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OncoSec Announces Publication In Nature Gene Therapy Demonstrating Efficacy Of IL-12 Intratumoral Gene Electrotransfer

Research Spotlights OncoSec's Next Generation Electroporation (EP) Platform

SAN DIEGO, March 12, 2018 /PRNewswire/ -- OncoSec Medical Incorporated (OncoSec) (NASDAQ:ONCS), a company developing intratumoral cancer immunotherapies, today announced that its manuscript, "Improving therapeutic efficacy of IL-12 intratumoral gene electrotransfer," has been published in *Nature Gene Therapy*. The research, led by a team of OncoSec scientists, evolves the company's current clinical EP platform to improve the therapeutic efficacy of IL-12 intratumoral gene electrotransfer through novel plasmid design and modified parameters.

"In cancer therapy, transforming an immunologically 'cold' tumor to 'hot' offers the potential to treat a number of tumors and cancer indications that are otherwise unfavorable to current standards of care," said Dr. Christopher Twitty, Chief Scientific Officer of OncoSec. "Our ImmunoPulse® technology employs EP to enable the delivery of DNA-based IL-12 directly into tumor cells, which reshapes the tumor microenvironment leading to the generation of systemic, tumor antigen-specific T cells. The research published in *Nature Gene Therapy* highlights this capability and the potential for improving the efficacy and anti-tumor response by optimizing key components of the technology platform."

Researchers sought to improve the efficacy and systemic anti-tumor response of OncoSec's clinical IT-pIL12-EP platform by modifying *in vivo* electroporation conditions and enhancing plasmid-derived IL-12p70 expression. The improved IL-12 therapeutic platform was evaluated *in vitro* and *in vivo* using murine syngeneic tumor models.

Findings show that modifications to the electroporation parameters, including lowering the electric field strength (low voltage) combined with a longer pulse length, significantly increase the transfection efficiency of intratumoral electroporation.

"With both preclinical models and clinical trials, EP has been used to successfully deliver therapeutic genes via non-viral vectors (gene electrotransfer) or to increase uptake of chemotherapeutic drugs into tumor cells (electrochemotherapy)," said Dr. David Canton, senior author and Head of Research & Development at OncoSec. "The newly developed IT-pIL12-P2A-EP platform marks a significant improvement of our electroporation-based cancer immunotherapy."

To read the full article, please visit <https://www.nature.com/articles/s41434-018-0006-y>.

About OncoSec Medical Incorporated

OncoSec is a biotechnology company developing DNA-based intratumoral immunotherapies with an investigational technology, ImmunoPulse[®], for the treatment of cancer. ImmunoPulse is designed to enhance the local delivery and uptake of DNA-based immune-targeting agents, such as plasmid encoded IL-12 (tavokinogene telseplasmid or "tavo"). In Phase 1 and 2 clinical trials, ImmunoPulse[®] IL-12 has demonstrated a favorable safety profile, evidence of anti-tumor activity in the treatment of various solid tumors, and the potential to reach beyond the site of local treatment to initiate a systemic immune response. OncoSec's lead program, ImmunoPulse IL-12, is currently in clinical development for metastatic melanoma and triple-negative breast cancer. The program's current focus is on the significant unmet medical need in patients with melanoma who are refractory or have relapsed on anti-PD-1 therapies. In addition to tavo, the Company is also identifying and developing new immune-targeting agents for use with the ImmunoPulse platform. For more information, please visit www.oncosec.com.

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