



## **Akari Therapeutics Discusses Breakthrough Potential of AKTX-101 and Novel Spliceosome-Modulating ADC Platform in Virtual Investor “What This Means” Segment Following ASCO Abstract Acceptance**

*CEO Abizer Gaslightwala highlights promising ASCO data demonstrating synergy of AKTX-101 with adagasrib in KRAS-driven cancers*

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**TAMPA, FL and LONDON – May 28, 2026** – Akari Therapeutics, Plc (Nasdaq: AKTX), an oncology biotechnology company developing antibody drug conjugates (ADCs) with novel RNA splicing modulator payloads, today announced that its CEO participated in a Virtual Investor “What This Means” interview focused on the Company’s recently accepted abstract at the [2026 American Society of Clinical Oncology \(ASCO\) Annual Meeting](#).

During the interview, Mr. Gaslightwala highlighted the significance of Akari’s first ASCO abstract acceptance and discussed newly presented preclinical data demonstrating combination synergy between Akari’s differentiated spliceosome-modulating ADC platform and a KRAS inhibitor in KRAS-mutated pancreatic cancer models. The data further supports the potential of Akari’s proprietary PH1 payload platform to address the most difficult-to-treat cancers with significant unmet need, such as KRAS-driven tumors.

“The acceptance of our data at ASCO represents an important validation milestone for Akari and reinforces the growing excitement surrounding our differentiated ADC platform,” said Abizer Gaslightwala, President and Chief Executive Officer of Akari Therapeutics. “We believe AKTX-101 and our novel spliceosome-modulating payload approach have the potential to redefine how difficult-to-treat KRAS-driven cancers are targeted, particularly in patient populations where current therapeutic options remain limited.”

The discussion also explored the key findings from the accepted abstract and what management believes differentiates Akari’s approach within the rapidly evolving ADC landscape, including the Company’s novel RNA splicing modulation mechanism designed to enhance anti-tumor activity and broaden therapeutic applicability across multiple solid tumor indications.

In addition, Mr. Gaslightwala outlined several anticipated milestones investors should monitor, including continued advancement of Akari’s PH1 spliceosome-modulating

payload platform and the Company's targeted initiation of a Phase 1 first-in-human clinical trial by mid-2027.

The Virtual Investor "What This Means" segment featuring Akari Therapeutics is now available [here](#).

## **About Akari Therapeutics**

Akari Therapeutics is an oncology biotechnology company developing next-generation antibody drug conjugates (ADCs) with a unique payload, PH1, which targets RNA splicing. Utilizing its innovative ADC discovery platform, the Company has the ability to generate ADC candidates and optimize them based on the desired application to any antigen target of interest. Akari's lead candidate, AKTX-101, targets the Trop2 receptor on cancer cells with a proprietary linker, enabling it to deliver its novel PH1 payload directly into the tumor with minimal off-target effects. Unlike current ADCs that use microtubule inhibitors and DNA-damaging agents as their payloads, PH1 is a novel payload that is a spliceosome modulator designed to disrupt RNA splicing within cancer cells. This splicing modulation has been shown in preclinical animal models to induce cancer cell death while activating both the innate and adaptive immune systems to drive robust and durable activity. In preclinical studies, AKTX-101 has been shown to have significant activity and prolonged survival relative to ADCs with traditional payloads. Additionally, AKTX-101 has the potential to be synergistic with checkpoint inhibitors and has demonstrated prolonged survival as both a single agent and in combination with checkpoint inhibitors. The PH1 payload has also been demonstrated to be very active against cancer cells with key oncogenic drivers such as KRAS, BRAF, ARV7, FGFR3 fusions, and others. The Company has initiated IND enabling studies for AKTX-101 with a goal of starting its First-In-Human trial by mid-2027. Akari is also developing AKTX-102, an ADC candidate targeting CEACAM5 (Carcinoembryonic Antigen-related Cell Adhesion Molecule-5), a well-validated tumor antigen broadly expressed across multiple solid tumors. AKTX-102 is designed to leverage Akari's proprietary PH1 spliceosome-modulating payload and a novel antibody construct to enable differentiated tumor cell killing and immune activation.

For more information about the Company, please visit [www.akaritx.com](http://www.akaritx.com) and connect on [X](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

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This press release includes express or implied forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of

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