Evoke Pharma Receives Notice of Allowance from United States Patent and Trademark Office for a Method of Use Patent with Claims Covering Gimoti®

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New patent expands intellectual property protection for nasal delivery of metoclopramide

SOLANA BEACH, Calif., April 06, 2021 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Evoke Pharma, Inc. (NASDAQ: EVOK), a specialty pharmaceutical company focused on treatments for gastrointestinal (GI) diseases, today announced that the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) issued a Notice of Allowance to Evoke for U.S. Application No. 16/181,841 for Gimoti® (metoclopramide) nasal spray. When granted, the patent will cover methods of use for nasal delivery of metoclopramide for the treatment of gastroparesis. The patent, entitled "*Nasal Formulations of Metoclopramide*," carries a patent term to at least 2029. Gimoti is Evoke's nasal spray product for the relief of symptoms in acute and recurrent diabetic gastroparesis. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved the New Drug Application for Gimoti in June 2020. This new patent covers Gimoti for gastroparesis and will be listable in FDA's Orange Book.

"We are pleased with this additional USPTO determination that Gimoti is innovative and novel. We believe Gimoti provides an important option for treating diabetic gastroparesis patients with nasal delivery, especially as the disease can cause patients to experience delayed digestion of oral medications," commented Dave Gonyer, President and CEO. "The issuance of this Notice of Allowance strengthens the intellectual property protection for Gimoti and will provide another Orange Book-listable patent and a significant addition to our intellectual property estate and overall marketing strategy for Gimoti."

About Evoke Pharma, Inc.

Evoke is a specialty pharmaceutical company focused primarily on the commercialization and development of drugs to treat GI disorders and diseases. The company developed GIMOTI, a nasal spray formulation of metoclopramide, for the relief of symptoms associated with acute and recurrent diabetic gastroparesis in adults.

Diabetic gastroparesis is a GI disorder affecting millions of patients worldwide, in which the stomach takes too long to empty its contents resulting in serious GI symptoms as well as other systemic complications. The gastric delay caused by gastroparesis can compromise absorption of orally administered medications. Prior to FDA approval to commercially market GIMOTI, metoclopramide was only available in oral and injectable formulations and remains the only drug currently approved in the United States to treat gastroparesis.

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