

**FORM 6-K  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Washington, D.C. 20549**

**Report of Foreign Issuer**

**Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 of  
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

For the financial year ended May 31, 2006

**Lorus Therapeutics Inc.**

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

**2 Meridian Road, Toronto, Ontario M9W 4Z7**

(Address of principal executive offices)

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EXHIBIT LIST

- 99.1 [News Release dated April 3, 2006](#)
- 99.2 [News Release dated April 7, 2006](#)

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Lorus Therapeutics Inc.

Date: April 10, 2006

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**LORUS ANNOUNCES PRESENTATION OF  
ANTICANCER DRUG PLATFORMS AT THE 2006 MEETING OF  
THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR CANCER RESEARCH (AACR)**

*– Small molecule series and interleukin-17E show potent anticancer activity –*

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**TORONTO, CANADA, APRIL 3, 2006** – Lorus Therapeutics Inc. ('Lorus'), a biopharmaceutical company specializing in the research, development and commercialization of pharmaceutical products and technologies for the management of cancer, announced today that data showing novel anticancer activity from two of the Company's lead preclinical programs are being presented at the 97th Annual Meeting of the AACR in Washington DC, April, 1-5, 2006.

The presentation titled, "Novel series of small molecules suppress *in vitro* and *in vivo* tumor cell growth of colon carcinoma cells through the induction of Krüppel-like factor 4 (KLF 4)," is presented on Monday April 3, 2006, while a second presentation titled, "IL-17E, a proinflammatory cytokine, has a novel antitumor function *in vivo*," will be presented on Tuesday, April 4, 2006.

"Lorus is a leader in the development of drug candidates from a broad range of technologies, and our in-house research facility allows us to advance new lead compounds efficiently from discovery to formal drug development, adding significantly to the value of Lorus' drug pipeline. These presentations describing novel agents with strong anticancer properties are excellent examples of this strategy at work" said Lorus CEO Dr. Jim Wright.



## More About the Lorus Presentations at the AACR

### 1) Series of small molecules suppress tumor cell growth

The first presentation, “Novel series of small molecules suppress in vitro and in vivo tumor cell growth of colon carcinoma cells through the induction of Krüppel-like factor 4 (KLF4),” provides data regarding a series of compounds (2-indolyl imidazol [4,5-d] phenanthroline derivatives) developed by Lorus that demonstrate potent and novel anticancer activity. The studies presented describe the characterization of the anticancer activity and molecular mechanism of action of these compounds. A pattern of tumor-type selectivity was shown in an in vitro antitumor screen at the National Cancer Institute (NCI) Developmental Therapeutics Program, and lead compounds showed potent and selective growth inhibition of colon cancer, leukemia, non-small cell lung cancer, and prostate cancer. The compounds exhibited in vivo activity in both the Hollow Fiber Assay, and in mouse models of human colon and lung tumor growth. In addition, dose-schedule studies defined effective therapeutic dose ranges with no signs of apparent toxicity.

The studies on the mechanisms of action focused on changes in gene expression in response to treatment in human tumor tissue implanted into mice. Results indicate that the compounds target the metal-responsive transcription factor-1 or MTF1, a zinc-dependent protein that modulates expression of genes involved in zinc homeostasis. Drug-mediated displacement of zinc associated with MTF-1 resulted in MTF-1 downregulation leading to a strong induction of the tumor suppressor Krüppel-like factor 4 (KLF4), a transcription factor with an emerging role in the development and progression of colon carcinoma and other types of cancers. KLF4 is a negative regulator of cell growth through mechanisms that include suppression of cyclin D1 expression, leading to cell cycle arrest at the G1 phase. Critical involvement of KLF4 has been validated in siRNA-mediated knockdown experiments, in which KLF4 downregulation resulted in the loss of drug mediated cell growth inhibition.

### 2) IL-17E demonstrates significant antitumor activity

In the second presentation, “IL-17E, a proinflammatory cytokine, has a novel anti-tumor function in vivo,” Lorus examined the role of IL-17E as an anti-tumor agent, a previously unrecognized function of IL-17E.



IL-17E belongs to a larger family of cytokines (proteins that function as part of the immune system) and has potent inflammatory effects in vitro and in vivo. Expression of high levels of IL-17E in mice results in a T helper-2 (T<sub>H</sub>2)-type immune response, characterized by the expansion of eosinophils, and upregulation of specific T<sub>H</sub>2 type cytokines including IL-5, IL-4 and IL-13.

