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A BREATH OF HOPE LUNG FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES WINNER OF ITS 2023 PEG'S FIGHT FOR LIFE RESEARCH AWARD

FEBRUARY 12, 2024, MINNEAPOLIS - A Breath of Hope Lung Foundation is pleased to announce the winner of its 2023 Peg's Fight for Life Research Award - Anastasios Dimou, MD, Assistant Professor of Medicine at the Mayo Clinic College of Medicine, for his project entitled: BiTE to target EGFR peptide: HLA class I complexes in EGFR mutant lung cancers. Dr. Dimou's clinical focus includes strategies to overcome resistance to immunotherapy in EGFR and other mutation-driven non-small cell lung cancers (NSCLC).

The EGFR gene provides instructions for making a receptor protein called the epidermal growth factor receptor. EGFR mutant lung cancer is caused by a mutation in the EGFR gene that causes cells to grow at abnormal rates and form tumors. Biomarker testing can identify an EGFR mutation, and advances in lung cancer treatment have made it possible to target these proteins to stop the growth of cancer cells.

A Breath of Hope Lung Foundation expresses its gratitude to Dr. Dimou and his lab at the Mayo Clinic for their extraordinary commitment and contributions to the lung cancer field. Translational research focused on understanding mutations (and resistance) improves treatment options for lung cancer patients, allowing them to live longer and better. Funding competitive science is the road to improved lung cancer survival.

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A Breath of Hope Lung Foundation is a national 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization founded by a group of Minnesota patients and caregivers in 2008. A Breath of Hope's mission is to improve survival by funding innovative U.S. research, educating the public for improved disease awareness and early detection, and providing support and education to lung cancer patients and their caregivers.