



## Athira Pharma Announces Upcoming Presentation at Motor Neurone Disease Association's 34<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on ALS/MND

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### Presentation to highlight preclinical data from ATH-1105, Athira's potential treatment candidate for amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS)

BOTHELL, Wash., Nov. 28, 2023 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- [Athira Pharma, Inc.](#) (NASDAQ: ATHA), a late clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company focused on developing small molecules to restore neuronal health and slow neurodegeneration, today announced that a symposium presentation highlighting data from preclinical studies of ATH-1105 as a potential treatment candidate for amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) will be delivered at the upcoming [Motor Neurone Disease Association \(MNDA\) 34<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on ALS/MND](#), to be held December 6 – 8, 2023 in Basel, Switzerland.

#### Presentation Details:

**Title:** ATH-1105, a small molecule positive modulator of the neurotrophic hepatocyte growth factor system, is neuroprotective when administered prophylactically, therapeutically or in combination with riluzole in the prp-TDP-43 A315T mouse model of ALS

**Session:** 6A: Preclinical Therapeutic Strategies

**Symposium Number:** C57

**Date/Time:** Thursday, December 7, 12:15 – 12:30 p.m. CET

**Presenter:** Kevin Church, Ph.D., Chief Scientific Officer, Athira Pharma

"We look forward to the presentation of these data, which highlight the potential of ATH-1105 as a treatment for ALS and add to the growing body of scientific and clinical data that support the potential benefits of our small molecule therapeutic candidates targeting the neurotrophic HGF system as novel treatments for neurodegenerative diseases," stated Mark Litton, Ph.D., President and Chief Executive Officer of Athira. "These data, which include preclinical data showing prolonged survival and demonstrating consistent improvements in motor function, nerve function, biomarkers and nerve morphology in a transgenic mouse model of ALS, strongly support confidence in our plans to advance this program into human clinical studies in the first half of 2024."

The presentation is available on the [Scientific Publications & Presentations](#) page of the company's website at [www.athira.com](http://www.athira.com).

#### **About ATH-1105**

ATH-1105 is an orally administered small molecule designed to positively modulate the neurotrophic hepatocyte growth factor (HGF) system, which plays a critical role in nervous system maintenance and repair, including stimulation of cell survival, increase in neuronal outgrowth and modulation of neuronal network repair. In preclinical models of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), ATH-1105 has been shown to significantly increase survival and delay time to death, enhance motor and nerve function, reduce motor neuron demyelination and axon degeneration, and improve biomarkers of neurodegeneration and inflammation.

#### **About Athira Pharma, Inc.**

Athira Pharma, Inc., headquartered in the Seattle, Washington area, is a late clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company focused on developing small molecules to restore neuronal health and slow neurodegeneration. Athira aims to alter the course of neurological diseases by advancing its pipeline of therapeutic candidates targeting the neurotrophic HGF system for Alzheimer's and Parkinson's disease, Dementia with Lewy bodies, and amyotrophic lateral sclerosis. For more information, visit [www.athira.com](http://www.athira.com). You can also follow Athira on [Facebook](#), [LinkedIn](#), [X](#) (formerly known as Twitter) and [Instagram](#).

#### **Forward-Looking Statements**

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