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# Bexmarilimab for Hematological Malignancies KOL Event

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**TURKU, FINLAND / BOSTON, MA** - Faron Pharmaceuticals Oy (AIM: FARN, First North: FARON), a clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company focused on tackling cancers via novel immunotherapies, today announces plans to host a virtual KOL event via webcast on Tuesday, April 25 at 11.00 EST/16.00 BST/18.00 EEST with Dr. Naval Daver, MD, Associate Professor of Leukemia at The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center; Dr. Mika Kontro, MD, PhD, Associate Professor at the University of Helsinki and Faron management.

As part of the event, Dr. Daver will discuss the unmet medical need in acute myeloid leukemia (AML) and myelodysplastic syndrome (MDS). Dr. Kontro will provide an update on the most recent Phase I/II BEXMAB data in AML and MDS patients.

# The agenda is as follows:

- Opening remarks and introductions Dr. Markku Jalkanen, PhD, CEO
- Unmet medical need in r/r AML and MDS Dr. Naval Daver, MD, Scientific Advisor for Faron
- BEXMAB clinical data in combination with standard of care Dr. Mika Kontro, MD, PhD
- Next steps planned for the study Dr. Marie-Louise Fjällskog, MD, PhD, CMO
- Q&A session
- Closing remarks

Faron reported this week updated additional positive data from its ongoing Phase I/II BEXMAB study, investigating *bexmarilimab*, the Company's wholly owned immunotherapy asset, in combination with standard of care (SoC) in relapsed/refractory acute myeloid leukemia (AML) and myelodysplastic syndromes (MDS). The latest update included two objective responses (ORR) and two stable disease (SD) patients observed, with one having > 50% reduction of blast cells, in the second doublet cohort. Of three patients with ORR in the first doublet cohort, two remain on the study after 10 and 9 months, respectively, and the third has undergone a potentially curative transplantation.

During the event, Dr. Marie-Louise Fjällskog, Faron's Chief Medical Officer, will discuss next steps planned for the BEXMAB program. There will be an opportunity to ask questions during the webcast.

"I am delighted to be hosting this KOL Day with Dr. Daver and Dr. Kontro," said Dr. Markku Jalkanen, Faron's CEO. "They will provide important insights into the immunotherapy approaches currently available to patients with hematological malignancies and the work Faron is doing to potentially bring the promise of immunotherapy to a broader patient group."

To register for the webcast: <a href="https://faron.videosync.fi/kol-call-04-2023/register">https://faron.videosync.fi/kol-call-04-2023/register</a> or contact the IR team for more information at investor.relations@faron.com.

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#### About Bexmarilimab

Bexmarilimab is Faron's wholly owned, investigational immunotherapy with the potential to provide immune stimulation for treatment-resistant cancers through targeting myeloid cell function. A novel anti-CLEVER-1 humanized antibody, bexmarilimab targets CLEVER-1 positive (Common Lymphatic Endothelial and Vascular Endothelial Receptor 1) tumor-associated macrophages (TAMs) in the tumor microenvironment, converting highly immunosuppressive M2 macrophages to immune-stimulating M1 macrophages. As an immuno-oncology therapy, bexmarilimab has therapeutic potential in combination with other standard treatments including immune checkpoint molecules in both solid tumors and hematologic malignancies.

#### **About BEXMAB**

The BEXMAB study is a first-in-human, open-label Phase I/II clinical trial investigating *bexmarilimab* in combination with standard of care (SoC) in the aggressive hematological malignancies of acute myeloid leukemia (AML) and myelodysplatic syndrome (MDS). The primary objective is to determine the safety and tolerability of *bexmarilimab* in combination with SoC (azacytidine) treatment and to identify the recommended Phase II dose. Directly targeting CLEVER-1 could limit the replication capacity of cancer cells, increase antigen presentation, ignite an immune response, and allow current treatments to be more effective. CLEVER-1 is highly expressed in both AML and MDS and associated with therapy resistance, limited T cell activation and poor outcomes.

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# **About Faron Pharmaceuticals Oy**

Faron Pharmaceuticals Oy (AIM: FARN, First North: FARON), together with its subsidiaries, is a clinical stage biopharmaceutical group focused on building the future of immunotherapy by harnessing the power of the immune system to tackle cancer. *Bexmarilimab*, a novel anti-CLEVER-1 humanized antibody, is its investigational immunotherapy with the potential to remove immunosuppression of cancers through targeting myeloid cell function. *Bexmarilimab* is being investigated in Phase I/II clinical trials as a potential therapy for patients with hematological and solid cancers in combination with other standard treatments including immune checkpoint molecules. Faron is headquartered in Turku, Finland. Further information is available at <a href="https://www.faron.com">www.faron.com</a>.

## **Forward-Looking Statements**

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