



Rosetta Genomics Expands Patent Estate for Thyroid Cancer Detection microRNA Biomarkers with U.S. Patent Allowance

Receives seventh patent related to detecting thyroid cancer with several additional patent applications in process

PHILADELPHIA and REHOVOT, Israel (October 17, 2017) – Rosetta Genomics Ltd. (NASDAQ: ROSG), a genomic diagnostics company that improves treatment decisions by providing timely and accurate diagnostic information to physicians, announces that it has expanded its global patent estate related to classifying indeterminate thyroid nodules (ITN), with a new patent allowance in the United States. This is the seventh patent related to the use of microRNAs to detect thyroid cancer that has either been granted or allowed and the Company has several more patent applications in process.

The United States Patents and Trademark Office (USPTO) has granted a patent allowance for patent application US 15/586,783, a divisional application of the parent patent titled “microRNAs and uses thereof.” This application claims hsa-miR-138-1-3p, its complement and a sequence at least 90% identical to it, as well as a probe and a vector comprising this microRNA.

“We remain committed to expanding our patent estate in the area of thyroid cancer detection. Our lead product, RosettaGX Reveal® (Reveal), continues to make inroads in the \$350 million thyroid cancer detection market segment in the U.S.,” noted Kenneth A. Berlin, President and Chief Executive Officer of Rosetta Genomics.

“Our recently implemented strategy to focus our resources on the sales and marketing of Reveal in the largely untapped U.S. ITN market continues. This patent allows for additional patent monetization opportunities and solidifies our leadership position in microRNA biomarker technology,” added Mr. Berlin.

About Rosetta Genomics

Rosetta is pioneering the field of molecular diagnostics by offering rapid and accurate diagnostic information that enables physicians to make more timely and informed treatment decisions to improve patient care. Rosetta has developed a portfolio of unique diagnostic solutions for oncologists, urologists, endocrinologists, cytopathologists and other specialists to help them deliver better care to their patients. RosettaGX Reveal®, a Thyroid microRNA Classifier for classifying indeterminate thyroid nodules, as well as the full RosettaGX® portfolio of cancer testing services are commercially available through the Company’s Philadelphia, PA- and Lake Forest, CA-based CAP-accredited, CLIA-certified labs.

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