IL-17E demonstrated significant anti-tumor activity against a variety of human tumors, including melanoma, pancreatic, colon, lung and ovarian tumors grown in mice. In addition, combinations of IL-17E with chemotherapeutic agents showed enhanced anti-tumor efficacy against human colon, lung, melanoma and ovarian tumor models in mice.

The anti-tumor activity was dose-dependent and was observed using three different routes of administration. Consistent with the observed binding of both human and mouse IL-17E to the mouse IL-17E receptor, human IL-17E also exhibited anti-tumor activity against human tumors grown in mice. Studies on the mechanism of action showed that treatment with IL-17E resulted in increased serum levels of IL-5 and increased percentages of eosinophils in peripheral blood. Spleen cells isolated from IL-17E-treated mice showed increases in eosinophils and B-cells, as well as an increase in the percentage of activated B cells. Furthermore, treatment with IL-17E resulted in phosphorylation of kinases and activation of transcription factors involved in immune stimulation. Taken together, the data support further investigation of the potential clinical application of IL-17E, placing IL-17E in a growing class of anticancer immunotherapeutic drugs.

#### **About Lorus**

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#### **Forward Looking Statements**

Except for historical information, this press release contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, which reflect the Company's current expectation and assumptions, and are subject to a number of risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those anticipated. These forward-looking statements involve risks and uncertainties, including, but not limited to, changing market conditions, the Company's ability to obtain patent protection and protect its intellectual property rights, commercialization limitations imposed by intellectual property rights owned or controlled by third parties, intellectual property liability rights and liability claims asserted against the Company, the successful and timely completion of clinical studies, the establishment of corporate alliances, the impact of competitive products and pricing, new product



development, uncertainties related to the regulatory approval process, product development delays, the Company's ability to attract and retain business partners and key personnel, future levels of government funding, the Company's ability to obtain the capital required for research, operations and marketing and other risks detailed from time-to-time in the Company's ongoing quarterly filings, annual information forms, annual reports and 40-F filings. We undertake no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

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**LORUS THERAPEUTICS REPORTS THIRD QUARTER RESULTS  
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006**

**TORONTO, CANADA – April 7, 2006** – Lorus Therapeutics Inc. (“Lorus”) today reported financial results for the three and nine-month periods ended February 28, 2006. Unless specified otherwise, all amounts are in Canadian dollars.

**DECEMBER 1, 2005 TO DATE HIGHLIGHTS**

- In early December, Lorus announced positive findings in its clinical trial of GTI-2040 combined with cytarabine in patients with recurrent or refractory Acute Myeloid Leukemia (AML) sponsored by the National Cancer Institute (NCI). These patients have few remaining treatment options and without novel therapies are candidates for bone marrow transplants. The clinical trial data presented showed complete responses in 44 per cent of patients 60 years of age or younger. Patients in this trial had either failed to respond to prior therapy or had rapidly relapsed. Such patients usually have a very low expectation of complete response of approximately 10 to 20 per cent on salvage therapies such as high-dose cytarabine.
- Although clinical results from the Phase III trial of Virulizin<sup>®</sup> for the treatment of pancreatic cancer did not reach statistical significance in overall mean survival times, Lorus recently announced the observations of further exploratory analysis of the data from this trial. This analysis showed survival benefit for a subgroup of patients who continued to receive Virulizin<sup>®</sup> after entering optional Stage 3 second-line therapy. Stage 3 patients are those who entered optional second-line therapy, and were offered Virulizin<sup>®</sup> / placebo plus 5-fluorouracil, or Virulizin<sup>®</sup> / Placebo alone, or best supportive care.
- Lorus announced publication of three research studies for its anticancer products, providing support for further development of Lorus’ lead small molecule program and two antisense drugs. The publications discussed the following topics:
  - *Novel formulation developed for ML-series of small molecule compounds*
  - *GTI-2501 preclinical data indicate a broad spectrum of anti-tumor activity*
  - *GTI-2601 exhibits anti-tumor effects*

“We have continued to focus our activities during the quarter on partnerships for our two most advanced drug candidates, GTI-2040 and Virulizin<sup>®</sup> while progressing the development of our small molecule program and the GTI-2040 Phase II clinical trial program supported by the US NCI,” said Dr. Jim Wright, president and CEO. “We are encouraged with the results during the quarter from our AML NCI sponsored GTI-2040 Phase II clinical trial and we look forward to more data from the remaining five NCI sponsored clinical trials throughout the calendar year.”

