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Evoke Pharma Granted European Union Formulation Patent for EVK-001

SOLANA BEACH, Calif., April 9, 2015 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Evoke Pharma, Inc. (Nasdaq:EVOK), a specialty pharmaceutical company focused on treatments for gastrointestinal (GI) diseases, today announced that the European Patent Office has granted the Company European Union (EU) patent no. 2376075 for its lead product candidate, EVK-001. This patent is related to formulations used in EVK-001, the Company's intranasal delivery formulation of metoclopramide for the treatment of symptoms related to diabetic gastroparesis in women.

EVK-001, currently in a Phase 3 clinical trial, is a novel treatment for gastroparesis, which is a disease that can hinder the absorption of oral medications due to symptoms including erratic gastric emptying, as well as nausea and vomiting. Evoke's intranasal formulation is designed to provide reliable and predictable delivery of metoclopramide, the only drug approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to treat symptoms associated with gastroparesis, through absorption directly into the blood stream, enabling the drug to avoid a patient's impaired stomach.

Dave Gonyer, R.Ph., President and CEO, stated, "While we continue our efforts to complete the Phase 3 clinical trial of EVK-001 and file a New Drug Application (NDA) in the U.S., this European patent provides additional support and opportunities for the Company as we work to offer a safe and effective treatment to gastroparesis patients globally. We are excited about the potential to bring this novel and patented intranasal product to market and help those suffering from this difficult disease."

About Evoke Pharma, Inc.

Evoke is a specialty pharmaceutical company focused primarily on the development of drugs to treat GI disorders and diseases. The Company is developing EVK-001, a metoclopramide nasal spray for the relief of symptoms associated with acute and recurrent gastroparesis in women with diabetes mellitus. Diabetic gastroparesis is a GI disorder afflicting millions of sufferers worldwide, in which the stomach takes too long to empty its contents resulting in serious digestive system symptoms. Metoclopramide is the only product currently approved in the United States to treat gastroparesis, and is currently available only in oral and intravenous forms. EVK-001 is a novel formulation of this drug, designed to provide systemic delivery of metoclopramide through intranasal administration. Visit www.EvokePharma.com for more information.

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