

Immunic's Oral IMU-856 Demonstrated Dose-Dependent Increase of GLP-1 in Celiac Disease Patients and Corresponding Effects in Preclinical Testing

– New Data Suggests that IMU-856 Could Be a Potential Oral Treatment Option for Weight Management; Program Is Phase 2 Ready –

– Dose-Dependent Increase of Endogenous GLP-1 Levels Observed in Post Hoc Analysis of Patients From Phase 1b Clinical Trial in Celiac Disease –

– Dose-Dependent Reduction of Body Weight Gain and Food Consumption Observed in Preclinical Study –

– Webcast to be Held Today, February 20 at 8:00 am ET –

NEW YORK, February 20, 2025 – [Immunic, Inc.](#) (Nasdaq: **IMUX**), a biotechnology company developing a clinical pipeline of orally administered, small molecule therapies for chronic inflammatory and autoimmune diseases, today announced that IMU-856, an orally available and systemically acting small molecule modulator that targets SIRT6 (Sirtuin 6), demonstrated a dose-dependent increase of endogenous glucagon-like peptide-1 (GLP-1) levels in a post hoc analysis of patients from its phase 1b clinical trial in celiac disease. IMU-856 also showed a dose-dependent reduction of body weight gain and food consumption in preclinical *in vivo* testing. These effects may indicate the potential for IMU-856 as an oral treatment option for weight management.

“GLP-1, a hormone that occurs naturally in the gut, is released after eating and helps the body regulate blood sugar and satiety. It plays several critical roles, including triggering insulin release from the pancreas and blocking glucagon, a hormone raising blood sugar. Additionally, GLP-1 affects areas of the brain that process hunger and satiety,” noted Hella Kohlhof, Ph.D., Chief Scientific Officer of Immunic. “IMU-856’s target, SIRT6, is highly expressed in cells of the bowel wall, including enteroendocrine cells, which produce gastrointestinal hormones such as GLP-1 and gastric inhibitory peptide (GIP). Our phase 1b clinical trial in celiac disease patients demonstrated IMU-856’s ability to regenerate epithelial cells, as measured by protection of villous height and improved cellular function. The current observations of increased GLP-1 in these celiac disease patients and the preclinical signs of reduced body weight gain indicate that IMU-856 may also have the effect of activating the function of enteroendocrine cells. These findings corroborate the tissue renewal effects already seen for IMU-856 and warrant continued evaluation, as they may meaningfully expand the potential indications for IMU-856.”

New data is available from a post hoc analysis of the company’s phase 1b clinical trial of IMU-856 in celiac disease patients, where blood concentrations of GLP-1 were measured, between baseline and day 28, in a fasting state. A highly statistically significant (day 29: 80 mg p=0.014; 160 mg p=0.003) and dose-dependent increase of GLP-1 versus placebo control was detectable, even in the small patient population in this phase 1b clinical trial (baseline: N placebo = 11, N 80 mg IMU-856 = 13, N 160 mg IMU-856 = 13). These clinical findings were corroborated by effects observed in a 6-month preclinical *in vivo* study, where IMU-856 was found to reduce body weight gain accompanied by food consumption in a dose-dependent fashion up to -40 %, compared to the control group, which was found to be linked to reduced food intake.

“This newly released clinical and preclinical data demonstrating IMU-856’s potential positive effect on GLP-1 and food consumption is an exciting development for Immunic’s oral small molecule program,” stated Daniel Vitt, Ph.D., Chief Executive Officer of Immunic. “Data from our phase 1b clinical trial in celiac disease patients showed, under fasting conditions, a dose-dependent increase of naturally occurring GLP-1 levels of up to 250 % versus placebo. This compares favorably to the typical physiological 2-3 times increase in GLP-1 in healthy humans after a meal, indicating that IMU-856 may replicate the natural effect after eating. While currently available incretin mimetics delivered via subcutaneous injection are focused on one or two enteroendocrine hormones, we hypothesize that the SIRT6 modulation approach may result in a broader, more physiologic activation of enteroendocrine hormones, which we plan to explore further. If the effects reported today can be confirmed in further clinical trials, our convenient, once-daily small molecule tablet may represent an oral treatment option for obesity – a market with millions of people affected worldwide and which is expected to reach more than \$170 billion globally by 2031. Our IMU-856 program offers the potential for immediate phase 1b or phase 2 clinical testing. As such, we will continue to analyze the findings and assess any next steps.”

