Sagimet Biosciences Announces Upcoming Presentation at AASLD—The Liver Meeting® 2025

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SAN MATEO, Calif., Oct. 07, 2025 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Sagimet Biosciences Inc. (Nasdaq: SGMT), a clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company developing novel therapeutics targeting dysfunctional metabolic and fibrotic pathways, today announced that analyses of the Phase 2b FASCINATE-2 study showing that denifanstat elicited fibrosis improvement in patients with advanced fibrosis will be presented at the American Association for the Study of Liver Disease (AASLD) - The Liver Meeting® 2025, taking place November 7-11, 2025 in Washington, DC.

This abstract has been selected as a Poster of Distinction, and the details are as follows:

Title:	Denifanstat elicited a significant ≥2-stage improvement in fibrosis in F3 MASH patients, and improved liver fibrosis and biomarkers in qFibrosis stage 4 MASH patients: secondary analysis of phase 2b FASCINATE-2 study
Session:	MASLD/MASH - Therapeutics: New Agents and Approved/Available Agents ("4001-4103")
Date:	November 10, 2025, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm ET
Location:	Walter E. Washington Convention Center, Hall DE (Posters and Exhibits), Level 2
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The analysis showed denifanstat's robust anti-fibrotic effect as measured by both conventional and AI-based digital pathology. AI-based digital pathology was utilized to identify a subpopulation of MASH patients with advanced baseline fibrosis (qF4) and enabled the observation that denifanstat reduced fibrosis and improved multiple non-invasive test (NIT) biomarkers associated with the primary drivers of MASH in this subgroup.

About Sagimet Biosciences

Sagimet is a clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company developing novel fatty acid synthase (FASN) inhibitors that are designed to target dysfunctional metabolic and fibrotic pathways in diseases resulting from the overproduction of the fatty acid, palmitate. Sagimet's lead drug candidate, denifanstat, is an oral, once-daily pill and selective FASN inhibitor in development for the treatment of metabolic dysfunction associated steatohepatitis (MASH). FASCINATE-2, a Phase 2b clinical trial of denifanstat in MASH with liver biopsy-based primary endpoints, was successfully completed with positive results. Denifanstat has been granted Breakthrough Therapy designation by the FDA for the treatment of non-cirrhotic MASH with moderate to advanced liver fibrosis (consistent with stages F2 to F3 fibrosis), and end-of-Phase 2 interactions with the FDA have been successfully completed, supporting the advancement of denifanstat into further development. Sagimet has recently initiated a Phase 1 pharmacokinetic (PK) clinical trial of a combination of denifanstat and resmetirom that is planned to be developed for patients living with MASH. Sagimet has also initiated a Phase 1 first-in-human clinical trial with a second oral FASN inhibitor drug candidate, TVB-3567, that is planned to be developed for acne for the U.S. For additional information about Sagimet, please visit www.sagimet.com.

About MASH

Metabolic dysfunction-associated steatohepatitis (MASH) is a progressive and severe liver disease which is estimated to impact more than 265 million people worldwide. MASH is characterized by the build-up of fat in the liver and various degrees of inflammation and fibrosis along with systemic metabolic changes including dyslipidemia (increased fat levels in blood) and insulin resistance. Patients with moderate to severe disease who have advanced fibrosis (F3) or cirrhosis (F4) have the highest risk of liver-related outcomes such as decompensation, hepatocellular carcinoma, and liver transplantation. There are few approved treatments for non-cirrhotic MASH (stages F1, F2 and F3 fibrosis) and no approved treatments for MASH cirrhosis (F4).

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The forward-looking statements in this press release are only predictions. Sagimet has based these forward-looking statements largely on its current expectations and projections about future events and financial trends that Sagimet believes may affect its business, financial condition and results of operations. These forward-looking statements speak only as of the date of this press release and are subject to a number of risks, uncertainties and assumptions, some of which cannot be predicted or quantified and some of which are beyond Sagimet's control, including, among others: the clinical development and therapeutic potential of denifanstat, TVB-3567 or any other drug candidates or combination therapies Sagimet may develop; Sagimet's ability to advance drug candidates into and successfully complete clinical trials within anticipated timelines; Sagimet's relationship with Ascletis, and the success of its development efforts for denifanstat; the accuracy of Sagimet's estimates regarding its capital requirements; and Sagimet's ability to maintain and successfully enforce adequate intellectual property protection. These and other risks and uncertainties are described

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