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Hybrigenics to present inecalcitol results at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Clinical Oncology

The complete results of oral inecalcitol's Phase IIa clinical study in castrate-resistant prostate cancer in combination with Taxotere[®] include:

- Excellent tolerance up to 4 mg per day for 18 weeks
- High response rate: 85% of the patients within 3 months
- Fast onset of action: in 43% of the patients within 3 weeks

Paris, May 31, 2011 – Hybrigenics (ALHYG), a bio-pharmaceutical group listed on Alternext (NYSE-Euronext) in Paris, with a focus on research and development of new cancer treatments, today announces that the complete positive results of clinical tolerance Phase IIa study of daily oral inecalcitol in castrate-resistant prostate cancer patients, in combination with the standard 3-weekly Taxotere® chemotherapy regimen, will be presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) on June 5th in Chicago.

At the ASCO meeting, Hybrigenics will report a completely new aspect relating to the fast onset of action of the combination treatment: 43% of the patients showing a Prostate-Specific Antigen (PSA) decline of at least 30% within 3 weeks (*i.e.* before the second injection of Taxotere[®]). In addition to the previously reported high maximum tolerated dose (4 milligram per day) and excellent total response rate (85% of the patients showing a PSA decline of at least 30% within 3 months), this fast onset of action justifies the preparation of the next step of development: the start of a phase IIb study.

"Speed of response is rarely mentioned as a metric in publications of prostate study results. We believe that this makes inecalcitol's speed of action all the more remarkable," stated Dr. Jean-François Dufour-Lamartinie, Hybrigenics' Chief Medical Officer. "This data strongly suggests that the daily anti-proliferative activity of inecalcitol efficiently complemented the initial cytotoxic effect of Taxotere."

Given its excellent safety profile and strong presumption of efficacy, inecalcitol can proceed to a clinical efficacy Phase IIb study in the same therapeutic indication as soon as pharmaceutical or financial partners have been secured. Other diseases such as hormone-dependent prostate cancer and severe psoriasis will be considered as additional indications for inecalcitol, to take advantage of its strong anti-proliferative potency.

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About Hybrigenics (ISIN: FR0004153930, Ticker: ALHYG)

Hybrigenics (www.hybrigenics.com) is a bio-pharmaceutical group listed (ALHYG) on Alternext (NYSE-Euronext) in Paris, focusing its internal R&D programs on innovative targets and therapies for the treatment of cancer. Hybrigenics' development program is based on inecalcitol, a vitamin D receptor agonist, for the treatment of hormone-refractory prostate cancer in combination with Sanofi's Taxotere[®], which is the current gold-standard chemotherapeutic treatment for this indication. Hybrigenics' research program explores the role of enzymes known as ubiquitin-specific proteases (USP) in the degradation of onco-proteins, and the effectiveness of proprietary USP inhibitors in treating various types of cancer.

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