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**ChemoCentryx Identifies Novel Small Molecule ChemR23 Antagonist for the
Treatment of Inflammatory Diseases**

***Represents Fourth and Final Drug Candidate to be Delivered to GlaxoSmithKline Under the
Alliance***

Mountain View, CA – April 8, 2010 – ChemoCentryx, Inc., today announced that it has identified a novel drug candidate targeting the chemoattractant receptor known as ChemR23. This investigational new drug, designated CCX832, is an orally-administered small molecule antagonist of ChemR23, an important player in inflammatory disease. CCX832, which is slated to start clinical development later this year or early next, represents the fourth and final drug candidate under the Company's alliance with GlaxoSmithKline (NYSE: GSK). The acceptance of CCX832 by GSK triggered a \$5 million milestone payment to ChemoCentryx.

“The acceptance by GSK of CCX832 for clinical development highlights the culmination of the research term in our strategic alliance. With this important milestone we have now successfully delivered clinical development candidates for each of the four targets which were defined when we entered into the alliance three and one half years ago,” stated Thomas J. Schall, Ph.D., President and Chief Executive Officer of ChemoCentryx. “The nomination of a small molecule antagonist against this novel target underscores our ability to transform cutting edge science into new medicines. We are delighted to demonstrate the broad capability of our proprietary technologies, applicable not only to chemokines, but to related receptors as well.”

About ChemR23/CCX832

The ligand for ChemR23, chemerin, is a widely expressed protein that circulates in human plasma in an inactive state and becomes biologically activated in inflammatory settings. It is believed that chemerin may serve as a biological alarm signal that, under conditions of tissue injury, draws in ChemR23 expressing cells. Diseases such as psoriasis are also associated with elevated levels of chemerin. In preclinical studies, CCX832 has demonstrated the ability to successfully block ChemR23 and interrupt the early steps associated with the development of inflammatory skin disease.

About ChemoCentryx

ChemoCentryx, Inc., is a clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company focused on discovering, developing and commercializing orally-administered therapeutics that target the chemokine and chemoattractant systems in order to treat autoimmune diseases, inflammatory disorders and cancer. The chemokine system is a biological network that regulates inflammation via a collection of secreted chemokine molecules, or ligands, and their specific cell surface receptors. Based on its proprietary drug discovery and drug development platform, ChemoCentryx has internally generated multiple clinical and preclinical-stage programs, each targeting distinct chemokine and chemoattractant receptors with different small

molecule compounds. ChemoCentryx's lead compound, Traficet-EN, a specific CCR9 antagonist, completed a Phase II/III multi-national clinical trial, called PROTECT-1, in patients with moderate-to-severe Crohn's disease, where it demonstrated the ability to induce a clinical response and to maintain clinical remission over the course of the trial. CCX025, also a CCR9 antagonist, successfully concluded a Phase I clinical program. Additional clinical programs include CCX140, which targets the CCR2 receptor, in Phase II clinical development for the treatment of type 2 diabetes mellitus, CCX354, a CCR1 antagonist in a Phase II clinical trial for the treatment of rheumatoid arthritis and CCX168, a C5aR antagonist, in Phase I clinical development. ChemoCentryx also has several programs in preclinical development. ChemoCentryx is privately held. For more information, please refer to www.chemocentryx.com.

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