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### FORM 6-K

Report of Foreign Private Issuer Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the Month of October 2017

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## **CAN-FITE BIOPHARMA LTD.**

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

10 Bareket Street KiryatMatalon, P.O. Box 7537 Petach-Tikva 4951778, Israel

(Address of principal executive offices)

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The first paragraph and "Forward Looking Statements" of the press release attached to this Form 6-K are hereby incorporated by reference into the registrant's Registration Statements on Form F-3 (File Nos. 333-195124, 333-199033, 333-204795, 333-209037 and 333-220644), to be a part thereof from the date on which this report is submitted, to the extent not superseded by documents or reports subsequently filed or furnished.

On October 17, 2017, Can-Fite BioPharma Ltd. issued a press release announcing that the Korean Intellectual Property Office has issued patent No. 10-1741281 titled, "Pharmaceutical Composition Comprising A3 Adenosine Receptor Agonist (IB-MECA/CF-101) For Treatment of Psoriasis" for the Company's lead drug candidate Piclidenoson (CF101) in its psoriasis indication. A copy of this press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

## Exhibit Index

# Exhibit No. Description

99.1 <u>Press Release dated October 17, 2017</u>

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## 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.

Can-Fite BioPharma Ltd.

Date: October 17, 2017 By: /s/ Pnina Fishman

Pnina Fishman Chief Executive Officer

# Can-Fite Issued Patent in Korea for Piclidenoson in the Treatment of Psoriasis

- Can-Fite has distribution agreements in Korea for Piclidenoson and Namodenoson
- Piclidenoson slated to enter Phase III study in treatment of psoriasis in 2018

PETACH TIKVA, Israel, October 17, 2017 -- <u>Can-Fite BioPharma Ltd.</u> (NYSE American: CANF) (TASE:CFBI), a biotechnology company advancing a pipeline of proprietary small molecule drugs that address cancer, liver and inflammatory diseases, today announced the Korean Intellectual Property Office has issued patent No. 10-1741281 titled, "Pharmaceutical Composition Comprising A3 Adenosine Receptor Agonist (IB-MECA/CF-101) For Treatment of Psoriasis" for the Company's lead drug candidate Piclidenoson (CF101) in its psoriasis indication.

Can-Fite has two distribution agreements in Korea including one with Kwang Dong Pharmaceutical for Piclidenoson in the treatment of rheumatoid arthritis and another with Chong Kun Dang for Namodenoson in the treatment of liver cancer.

"Korea is an important market for us, as evidenced by the two distribution agreements we already have there. This patent may increase the value of a potential distribution deal in Korea for Piclidenoson in the treatment of psoriasis," stated Can-Fite CEO Dr. Pnina Fishman. "We believe Piclidenoson is a strong candidate for the treatment of moderate to severe psoriasis due to its excellent safety profile for long-term use and its favorable comparison with Otezla®, the leading oral therapy currently on the market."

In an upcoming Phase III trial expected to commence in 2018, Piclidenoson, administered orally, will be investigated compared to placebo as its primary endpoint and as compared to apremilast (Otezla®) as its secondary endpoint in approximately 400 patients with moderate-to-severe plaque psoriasis. The psoriasis market is forecast to be \$8.9 billion in 2018 and Otezla® sales are estimated to be \$2.35 billion by 2020.

## About Piclidenoson (CF101)

Piclidenoson is a novel, first-in-class, A3 adenosine receptor agonist (A3AR) small molecule, orally bioavailable drug with a favorable therapeutic index demonstrated in Phase II clinical studies. Piclidenoson is currently under development for the treatment of autoimmune inflammatory diseases including rheumatoid arthritis (completed Phase II) and psoriasis (completed Phase II/III).

## About Can-Fite BioPharma Ltd.

Can-Fite BioPharma Ltd. (NYSE American: CANF) (TASE: CFBI) is an advanced clinical stage drug development Company with a platform technology that is designed to address multi-billion dollar markets in the treatment of cancer, inflammatory disease and sexual dysfunction. The Company's lead drug candidate, Piclidenoson, is scheduled to enter a Phase III trial for rheumatoid arthritis in 2017 and a Phase III trial for psoriasis in early 2018. The rheumatoid arthritis Phase III protocol has recently been agreed with the European Medicines Agency. Can-Fite's liver cancer drug CF102 is in Phase II trials for patients with liver cancer and is slated to enter Phase II for the treatment of non-alcoholic steatohepatitis (NASH). CF102 has been granted Orphan Drug Designation in the U.S. and Europe and Fast Track Designation as a second line treatment for hepatocellular carcinoma by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. CF102 has also shown proof of concept to potentially treat other cancers including colon, prostate, and melanoma. CF602, the Company's third drug candidate, has shown efficacy in the treatment of erectile dysfunction in preclinical studies and the Company is investigating additional compounds, targeting A3AR, for the treatment of sexual dysfunction. These drugs have an excellent safety profile with experience in over 1,000 patients in clinical studies to date. For more information please visit: www.can-fite.com.

### Forward-Looking Statements

This press release may contain forward-looking statements, about Can-Fite's expectations, beliefs or intentions regarding, among other things, market risks and uncertainties, its product development efforts, business, financial condition, results of operations, strategies or prospects. In addition, from time to time, Can-Fite or its representatives have made or may make forward-looking statements, orally or in writing. Forward-looking statements can be identified by the use of forward-looking words such as "believe," "expect," "intend," "plan," "may," "should" or "anticipate" or their negatives or other variations of these words or other comparable words or by the fact that these statements do not relate strictly to historical or current matters. These forward-looking statements may be included in, but are not limited to, various filings made by Can-Fite with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, press releases or oral statements made by or with the approval of one of Can-Fite's authorized executive officers. Forward-looking statements relate to anticipated or expected events, activities, trends or results as of the date they are made. Because forward-looking statements relate to matters that have not yet occurred, these statements are inherently subject to risks and uncertainties that could cause Can-Fite's actual results to differ materially from any future results expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements. Many factors could cause Can-Fite's actual activities or results to differ materially from the activities and results anticipated in such forward-looking statements. Factors that could cause our actual results to differ materially from those expressed or implied in such forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to: the initiation, timing, progress and results of our preclinical studies, clinical trials and other product candidate development efforts; our ability to advance our product candidates into clinical trials or to successfully complete our preclinical studies or clinical trials; our receipt of regulatory approvals for our product candidates, and the timing of other regulatory filings and approvals; the clinical development, commercialization and market acceptance of our product candidates; our ability to establish and maintain corporate collaborations; the implementation of our business model and strategic plans for our business and product candidates; the scope of protection we are able to establish and maintain for intellectual property rights covering our product candidates and our ability to operate our business without infringing the intellectual property rights of others; estimates of our expenses, future revenues, capital requirements and our needs for additional financing; competitive companies, technologies and our industry; statements as to the impact of the political and security situation in Israel on our business; and risks and other risk factors detailed in Can-Fite's filings with the SEC and in its periodic filings with the TASE. In addition, Can-Fite operates in an industry sector where securities values are highly volatile and may be influenced by economic and other factors beyond its control. Can-Fite does not undertake any obligation to publicly update these forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

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