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Egetis Therapeutics asks for hugs to increase disease awareness of MCT8 deficiency

Stockholm, Sweden, February 24, 2022 - Egetis Therapeutics AB (publ) (Nasdaq Stockholm: EGTX) today launched #MCT8Hugs – a global, online initiative to drive awareness of MCT8 deficiency.

MCT8 deficiency is a rare and life-shortening genetic disease, causing serious consequences such as severely impaired neurocognitive development and motor function. In most of those affected, this results in an inability to maintain head control, sit independently and walk. In addition, MCT8 deficiency is associated with a state of chronic thyrotoxicosis manifested by severe underweight, muscle wasting and cardiovascular abnormalities. The disease only affects males, and the first symptoms usually emerge within the first months after birth. While rare, there is a universal need to improve the recognition, understanding and diagnosis of this devastating disease.

At the end of 2021, Egetis Therapeutics launched disease awareness initiatives including the global Cuddly Toy Campaign to drive better awareness of MCT8 deficiency among healthcare professionals and support diagnosis. This powerful campaign features a series of cuddly toys with tilted heads, synonymous with the inability of affected boys to hold up their heads. The campaign includes a series of advertisements as well as the website www.mct8deficiency.com and was recently shortlisted by the prestigious 2022 Pharmaceutical Marketing Society awards in London, <https://pmsociety.org.uk/about-the-pm-society/>.



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Egetis Therapeutics is now asking everyone to get behind this campaign by sharing a selfie featuring their favourite cuddly toy. #MCT8Hugs will run across all social media platforms with particular emphasis on Rare Disease Day (February 28, 2022), Thyroid Day (May 25, 2022) and World MCT8-AHDS Day (October 8, 2022). “We’d like to create a small online movement to help generate better awareness of MCT8 deficiency, support diagnosis and improve the situation for the affected families” said Henrik Krook, VP Commercial Operations, Egetis Therapeutics. “Please spend a few minutes engaging in, and sharing, this selfie campaign as it really could help drive a serious message for a devastating disease that’s currently underrecognized”, he continued.

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About Egetis Therapeutics

Egetis Therapeutics is an innovative and integrated pharmaceutical drug development company, focusing on projects in late-stage development for treatment of serious diseases with significant unmet medical needs in the orphan drug segment. The drug candidate Emcitate is developed as the first potential treatment for patients with MCT8 deficiency, a rare disease with high unmet medical need and no available treatment. Triac Trial I (Phase IIb) and a long-term real-life study have been completed with clinically relevant and highly significant results on serum T3 concentrations and secondary clinical endpoints. Triac Trial II is an ongoing study in very young MCT8 deficiency patients (<30 months of age) investigating neurocognitive effects of early intervention with Emcitate. Results are expected in Q1 2024. Egetis intends to submit a marketing authorization application for Emcitate to the European Medicines Agency during the first half of 2023, based on existing clinical data. Before submission for a New Drug Application in the US, targeted in mid-2023, Egetis will conduct a randomized, placebo-controlled study in 16 treated patients to verify the results on T3 levels seen in previous clinical trials and publications. Emcitate holds Orphan Drug Designation (ODD) in the US and EU and has been granted Rare Pediatric Disease Designation and Fast Track Designation by the US FDA. The drug candidate Aladote is a first in class drug candidate developed to reduce the risk of acute liver injury associated with paracetamol poisoning. A proof of principle study has been successfully completed and the design of the upcoming pivotal Phase IIb/III study for Aladote has been finalized after completed interactions with FDA, EMA and MHRA. Aladote has been granted Orphan Drug Designation in the US and an application for ODD was submitted in Europe in Q1 2021. There is an ongoing dialogue with EMA on the appropriate indication for an ODD in the EU.

Egetis Therapeutics (STO: EGTX) is listed on the Nasdaq Stockholm main market. For more information, see www.egetis.com

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About MCT8 Deficiency

Monocarboxylate transporter 8 (MCT8) deficiency is a rare genetic disease with high unmet medical need and no available treatment, affecting 1:70,000 males. Thyroid hormone is crucial for the development and metabolic state of virtually all tissues. Thyroid hormone transport across the plasma membrane is required for the hormone's metabolism and intracellular action and is facilitated by thyroid hormone transporters, including MCT8. Mutations in the gene for MCT8, located on the X-chromosome, cause MCT8 deficiency, also called Allan-Herndon-Dudley syndrome (AHDS) in affected males. The resulting dysfunction of MCT8 leads to impaired transport of thyroid hormone into certain cells and across the blood-brain-barrier and disruption of normal thyroid hormone regulation. This leads to a complex pattern of symptoms with neurological developmental delay and intellectual disability, accompanied by strongly elevated circulating thyroid hormone concentrations which are toxic for tissues including the heart, muscle, liver and kidney and results in symptoms such as failure to thrive, cardiovascular stress, insomnia and muscle wasting. Most patients will never develop the ability to walk or even sit independently. At present there is no approved therapy available for the treatment of patients with MCT8 deficiency.