



## Published Review Shows Delcath Investigational PHP Doubles Overall Survival Over Other Targeted Liver Therapies

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### Single-Center Retrospective Data Also Demonstrate Therapy Extends Progression-Free Survival by 9 Months

NEW YORK, Feb. 22, 2017 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Delcath Systems, Inc. (NASDAQ:DCTH), an interventional oncology company focused on the treatment of primary and metastatic liver cancers, announced today that the *American Journal of Clinical Oncology* has published a single-center retrospective review, in which authors found that investigational PHP with Melphalan/HDS offers promising results with a doubling of overall survival and significantly longer progression-free survival (PFS) and hepatic progression-free survival (HPFS) than other targeted therapies. Percutaneous hepatic perfusion (PHP) is a minimally invasive procedure that isolates the liver from the body's circulatory system, so that a high dose of chemotherapy (melphalan hydrochloride) may be infused directly into the liver. Blood from the liver is then filtered to remove the chemotherapeutic agent thereby minimizing systemic exposure.

The review, "*Hepatic Progression-free and Overall Survival After Regional Therapy to the Liver for Metastatic Melanoma*," was written by a team from the Moffitt Cancer Center, including co-first authors Drs. Andrea M. Abbott and Matthew P. Doepker, and Jonathan S. Zager, the principal investigator in Delcath's ongoing Phase 3 FOCUS study. Drs. Abbott, et al, analyzed clinical outcomes of three different non-randomized approaches used to treat 30 patients with liver metastases primarily resulting from ocular melanoma and skin melanoma. A third of the patients received PHP using melphalan delivered via the Delcath Hepatic Delivery System (Melphalan/HDS), 12 received chemoembolization (CE) and six received radioembolization with yttrium-90 (Y90). Two patients crossed over once their cancer progressed – one from PHP to Y90 and one from CE to PHP.

The paper's authors concluded that patients who received PHP with Melphalan/HDS had significantly longer median HPFS at 361 days compared to 54 days for Y90 and 80 days for CE, as well as a longer median PFS at 245 days compared to 54 days for Y90 and 52 days for CE. Median overall survival was also longest for PHP at 608 days compared to 295 days for Y90 and 265 days for CE. The authors noted that further studies, including a randomized controlled trial, would be needed to confirm whether clinically superior outcomes can be achieved with PHP compared to other liver-targeted treatments.

Side effects following all treatments were similar, with most complications recorded as anorexia, abdominal pain, fatigue and nausea. Laboratory irregularities, such as thrombocytopenia and abnormal liver function tests, were seen immediately after treatment in some patients, but returned to baseline within a few days.

"The vast majority of patients with metastatic ocular melanoma survive less than a year, due to the difficulty in treating metastases to the liver, which are a hallmark of this cancer. It is therefore especially gratifying to see patients with this rare disease survive almost two years after receiving PHP with Melphalan/HDS," said Dr. Jennifer K. Simpson, President & CEO of Delcath. "We are hopeful that our ongoing Global Phase 3 FOCUS study for patient with ocular melanoma liver metastases will yield similar results, further reinforcing the benefits of our technology, and bringing us one step closer to U.S. market availability."

PHP with Melphalan/HDS was developed by Delcath Systems as a targeted, whole organ therapy for the liver. The product is commercially available in Europe under the trade name CHEMOSAT<sup>®</sup>, and is being evaluated as an experimental therapy in the U.S., where a global Phase 3 clinical trial is enrolling patients with ocular melanoma that has metastasized to the liver.

#### About Delcath Systems

Delcath Systems, Inc. is an interventional oncology Company focused on the treatment of primary and metastatic liver cancers. Our investigational product—Melphalan Hydrochloride for Injection for use with the Delcath Hepatic Delivery System (Melphalan/HDS) —is designed to administer high-dose chemotherapy to the liver while controlling systemic exposure and associated side effects. We have commenced a global Phase 3 FOCUS clinical trial for Patients with Hepatic Dominant Ocular Melanoma (OM) and a global Phase 2 clinical trial in Europe and the U.S. to investigate the Melphalan/HDS system for the treatment of primary liver cancer (HCC) and intrahepatic cholangiocarcinoma (ICC). Melphalan/HDS has not been approved by the U.S. Food & Drug Administration (FDA) for sale in the U.S. In Europe, our system has been commercially available since 2012

under the trade name Delcath Hepatic CHEMOSAT® Delivery System for Melphalan (CHEMOSAT), where it has been used at major medical centers to treat a wide range of cancers of the liver.

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