



Press release

RSPR Pharma initiates Phase II clinical trial of oral mast cell inhibitor CRD007 in uncontrolled asthma

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RSPR Pharma AB today announced the initiation of a phase II clinical proof of concept trial of CRD007 in asthma patients not fully controlled by inhaled corticosteroids and long acting beta-agonists (ICS/LABA). The study is a randomized, placebo-controlled, double-blind multicenter trial involving up to 200 patients at 15 centers in 3 different countries.

Asthma is an inflammatory condition affecting some 300 million people world-wide. Despite the use of ICS/LABA, only 50% of asthma patients have adequate asthma control, and the socioeconomic burden of uncontrolled asthma is huge.

“There is still a huge medical need for novel therapy in asthma when ICS/LABA is insufficient. Patients and clinicians have a strong preference for oral, safe and effective asthma medicines over inhaled or injectable medications. We believe that RSPR Pharma’s lead compound addresses this need and has a great market potential” says Dr Carl-Johan Dalsgaard, CEO and co-founder of RSPR Pharma.

RSPR Pharma’s proprietary lead compound CRD007 is targeting the mast cells, which play a key role in asthmatic airway inflammation but are not adequately inhibited by corticosteroids.

About RSPR Pharma AB

RSPR Pharma AB is a Swedish private clinical stage company exploring new medical approaches to treat respiratory disease. The major shareholders are HealthCap (co-founder), Forbion Capital Partners of the Netherlands, and Novo Seeds and Sunstone of Denmark.

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About HealthCap

HealthCap is a European venture capital firm investing solely and globally in life sciences. It is one of the larger VC's within life sciences in Europe, having raised more than EUR 1 billion in seven funds since 1996, invested in 100 companies and taken 34 companies public. HealthCap has over the years backed and built companies developing new treatments for people with life-altering conditions. HealthCap's investment strategy focuses on diseases with high unmet medical needs and therapies that have the potential to be transformative and change medical practice and the lives of patients suffering these conditions. Over the years the portfolio companies have developed 21 pharmaceutical products to the market. Many of these products, such as Firazyr®, Xofigo®, Tracleer®, are breakthrough therapies helping patients with life-threatening diseases to live better lives. In addition, HealthCap companies have brought more than forty medical device products to market, including innovative treatments such as CoreValve®, Zephyr® and Cerament-G®. These products have generated significant value to many stakeholders, including patients, physicians, society as well as to HealthCap's investors.

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