



## Cassava Sciences Announces Second Quarter 2019 Financial Results

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AUSTIN, Texas, Aug. 12, 2019 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Cassava Sciences, Inc. (Nasdaq: SAVA), a clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company developing PTI-125 for Alzheimer's disease, today reported financial results for the second quarter ended June 30, 2019. Net loss for the second quarter 2019 was \$1.1 million, or \$0.06 per share, as compared to a net loss of \$2.5 million for the same period in 2018. Net cash use was \$0.6 million during the second quarter of 2019.

Cassava Sciences ended the second quarter 2019 with \$18.5 million of cash and cash equivalents, and no debt.

### About PTI-125

PTI-125 is an investigational drug candidate for Alzheimer's disease. We developed this small molecule drug to target a process known as "protein misfolding." PTI-125 has a novel mechanism of action: it stabilizes a critical protein that is otherwise altered and misfolded in the Alzheimer's brain. PTI-125 has demonstrated both cognitive improvement and slowing of disease progression in animal models of disease. We are also developing a blood-based diagnostic to detect Alzheimer's disease, called PTI-125Dx. The goal of PTI-125Dx is to make the detection of Alzheimer's disease as simple as getting a blood test.

The underlying science for our scientific programs is published in prestigious peer-reviewed technical journals, including *Journal of Neuroscience*, *Neurobiology of Aging*, and *Journal of Biological Chemistry*. The National Institutes of Health (NIH) has awarded us several research grants following an in-depth, confidential review of our science and technology. In 2019-2020, these NIH grants may represent up to \$6.7 million of non-dilutive financing.

### Financial Highlights for Second Quarter 2019

- At June 30, 2019, cash and cash equivalents were \$18.5 million, compared to \$19.8 million at December 31, 2018. Net cash utilized during the second quarter 2019 was \$0.6 million. We have no debt.
- Net loss was \$1.1 million compared to \$2.5 million for the same period in the prior year, representing a 57% decrease. Net loss per share was \$0.06 compared to \$0.36 for the same period in the prior year.
- We received research grant funding reimbursements of \$1.4 million from NIH and recorded this as a reduction in research and development expenses ("R&D"). This compared to \$0.4 million of NIH grant receipts received for the same period in the prior year.
- Net R&D expenses were \$0.3 million. This compared to \$1.5 million for the same period in the prior year, representing a 79% decrease. The decrease was due primarily to the increase in NIH grant funding in 2019 compared to the prior year combined with a decrease in non-cash stock-based compensation expense. R&D expenses included non-cash stock related compensation costs of \$0.1 million compared to \$0.3 million for same period in the prior year.
- General and administrative ("G&A") expenses were \$0.8 million. This compared to \$1.0 million for the same period in 2018, representing a 15% decrease. G&A expenses included non-cash stock-based compensation costs of \$0.2 million compared to \$0.4 million for the same period in the prior year.

### About Alzheimer's Disease

Alzheimer's disease is a progressive brain disorder that destroys memory and thinking skills. Eventually, a person with Alzheimer's disease may be unable to carry out even simple tasks. Currently, there are no drug therapies to halt Alzheimer's disease, much less reverse its course.

An estimated 5.8 million Americans of all ages are living with Alzheimer's disease in 2019.

### About Cassava Sciences, Inc.

The mission of Cassava Sciences is to detect and treat neurodegenerative diseases, such as Alzheimer's disease. Over the past ten years, we have combined state-of-the-art technology with new insights in neurobiology to develop novel solutions for Alzheimer's disease. We own worldwide development and commercial rights to our research programs in Alzheimer's disease, and related technology, without royalty obligations to any third-party.

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CASSAVA SCIENCES, INC.  
CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS  
(unaudited, in thousands, except per share amounts)

	Three months ended June 30,		Six months ended June 30,	
	2019	2018	2019	2018
Operating expenses				
Research and development	\$ 308	\$ 1,463	\$ 882	\$ 2,532
General and administrative	845	998	1,722	2,097
Total operating expenses	1,153	2,461	2,604	4,629
Operating loss	(1,153 )	(2,461 )	(2,604 )	(4,629 )
Interest income	94	9	186	16
Net loss	\$ (1,059 )	\$ (2,452 )	\$ (2,418 )	\$ (4,613 )
Net loss per share, basic and diluted	\$ (0.06 )	\$ (0.36 )	\$ (0.14 )	\$ (0.68 )
Weighted-average shares used in computing net loss per share, basic and diluted	17,162	6,838	17,162	6,739

CONDENSED BALANCE SHEETS  
(unaudited, in thousands)

	June 30, 2019	December 31, 2018
<b>Assets</b>		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 18,534	\$ 19,807
Other current assets	49	233
Total current assets	18,583	20,040
Property and equipment, net	75	87
Operating lease right-of-use assets	135	—
Other assets	12	12
Total assets	\$ 18,805	\$ 20,139
<b>Liabilities and stockholders' equity</b>		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable	\$ 594	\$ 294
Accrued development expense	179	156
Accrued compensation and benefits	60	61
Operating lease liabilities, current	90	—
Other accrued liabilities	14	—
Total current liabilities	937	511
Operating lease liabilities, non-current	45	—
Total liabilities	982	511

Stockholders' equity		
Common Stock and additional paid-in-capital	184,197	183,584
Accumulated deficit	(166,374 )	(163,956 )
Total stockholders' equity	17,823	19,628
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 18,805	\$ 20,139



Source: Cassava Sciences, Inc.