Sagimet Biosciences to Present Mechanism of Action Data for its FASN Inhibitors at the Society for Investigative Dermatology in Chicago

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Pre-clinical data shows potential for FASN inhibition as mechanism of action to treat acne

Phase 3 clinical trial of denifanstat in moderate to severe acne patients for the U.S. planned to initiate in second half of 2026

SAN MATEO, Calif., May 11, 2026 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Sagimet Biosciences Inc. (Nasdaq: SGMT), a clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company developing novel therapeutics targeting dysfunctional metabolic and fibrotic pathways, today announced that the Company will present a poster at the 83rd Society for Investigative Dermatology Annual Meeting (SID 2026) on May 15, 2026 showing *in vitro* data that supports the potential use of FASN inhibitors in acne.

"Excess sebum production is one of the key drivers of acne," said Andreas Grauer, MD, Sagimet's Chief Medical Officer. "At SID 2026, we will present data from our preclinical studies which showed that FASN inhibitors reduced sebum-related lipids in human sebocytes. These data, added to the successful Phase 3 clinical trial of denifanstat in acne in China, demonstrate that FASN inhibition offers a potential mechanism of action to treat acne, and support our Phase 3 registrational clinical trial in acne planned to start in the second half of 2026."

Society for Investigative Dermatology Poster Presentation Details:

- Poster Title: Fatty acid synthase (FASN) inhibitors decreased sebum lipids in human sebocytes via inhibition of de novo lipogenesis, supporting FASN as a target for acne treatment
- Presenter: Marie O'Farrell, PhD, Chief Scientific Officer, Sagimet Biosciences
- Session: Poster Session 2, Translational Studies: Cell and Molecular Biology, Salons B, C, D (Lower Level)/Williford – 3rd Floor
- Date/Time: Friday, May 15, 2026, 4:30 to 6:00 PM CDT
- Location: Hilton Chicago, IL

Poster Highlights:

Excess sebum production contributes to the development of acne. De novo lipogenesis (DNL) drives sebum production in sebocytes, and FASN is a key enzyme in the DNL pathway. In preclinical studies, FASN inhibitors reduced sebum-related lipids in human sebocytes, demonstrating that FASN inhibition offers a potential mechanism of action to treat acne.

About Sagimet Biosciences

Sagimet is a clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company developing novel FASN inhibitors designed to target dysfunctional metabolic and fibrotic pathways in conditions resulting from the overproduction of the fatty acid, palmitate. FASN is a regulator of lipid synthesis, and a key pathway implicated in multiple diseases, such as acne, MASH and certain FASN-dependent tumor types. For additional information about Sagimet, please visit www.sagimet.com.

About Acne

Acne is one of the most common skin conditions in the U.S., with approximately 50 million Americans affected annually and more than 5 million seeking medical treatment for acne each year. Acne affects around 85% of persons between the ages of 12 and 24. Moderate to severe acne accounts for 20% of acne sufferers, or approximately 10 million people in the U.S. annually. There is no cure for acne, and due to its pathology, most patients require chronic management and multiple annual courses of treatment for flare control.

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