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**Pieris Pharmaceuticals to Present Data on Novel Anti-CD137 and  
HER2 Bispecific Immuno-Oncology Program at  
UBS Global Healthcare Conference**

**--Company reveals CD137 as a key target in its immuno-oncology franchise --**

**FREISING, GERMANY, May 19, 2015 – Pieris Pharmaceuticals, Inc.** (OTCQB: [PIRS](#)), a biotechnology company advancing its proprietary [Anticalin](#)<sup>®</sup> biotherapeutic technologies announced today that President and CEO, Stephen Yoder, will present preclinical data on a new immuno-oncology program—an Anticalin-based CD137-HER2 bispecific—at the UBS Global Healthcare Conference at 4:30 pm EDT.

The Company also announced today CD137 as a key target in its immuno-oncology franchise. CD137 is a member of the tumor necrosis factor (TNF) receptor family and is increasingly associated with costimulatory activity for activated T cells, while HER2 is a clinically validated target across a broad spectrum of solid tumors.

The data demonstrate that several characterized CD137-engaging Anticalins exhibit agonistic properties through target cross-linking and that several bispecific constructs, composed of a CD137-specific Anticalin genetically linked to a variant of trastuzumab, maintain target engagement capabilities and desired stability.

Mr. Yoder commented, “Traditional monoclonal antibody approaches of targeting CD137 have thus far proven challenging, and HER2 interventions have not adequately addressed all tumors where that target is upregulated. With the intent of trafficking an anti-CD137 therapeutic protein to the tumor microenvironment of HER2-implicated tumors with an Anticalin, this bispecific therapeutic protein may offer patients a therapeutic window for an immunomodulatory treatment that so far has not been sufficient.”

The presentation will be webcast live and available for replay at: [http://cc.talkpoint.com/ubsx001/051815a\\_ae/?entity=60\\_5BQMNHN](http://cc.talkpoint.com/ubsx001/051815a_ae/?entity=60_5BQMNHN) or on the Company’s website at [www.pieris.com](http://www.pieris.com).

**About Pieris Pharmaceuticals:**

Pieris is a clinical-stage biotechnology company advancing its proprietary [Anticalin](#)<sup>®</sup> technology to create differentiated drugs that have the potential to be safer and more effective than conventional approaches. Anticalins show promise in addressing high-unmet medical needs and expanding the potential of targeted therapeutics. The company currently has a diverse proprietary pipeline and has ongoing R&D collaborations with Daiichi Sankyo, the Sanofi Group, Zydus Cadila, Stelis Biopharma and Allergan. For more information visit [www.pieris.com](http://www.pieris.com).

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