRO-110, a potential best-in-class compound based on preclinical data, is designed to co-opt an endogenous enzyme, Adenosine Deaminase Acting on RNA (ADAR), to edit the "A" variant on SERPINA1 RNA, repair an amino acid codon, and restore secretion of normal AAT protein. This repair of the endogenous protein has the potential to clear protein aggregates from within liver cells to create a potentially clinically differentiated benefit for liver function and to preserve lung function by providing an adequate amount of normal AAT protein.

About Korro

Korro is a clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company focused on developing a new class of genetic medicines based on editing RNA for both rare and highly prevalent diseases. Korro is generating a portfolio of differentiated programs that are designed to harness the body's natural RNA editing process, enabling a precise yet transient single base edit. By editing RNA instead of DNA, Korro is expanding the reach of genetic medicines by delivering additional precision and tunability, which has the potential for increased specificity and improved long-term tolerability. Using an oligonucleotide-based approach, Korro expects to bring its medicines to patients by leveraging its proprietary platform with precedented delivery modalities, manufacturing know-how, and established regulatory pathways of approved oligonucleotide drugs. Korro is based in Cambridge, Massachusetts. For more information, visit korrobio.com.

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