



Atossa Therapeutics Applauds U.S. Surgeon General's Advisory Highlighting Alcohol as a Leading Preventable Cause of Breast Cancer

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SEATTLE, Jan. 06, 2025 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- [Atossa Therapeutics, Inc.](#) (Nasdaq: ATOS) ("Atossa" or the "Company"), a clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company dedicated to the prevention and treatment of breast cancer, commends the U.S. Surgeon General for issuing a crucial Advisory that describes the scientific evidence for the causal link between alcohol consumption and increased cancer risk, particularly breast cancer in women.

The Surgeon General's Advisory reveals that alcohol consumption contributes to nearly 100,000 cancer cases and approximately 20,000 cancer deaths in the United States each year – making it the third leading preventable cause of cancer, after tobacco and obesity. Notably, breast cancer represents the largest portion of alcohol-related cancers in women, accounting for approximately 44,180 cases annually – about 16.4 percent of all breast cancer diagnoses.

"Atossa Therapeutics fully supports the Surgeon General's efforts to raise public awareness about alcohol's role in increasing breast cancer risk," said Dr. Steven Quay, M.D., Ph.D., FCAP, CEO of Atossa Therapeutics. "This Advisory aligns with our mission to prevent breast cancer before it starts. The fact that even light drinking can elevate breast cancer risk highlights the importance of education and other proactive measures to reduce alcohol-related cancers."

The Advisory emphasizes that for certain cancers, including breast cancer, the risk begins to rise with the consumption of as little as one drink per day. Despite this evidence, less than half (45 percent) of Americans surveyed believe that alcohol consumption has a significant effect on whether the average person develops cancer.

Atossa Therapeutics echoes the Advisory's call to action, supporting initiatives such as:

- Updating health warning labels on alcoholic beverages to reflect the cancer risk.
- Expanding public education efforts to increase awareness of alcohol's link to breast cancer.
- Highlight alcohol consumption as a leading modifiable cancer risk factor and incorporate proven alcohol reduction strategies into population-level cancer prevention initiatives.

To further educate the public, Dr. Quay – a world-renowned physician and scientist – has released a video explaining the Surgeon General's Advisory and what it may mean for Americans and the future of breast cancer. The video can be viewed [here](#).

"Atossa is committed to advancing therapies aimed at reducing the burden of breast cancer. As such, we stand with the Surgeon General in advocating for public policies that inform and protect the health of women," Dr. Quay added.

About Atossa Therapeutics

Atossa Therapeutics, Inc. is a clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company developing innovative medicines in areas of significant unmet medical need in oncology with a focus on using (Z)-endoxifen to prevent and treat breast cancer. For more information, please visit www.atossatherapeutics.com.

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