



## BioLineRx Receives Notice of Allowance for US Patent Covering Novel Treatment for Celiac Disease

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### **Results of ongoing Phase 1/2 trial for BL-7010 expected in next few weeks**

JERUSALEM--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Jun. 11, 2014-- BioLineRx Ltd. (NASDAQ: BLRX)(TASE: BLRX), a clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company dedicated to identifying, in-licensing and developing promising therapeutic candidates, announced today that a Notice of Allowance has been issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) for a patent claiming the composition of BL-7010, a novel polymer for the treatment of celiac patients. This patent, when issued, will be valid until at least 2026. Additional patents claiming the BL-7010 composition and use thereof are granted or pending in Europe, Japan, Canada, Israel, India, China, Brazil, Russia, Australia, South Africa and Hong Kong.

"We are very pleased to have received a Notice of Allowance from the USPTO for the BL-7010 patent," stated Dr. Kinneret Savitsky, Chief Executive Officer of BioLineRx. "BL-7010 for the treatment of celiac disease is one of our lead clinical programs. We are currently testing its safety and tolerability in a Phase 1/2 trial in well-controlled celiac patients. We previously announced successful completion of the single-dose escalation part of the study, and the 14-day, repeated administration part of the study is currently ongoing. We look forward to the results of this Phase 1/2 trial, expected in the next few weeks, which will enable selection of the optimal dose for future development. Following completion of this study, we plan to commence a randomized, controlled efficacy study in celiac patients," concluded Dr. Savitsky.

### **About BL-7010**

BL-7010 is a novel, non-absorbable, orally available polymer intended for the treatment of celiac disease. It has a high affinity for gliadins, the immunogenic proteins present in gluten that cause celiac disease. By sequestering gliadins, BL-7010 effectively masks them from enzymatic degradation and prevents the formation of immunogenic peptides that trigger the immune system. This significantly reduces the immune response triggered by gluten. BL-7010 is excreted with gliadin from the digestive tract and is not absorbed into the blood. The safety and efficacy of BL-7010 were demonstrated in pre-clinical studies. BL-7010 was invented by Prof. Jean-Christophe Leroux from the Department of Chemistry and Applied Biosciences, Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences, ETH Zurich, Switzerland, and is being developed by BioLineRx under a worldwide exclusive license agreement with Univalor.

### **About Celiac Disease**

Celiac disease is a chronic, autoimmune, inflammatory disease of the small intestine characterized by damage to the lining of the small intestine and typically leads to dyspepsia, malabsorption and a variety of other symptoms. It occurs in genetically predisposed individuals and is caused by an immunological reaction to gluten, found in wheat, barley and rye. Estimates suggest that 1% of the world's population is affected by celiac disease, and prevalence is expected to increase dramatically with improved diagnosis and awareness of the disease. The celiac market is projected to reach \$8 billion by 2019. There are currently no treatments approved for celiac disease and the only treatment option is a life-long, strict, gluten-free diet, which is difficult to maintain both due to food contamination with gluten, as well as eating habits in a social setting.

### **About BioLineRx**

BioLineRx is a publicly-traded, clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company dedicated to identifying, in-licensing and developing promising therapeutic candidates. The Company in-licenses novel compounds primarily from academic institutions and biotech companies based in Israel, develops them through pre-clinical and/or clinical stages, and then partners with pharmaceutical companies for advanced clinical development and/or commercialization.

BioLineRx's current portfolio consists of a variety of clinical and pre-clinical projects, including: BL-1040 for prevention of pathological cardiac remodeling following a myocardial infarction, which has been out-licensed to Bellerophon BCM (f/k/a Ikaria) and is in the midst of a pivotal CE-Mark registration trial; BL-8040 for treating acute myeloid leukemia (AML) and other hematological indications, which is in the midst of a Phase 2 study; and BL-7010 for celiac disease, which is in the midst of a Phase 1/2 study.

For more information on BioLineRx, please visit [www.biolinerx.com](http://www.biolinerx.com) or download the investor relations mobile device app, which allows users access to the Company's SEC documents, press releases, and events. BioLineRx's IR app is available on the iTunes App Store as well as the Google Play Store.

*Various statements in this release concerning BioLineRx's future expectations, including specifically those related to the development and commercialization of BL-7010, constitute "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These statements include words such as "may," "expects," "anticipates," "believes," and "intends," and describe opinions about future events. These forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks and uncertainties that may cause the actual results, performance or achievements of BioLineRx to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Some of these risks are: changes in relationships with collaborators; the impact of competitive products and technological changes; risks relating to the development of new products; and the ability to implement technological improvements. These and other factors are more fully discussed in the "Risk Factors" section of BioLineRx's most recent annual report on Form 20-F filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 17, 2014. In addition, any forward-looking statements represent BioLineRx's views only as of the date of this release and should not be relied upon as representing its views as of any subsequent date. BioLineRx does not assume any obligation to update any forward-looking statements unless required by law.*

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