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Orally administered LYT-300 achieved blood levels of allopregnanolone at or above those associated with therapeutic effect.¹ Allopregnanolone is a natural neurosteroid with proven efficacy that is currently only available as a 60-hour intravenous infusion.

Preliminary pharmacodynamic data indicate that oral administration of LYT-300 results in allopregnanolone target engagement with GABA_A receptors, which have been shown to regulate mood and other neurological conditions.

LYT-300 was generally well-tolerated across the trial with no treatment-related severe or serious adverse events observed.

<u>PureTech Health plc</u> (Nasdaq: PRTC, LSE: PRTC) ("PureTech" or the "Company"), a clinical-stage biotherapeutics company dedicated to changing the treatment paradigm for devastating diseases, today announced topline results from the completed, multi-part Phase 1 trial of LYT-300 (oral allopregnanolone).

Topline results announced today show that oral administration of LYT-300 achieved blood levels of allopregnanolone at or above those associated with therapeutic benefit¹ and resulted in exposure-dependent target engagement with γ -aminobutyric-acid type A (GABA_A) receptors. Earlier this year, PureTech announced that LYT-300 also demonstrated <u>oral bioavailability</u> of allopregnanolone approximately ninefold greater than third-party reported data with orally administered allopregnanolone.¹ Additional data from the Phase 1 trial will be presented in a scientific forum, and a Phase 1b/2a trial is expected to begin in the first half of 2023.

"Today's results make us very excited about the potential of LYT-300 to unlock the full therapeutic benefit of allopregnanolone, which to date has been limited to a small subset of patients," said Julie Krop, M.D., Chief Medical Officer at PureTech. "Using our proprietary Glyph platform, orally administered LYT-300 has demonstrated a favorable safety profile at allopregnanolone levels that have been shown to be associated with therapeutic benefit. This, along with evidence of exposure-dependent target engagement, brings us one step closer to potentially addressing the needs of patients across a range of neurological and neuropsychiatric conditions."

Allopregnanolone is a natural neurosteroid with well-validated biological effects. It has demonstrated a rapid onset of action for the treatment of depression, as well as the potential to treat other neurological conditions, but its poor oral bioavailability has limited its therapeutic potential. The United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has

approved a 60-hour intravenous infusion formulation of allopregnanolone for the treatment of postpartum depression (PPD), though this method of administration has inherent limitations. To overcome this, synthetic oral analogs of allopregnanolone have been developed, though these may not capture the full therapeutic potential of natural allopregnanolone. To potentially harness the broad applicability of this natural neurosteroid through oral administration, PureTech has applied its Glyph™ platform, which is designed to enable the oral administration of certain therapeutics with low oral bioavailability due to first pass metabolism. The Glyph platform has yielded two candidates to date.

72 healthy volunteers were dosed in the multi-part, Phase 1 clinical trial, which was designed to evaluate oral bioavailability, safety and tolerability of LYT-300 across a range of doses, and to inform dose selection moving forward. As part of the trial, single and multiple ascending doses were evaluated along with cohorts to evaluate the effect of food on oral absorption. The impact of LYT-300 on b-EEG and other markers of GABA_A target engagement were also assessed. LYT-300 was generally well-tolerated with no treatment-related severe or serious adverse events observed. Doses have been selected to carry forward into the planned Phase 1b/2a clinical trial.

A second candidate from the Glyph platform, LYT-310, an oral cannabidiol (CBD), is designed to greatly expand the therapeutic application and potential of CBD. LYT-310 has demonstrated a three to fourfold increase in oral exposure versus unmodified CBD in multiple preclinical models, including large animal and non-human primate. This has the potential to translate into improved safety and reduced side effects. Lymphatic transport has also been confirmed in preclinical models, with up to 30% of LYT-310 entering the lymphatics, compared to 5% for unmodified CBD - which further supports the novel Glyph mechanism of enhancing oral bioavailability. LYT-310 is expected to enter the clinic in Q4 of 2023.

About LYT-300

LYT-300 is a clinical therapeutic candidate that is in development as a potential treatment for a range of neurological and neuropsychological conditions. Developed using PureTech's GlyphTM technology platform, LYT-300 is an oral prodrug of natural allopregnanolone. An intravenous formulation of allopregnanolone is approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration and administered as a 60-hour infusion for the treatment of postpartum depression. Allopregnanolone is a positive allosteric modulator of γ -aminobutyric-acid type A (GABA_A) receptors and has been shown to regulate mood and other neurological conditions. PureTech completed a Phase 1 clinical trial of LYT-300 in 2022, which demonstrated oral bioavailability, tolerability and GABA_A receptor target engagement in healthy volunteers. Allopregnanolone is a neuroactive steroid and positive allosteric modulator (PAM) of GABA_A receptors. Unlike benzodiazepines, allopregnanolone can provide both transient and longer-term normalization of overactive neural circuits because it also acts at GABA receptors outside of synapses.² Dual intra- and extra-synaptic GABA PAMs have been shown to not only improve sleep,³ but also mood.¹

About the Glyph™ Platform

Glyph is PureTech's synthetic lymphatic-targeting chemistry platform which is designed to employ the lymphatic system's natural lipid absorption and transport process to enable the oral administration of certain therapeutics. Glyph reversibly links a drug to a dietary fat molecule, creating a novel prodrug. The linked fat molecule re-routes the drug's normal path to the systemic circulation, bypassing the liver and instead moving from the gut into the lymphatic vessels that normally process dietary fats. PureTech believes this technology has the potential to (1) enable direct modulation of the immune system via drug targets present in mesenteric lymph nodes and (2) provide a broadly applicable means of enhancing the bioavailability of certain orally administered drugs that would otherwise be limited by first-pass liver metabolism. PureTech is accelerating development of a Glyph portfolio that leverages validated efficacy, prioritizing highly characterized drugs to evaluate the ability of the Glyph technology to improve oral bioavailability or lymphatic targeting. PureTech's lead Glyph therapeutic candidate, LYT-300 (oral allopregnanolone), completed a Phase 1 clinical trial in 2022, and a Phase 1b/2a clinical trial is expected to begin in the first half of 2023. A second therapeutic candidate, LYT-310 (oral cannabidiol), is expected to enter the clinic in Q4 of 2023. PureTech has a robust intellectual property portfolio that includes licensed patents as well as wholly owned patents, covering the

Glyph technology platform, which is based on the pioneering research of Christopher Porter, Ph.D., and his research group at the Monash Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences at Monash University. The Porter Research Group and collaborators have published research in <u>Nature Metabolism</u>, <u>Angewandte Chemie</u> and the <u>Journal of Controlled</u> <u>Release</u> supporting the Glyph platform's ability to directly target the lymphatic system with a variety of therapies.

About PureTech Health

PureTech is a biotherapeutics company dedicated to changing the treatment paradigm for devastating diseases. The Company has created a broad and deep pipeline through the expertise of its experienced research and development team and its extensive network of scientists, clinicians and industry leaders. This pipeline, which is being advanced both internally and through PureTech's Founded Entities, is comprised of 28 therapeutics and therapeutic candidates, including two (Plenity[®] and EndeavorRx[®]) that have received both U.S. FDA clearance and European marketing authorization and a third (KarXT) that will soon be filed for FDA approval, as of the most recent update by the Company. All of the underlying programs and platforms that resulted in this pipeline of therapeutic candidates were initially identified or discovered and then advanced by the PureTech team through key validation points based on unique insights in immunology and drug development.

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