



Adagene's ADG126 to be Highlighted in Two Presentations at the 2025 Chinese Society of Clinical Oncology (CSCO) Meeting in Jinan, China

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SAN DIEGO and SUZHOU, China, Sept. 05, 2025 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Adagene Inc. ("Adagene or the Company") (Nasdaq: ADAG), a company transforming the discovery and development of novel antibody-based therapies, today announced that ADG126 will be highlighted in two oral presentations at this year's CSCO Meeting, taking place September 10-14 in Jinan, China.

Harnessing the Power of Masked CTLA-4 Blockade: Updated ADG126-P001 Phase 1b/2 Results of ADG126 + Pembrolizumab in Advanced MSS CRC

Presenter: Dr. Xu Ruihua, Professor and President of Sun Yat-sen University Cancer Center and Chairman of the Chinese Society of Clinical Oncology (CSCO)

Date and Time: Thursday, September 11
at 14:45-15:00 CST (China Standard Time)

Location: Jinan, China

Immunotherapy for mCRC

Presenter: Dr. Heinz-Josef Lenz, Chair of the GI Oncology Program and co-director of the Colorectal Center at University of Southern California Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center.

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"Microsatellite stable (MSS) colorectal cancer (CRC) remains one of the cold tumors where effective immunotherapy still remains elusive and I believe anti-CTLA-4 therapy should be part of the solution," said Dr. Lenz. "By enabling CTLA-4-mediated intratumoral Treg depletion, the masked anti-CTLA-4 ADG126 (muzastotug) in combination with pembrolizumab, has shown compelling results in Phase 1b/2 dose expansion in MSS CRC. The safety profile of ADG126 allows higher, more frequent and repeat doses of anti-CTLA-4 in combination with anti-PD-1 therapy, and has shown potential to improve longer-term survival benefit for MSS CRC patients. At CSCO, I will review the essential role of anti-CTLA-4 therapy in metastatic CRC including the approved Nivolumab+Ipilimumab in MSI-H CRC as well as the next generation Treg depleting anti-CTLA-4 in treating cold tumors like MSS CRC."

Dr. Lenz serves as an unpaid member of Adagene's Scientific Advisory Board.

ADG126 is the first masked anti-CTLA-4 in combination with an approved anti-PD-1 therapy to achieve an objective response rate (ORR) of ~30% with durable responses and over 80% disease control in refractory/resistant MSS CRC with no liver metastasis (NLM), while maintaining less than 20% of Grade 3 treatment-related adverse events (TRAEs). These ORR and DoR outcomes are likely to translate into overall survival benefit, as demonstrated by the 10 mg/kg cohorts exhibiting a median OS of 19.4 months.

About Adagene

Adagene Inc. (Nasdaq: ADAG) is a platform-driven, clinical-stage biotechnology company committed to transforming the discovery and development of novel antibody-based cancer immunotherapies. Adagene combines computational biology and artificial intelligence to design novel antibodies that address globally unmet patient needs. The company has forged strategic collaborations with reputable global partners that leverage its SAFEbody® precision masking technology in multiple approaches at the vanguard of science.

Powered by its proprietary Dynamic Precision Library (DPL) platform, composed of NEObody™, SAFEbody, and POWERbody™ technologies Adagene's highly differentiated pipeline features novel immunotherapy programs. The company's SAFEbody technology is designed to address safety and tolerability challenges associated with many antibody therapeutics by using precision masking technology to shield the binding domain of the biologic therapy. Through activation in the tumor microenvironment, this allows for tumor-specific targeting of antibodies in tumor microenvironment, while minimizing on-target off-tumor toxicity in healthy tissues.

Adagene's lead clinical program, ADG126 (muzastotug), is a masked, anti-CTLA-4 SAFEbody that targets a unique epitope of CTLA-4 in regulatory T cells (Tregs) in the tumor microenvironment. ADG126 is currently in phase 1b/2 clinical studies in combination with anti-PD-1 therapy, particularly focused on Metastatic Microsatellite-stable (MSS) Colorectal Cancer (CRC). Validated by ongoing clinical research, the SAFEbody platform can be applied to a wide variety of antibody-based therapeutic modalities, including Fc empowered antibodies, antibody-drug conjugates, and bi/multi-specific T-cell engagers.

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