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**-TopoTarget to provide update on clinical potential and the latest data on belinostat via conference call on September 17-**

***-Announcement of final data from phase I part of the BelCaP study and update on positive data from the phase II part with BelCaP for ovarian cancer as presented at ESMO in Stockholm-***

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**Copenhagen, Denmark – September 15, 2008– TopoTarget A/S (OMX: TOPO) today announced that TopoTarget will host a teleconference on the September 17 to provide an update of clinical possibilities and the latest data with belinostat.**

**Furthermore as promised data from the ovarian phase I/II trial with BelCaP (belinostat+carboplatin+taxol) was presented at the 33rd ESMO (European Society for Medical Oncology) Congress, Stockholm, Sweden 12-16 September 2008. In the phase I part of the study where final data now are presented to the medical doctors activity was observed in heavily pre-treated patients including diagnoses of carcinoma of unknown primary tumour (CUP), ovarian, rectal, pancreatic and bladder cancer. The data presented and announced for the phase II part was identical with the positive data presented at last weeks ovarian cancer meeting in Seattle where the over all response rate was 43%; 3 complete remissions (CR) and 12 partial remissions (PR) were demonstrated in 35 patients.**

In the phase I part where the data has now been finalized 23 patients were treated to find the recommended dose for phase II, which was belinostat 1000 mg/m<sup>2</sup> i.v. once daily days 1-5 in combination with standard doses of carboplatin and paclitaxel administered on day 3 of each treatment cycle. In this group of heavily pretreated patients 2 confirmed partial remissions (PR) were documented in rectal cancer and in pancreatic cancer, respectively. and Activity was observed in patients with primary tumour (CUP), ovarian, rectal, pancreatic and bladder cancer. 11 patients experienced stable disease (SD) ranging from 2 to +28 cycles.

In the phase II part (no major changes of data as reported at the Biennial Ovarian Cancer Research Symposium 4-5 September 2008) 35 patients with ovarian cancer all had prior platinum-based therapy (14 and 21 patients had platinum-sensitive and platinum-resistant disease, respectively). In the whole population, overall response rate measured by RECIST (Response Evaluation in Solid Tumours) criteria was 43%. 3 patients had complete remissions (CR) and 12 partial remissions (PR). Median duration of response was +5.3 months (range +1.2-+12.7 months) with 6 responses still ongoing. Median progression-free survival in all 35 patients (11 patients censored for PD) is currently +5.4 months (range +0.1 to +13.9 months)

Conclusions from the authors included that BelCaP (belinostat combined with standard doses of carboplatin and paclitaxel) is well-tolerated presenting a safety profile consistent of that observed with chemotherapy alone, and that the substantial anti-tumour activity observed in both platinum-sensitive and platinum-resistant ovarian cancer, including patients with a platinum-free



interval of < 3 months, supports further development of BelCaP in patients with recurrent ovarian cancer.

### **Conference call**

A conference call to provide an update on the clinical development of belinostat will be hosted by Peter Buhl, CEO and Jan Fagerberg Medical Director, Belinostat Project Leader and will be followed by a question and answering session. The conference call takes place on September 17 at 10.00 CET.

To participate in the conference call please dial:

From Denmark: 70 26 50 40

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A replay of the conference call will be available approximately two hours after the conference call and until September 24, 2008 at 5.00 pm (CET) at the following

number: +353 1 436 4267 pin code 1397856#.

Today's news does not change TopoTarget's full-year financial guidance for 2008.

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### **Background information**

#### **About TopoTarget**

TopoTarget (OMX: TOPO) is a biotech company, headquartered in Denmark and with subsidiaries in the US, Switzerland, Germany and the UK, dedicated to finding "Answers for Cancer" and developing improved cancer therapies. TopoTarget is founded and run by clinical cancer specialists and combines years of hands-on clinical experience with in-depth understanding of the molecular mechanisms of cancer. Focus lies on highly predictive cancer models and key cancer targets (including HDACi, NAD+, mTOR, FasLigand and topoisomerase II inhibitors) and a strong development foundation has been built. TopoTarget has a broad portfolio of small molecule pre-clinical drug candidates and nine drugs (both small molecules and protein based) are in clinical development, including both novel anti-cancer therapeutics and new cancer indications for existing drugs. Savene®/Totect™ were approved by EMEA in 2006 and the FDA in 2007 and is TopoTarget's first product on the market. For more information, please refer to [www.topotarget.com](http://www.topotarget.com).

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