



Zentalis Pharmaceuticals and Caris Life Sciences Announce Strategic Collaboration to Support Clinical Studies, Initially Focused on the Wee1 Inhibitor ZN-c3

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Caris' molecular profiling platforms will help identify and characterize patients for Zentalis' clinical studies investigating its targeted candidates

NEW YORK and SAN DIEGO, March 29, 2022 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Zentalis Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (Nasdaq: ZNTL), a clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company focused on discovering and developing small molecule therapeutics targeting fundamental biological pathways of cancers, today announced a strategic collaboration with Caris Life Sciences, the leading molecular science and technology company actively developing and delivering innovative solutions to revolutionize healthcare.

Through this partnership, Caris will sequence individuals' complete exome and transcriptome, leverage real-world data to help inform clinical development and help identify eligible patients for Zentalis' clinical trials. Initially, Caris will assist in the recruiting efforts for Zentalis' clinical trials investigating the Wee1 inhibitor, ZN-c3.

"We are pleased to establish this collaboration with Caris, a pioneer in precision medicine and molecular science," commented Dr. Anthony Sun, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Zentalis. "We believe Caris' unique and comprehensive profiling offerings combined with robust databases will enable us to optimize the development of our novel oncology therapeutics, as well as provide invaluable resources for patient recruitment."

"We are excited to partner with Zentalis to help advance the development of their promising oncology candidates," said David Spetzler, M.S., Ph.D., MBA, President and Chief Scientific Officer of Caris. "Our unique platforms will provide Zentalis with critical information and insights to empower their programs. Together, we are committed to delivering better treatment options to cancer patients and unlocking the promise of precision medicine."

Under the terms of the agreement, Zentalis retains full ownership of its therapeutic candidates.

About Zentalis Pharmaceuticals

Zentalis Pharmaceuticals, Inc. is a clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company focused on discovering and developing small molecule therapeutics targeting fundamental biological pathways of cancers. The Company is developing a broad pipeline of potentially best-in-class oncology candidates, all internally discovered, which include ZN-c3, a Wee1 inhibitor for advanced solid tumors, ZN-c5, an oral selective estrogen receptor degrader (SERD) for ER+/HER2- breast cancer, ZN-d5, a BCL-2 inhibitor for hematologic malignancies and related disorders, and ZN-e4, an EGFR inhibitor for non-small cell lung carcinoma (NSCLC). Zentalis has licensed ZN-c3, ZN-c5 and ZN-d5 to its joint venture, Zentera Therapeutics, to develop and commercialize these candidates in China. Zentalis has operations in both New York and San Diego.

For more information, please visit www.zentalis.com. Follow Zentalis on Twitter at [@ZentalisP](https://twitter.com/ZentalisP) and on LinkedIn at www.linkedin.com/company/zentalis-pharmaceuticals.

About Caris Life Sciences

Caris Life Sciences® (Caris) is the leading molecular science and technology company actively developing and delivering innovative solutions to revolutionize healthcare and improve patient outcomes. Through comprehensive molecular profiling (Whole Exome and Whole Transcriptome Sequencing) and the application of advanced artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning algorithms, Caris has created the large-scale clinico-genomic database and cognitive computing needed to analyze and unravel the molecular complexity of disease. This information provides an unmatched resource and the ideal path forward to conduct the basic, fundamental research to accelerate discovery for detection, diagnosis, monitoring, therapy selection and drug development to improve the human condition.

With a primary focus on cancer, Caris' suite of market-leading molecular profiling offerings assesses DNA, RNA and proteins to reveal a molecular blueprint that helps patients, physicians and researchers better detect, diagnose and treat patients. Caris' latest advancement, which is currently available within its Precision Oncology Alliance, is a blood-based, circulating nucleic acids sequencing (cNAS) assay that combines comprehensive molecular analysis (Whole Exome and Whole Transcriptome Sequencing from blood) and serial monitoring – making it the most powerful liquid biopsy assay ever developed.

Headquartered in Irving, Texas, Caris has offices in Phoenix, New York, Denver, Tokyo, Japan and Basel, Switzerland. Caris provides services throughout the U.S., Europe, Asia and other international markets. To learn more, please visit CarisLifeSciences.com or follow us on Twitter ([@CarisLS](https://twitter.com/CarisLS)).

Forward-Looking Statements

This press release contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. All statements contained in this press release that do not relate to matters of historical fact should be considered forward-looking statements, including without limitation statements regarding our expectations surrounding the development, potential, safety, efficacy, and regulatory progress of clinical trials for our product candidates, including without limitation ZN-c3, in the United States and globally, the potential success of any current and future collaborations, and plans and timing for the initiation of and the release of data from our clinical trials and our ability to meet other key milestones. These statements are neither promises nor guarantees, but involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other important factors that may

cause our actual results, performance or achievements to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements, including, but not limited to the important factors discussed under the caption "Risk Factors" in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2021 filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and our other filings with the SEC. Any such forward-looking statements represent management's estimates as of the date of this press release. While we may elect to update such forward-looking statements at some point in the future, we disclaim any obligation to do so, even if subsequent events cause our views to change.

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