Webcast and Presentation Information

Immunic will host a webcast today at 8:00 am ET. To participate in the webcast, please register in advance at: https://imux.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_o9yQAoqtT3yWnjb0049_Dw or on the “Events and Presentations” section of Immunic’s website at ir.imux.com/events-and-presentations. Registrants will receive a confirmation email containing a link for online participation or a telephone number for dial in access.

An archived replay of the webcast will be available approximately one hour after completion on Immunic’s website at ir.imux.com/events-and-presentations.

Today’s update, along with phase 1b biomarker data for IMU-856, will also be presented as a digital oral presentation at the 19th Congress of ECCO (European Crohn’s and Colitis Organisation). The presentation will be accessible on the “Events and Presentations” section of Immunic’s website at: <https://ir.imux.com/events-and-presentations>.

- **Presentation Title:** *Promising Effects of IMU-856, an Orally Available Epigenetic Modulator of Barrier Regeneration - Biomarker Findings from a Phase 1 Clinical Study*
- **Presenting Author:** Amelie Schreieck, Ph.D., Senior Manager Biomarker Development, Immunic
- **Abstract Number:** EC25-1515
- **Presentation Number:** DOP012
- **Presentation Time:** 5:57 pm – 6:03 pm CET
- **Session Name:** Digital Oral Presentation (DOP) Session 2: Clinical Trials II
- **Session Date:** February 20, 2025
- **Session Hall:** A8

About IMU-856

IMU-856 is an orally available and systemically acting small molecule modulator that targets SIRT6 (Sirtuin 6), a protein which serves as a transcriptional regulator of intestinal barrier function and regeneration of bowel epithelium. Based on preclinical data, the compound may represent a unique treatment approach, as the mechanism of action targets the restoration of the intestinal barrier function and bowel wall

architecture in patients suffering from gastrointestinal diseases such as celiac disease, inflammatory bowel disease and other intestinal barrier function associated diseases. Based on preclinical investigations demonstrating no suppression of immune cells, IMU-856 may have the potential to maintain immune surveillance for patients during therapy, which would be an important advantage versus immunosuppressive medications. IMU-856 demonstrated positive results in a phase 1b clinical trial in celiac disease patients in four key dimensions of the disease's pathophysiology: histology, disease symptoms, biomarkers and nutrient absorption. In a post hoc analysis of patients from the phase 1b clinical trial, IMU-856 demonstrated a dose-dependent increase of endogenous glucagon-like peptide-1 (GLP-1) levels and, in preclinical testing, showed a dose-dependent reduction of body weight gain and food consumption, indicating potential as a possible oral treatment option for weight management. The company is currently preparing for further clinical testing. IMU-856 is an investigational drug product that has not been approved in any jurisdiction.

About Immunic, Inc.

Immunic, Inc. (Nasdaq: IMUX) is a biotechnology company developing a clinical pipeline of orally administered, small molecule therapies for chronic inflammatory and autoimmune diseases. The company's lead development program, vidofludimus calcium (IMU-838), is currently in phase 3 and phase 2 clinical trials for the treatment of relapsing and progressive multiple sclerosis, respectively, and has shown therapeutic activity in phase 2 clinical trials in patients suffering from relapsing-remitting multiple sclerosis, progressive multiple sclerosis and moderate-to-severe ulcerative colitis. Vidofludimus calcium combines neuroprotective effects, through its mechanism as a first-in-class nuclear receptor related 1 (Nurr1) activator, with additional anti-inflammatory and anti-viral effects, by selectively inhibiting the enzyme dihydroorotate dehydrogenase (DHODH). IMU-856, which targets the protein Sirtuin 6 (SIRT6), is intended to restore intestinal barrier function and regenerate bowel epithelium, which could potentially be applicable in numerous gastrointestinal diseases, such as celiac disease as well as inflammatory bowel disease, Graft-versus-Host-Disease and weight management. IMU-381, which currently is in preclinical testing, is a next generation molecule being developed to specifically address the needs of gastrointestinal diseases. For further information, please visit: www.imux.com.

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