## FINANCIAL RESULTS

Cash used in operating activities before changes in non-cash working capital was \$2.7 million for the three-month period ended February 28, 2006, compared to \$4.1 million in the prior period. For the nine-month period ended February 28, 2006, cash used in operating activities before changes in non-cash working capital totaled \$11.0 million compared with \$14.2 million in the prior period. The decrease during the quarter is primarily due to lower research and development expenditures due to the close of our Virulizin<sup>®</sup> Phase III clinical trial in July 2005 as well as lower general and administrative costs resulting from lower levels of staff following the November 2005 corporate changes and reduced legal, patent and consulting costs.

Net loss for the three months ended February 28, 2006, totaled \$4.1 million (\$0.02 per share) compared to a loss of \$5.3 million (\$0.03 per share) for the same period last year. For the nine-month period ended February 28, 2006, net loss totaled \$14.9 million (\$0.09 per share) compared to \$17.5 million (\$0.10 per share) for the comparable period last year. The year to date decrease in net loss is due primarily to a reduction of \$3.2 million in research and development expenses and a reduction of \$200,000 in general and administrative expenses offset by higher interest expense of \$496,000 and accretion expense of \$373,000 associated with the debentures issued in fiscal 2005.

Research and development expenses for the three-month period ended February 28, 2006, decreased to \$2.3 million compared to \$3.2 million for the same period last year. For the nine-month period ended February 28, 2006, research and development expenses decreased to \$8.9 million compared to \$12.1 million for the same period last year. The decrease in research and development activities is the result of lower clinical trial costs for the now complete Phase III trial of Virulizin<sup>®</sup> in comparison to the prior year when the trial was fully enrolled and underway. In addition, due to the corporate changes in November 2005, the number of personnel working on Virulizin<sup>®</sup> research and development activities has decreased.

General and administrative expenses for the three-month period ended February 28, 2006, decreased 39% to \$909,000 compared with \$1.5 million in the same period last year. General and administrative expenses for the nine-month period ended February 28, 2006, decreased slightly to \$3.6 million compared with \$3.8 million in the same period last year. The decrease in general and administrative costs during the quarter is the result of lower levels of staff following the November 2005 corporate changes as well as lower legal, patent and consulting costs compared with the prior year. The reduction year to date is less significant due to severance costs of \$468,000 resulting from corporate changes in November 2005.

Interest income for the three months ended February 28, 2006, was \$85,000, compared with \$116,000 for the same period last year. For the nine months ended February 28, 2006, interest income was \$295,000 compared to \$397,000 for the same period last year. The decrease is attributable to a lower cash and short-term investment balance throughout fiscal 2006.

At February 28, 2006, Lorus had cash and cash equivalents and short-term investments totaling \$10.3 million compared to \$21.5 million at May 31, 2005. Working capital was \$7.4 million at February 28, 2006, compared to \$18.5 million at May 31, 2005.

**Lorus Therapeutics Inc.**  
**Consolidated Statements of Loss and Deficit (unaudited)**

(amounts in 000's of Canadian Dollars)

	Three months ended		Nine months ended	
	February 28,		February 28,	
	2006	2005	2006	2005
<b>REVENUE</b>	\$ 5	\$ 3	\$ 12	\$ 6
<b>EXPENSES</b>	5	3		
Cost of sales	1	-	2	1
Research and development	2,296	3,175	8,884	12,062
General and administrative	909	1,484	3,604	3,842
Stock-based compensation	400	341	1,105	1,202
Depreciation and amortization	130	128	390	379
<b>Operating expenses</b>	<b>3,736</b>	<b>5,128</b>	<b>13,985</b>	<b>17,486</b>
Interest expense on convertible debentures	224	96	631	135
Accretion in carrying value of convertible debentures	202	137	568	195
Amortization of deferred financing charges	23	32	62	51
Interest income	(85)	(116)	(295)	(397)
<b>Loss for the period</b>	<b>4,095</b>	<b>5,274</b>	<b>14,939</b>	<b>17,464</b>
<b>Basic and diluted loss per common share</b>	\$ 0.02	\$ 0.03	\$ 0.09	\$ 0.10
<b>Weighted average number of common shares outstanding used in the calculation of basic and diluted loss per share</b>	<b>173,810</b>	<b>172,208</b>	<b>172,911</b>	<b>172,003</b>

Media, members of the financial community and shareholders are invited to listen to the Company's quarterly earnings presentation through an audio web cast on the Company's website at [www.lorusthera.com](http://www.lorusthera.com) on Wednesday April 12, 2006.

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