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**Innoviva to Undertake Comprehensive Review of its Cost
and Executive Compensation Structures**

Meaningful reductions in core operating costs expected

Brisbane, Calif. April 13, 2017 Innoviva, Inc. (the Company or Innoviva) (NASDAQ: INVA) issued the following statement ahead of its upcoming Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held on April 20, 2017:

Innoviva strives to engage with all of our shareholders, and we have appreciated the support that we have received for our team and strategy during the proxy fight with Sarissa Capital. We also welcome constructive feedback on how to continue to deliver value for the benefit of our shareholders. As a result of our recent conversations with shareholders, your Board of Directors has determined to undertake a fresh, comprehensive review of all of our costs, including executive compensation structures.

We expect this review to result in meaningful savings in our core operating costs that will benefit our financial performance. The review will be conducted expeditiously and will be led by a special committee of our independent directors. The Board expects to provide shareholders with detailed outcomes of the review in the third quarter of 2017.

The Board remains confident in the Company's long-term plans for revenue and profit growth, and remains fully committed to delivering attractive returns for shareholders.

The Annual Stockholders Meeting is now just days away. We urge our shareholders to vote on the **WHITE** proxy card in favor of the current Board of Directors to protect their investment and the long-term value of Innoviva.

About Innoviva

Innoviva is focused on bringing compelling new medicines to patients in areas of unmet need by leveraging its significant expertise in the development, commercialization and financial management of bio-pharmaceuticals. Innoviva's portfolio is anchored by the respiratory assets partnered with Glaxo Group Limited (GSK), including RELVAR®/BREO® ELLIPTA® and ANORO® ELLIPTA®, which were jointly developed by Innoviva and GSK. Under the agreement with GSK, Innoviva is eligible to receive associated royalty revenues from RELVAR®/BREO® ELLIPTA®, ANORO® ELLIPTA®. In addition, Innoviva retains a 15 percent economic interest in future payments made by GSK for earlier-stage programs partnered with Theravance

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BioPharma, Inc., including the closed triple combination therapy for Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD). For more information, please visit Innoviva's website at www.inva.com.

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Forward-Looking Statements

This press release contains certain forward-looking statements as that term is defined in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 regarding, among other things, statements relating to goals, plans, objectives and future events, including expected cost savings. Innoviva intends such forward-looking statements to be covered by the safe harbor provisions for forward-looking statements contained in Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. The words anticipate, expect, goal, intend, objective, opportunity, plan, potential, target and similar expressions are intended to identify such forward-looking statements. Such forward-looking statements involve substantial risks, uncertainties and assumptions. These statements are based on the current estimates and assumptions of the management of Innoviva as of the date of this press release and are subject to risks, uncertainties, changes in circumstances, assumptions and other factors that may cause the actual results of Innoviva to be materially different from those reflected in the forward-looking statements. Important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those indicated by such forward-looking statements include, among others, risks related to: expected cost savings, lower than expected future royalty revenue from respiratory products partnered with GSK, the commercialization of RELVAR®/BREO® ELLIPTA® and ANORO® ELLIPTA® in the jurisdictions in which these products have been approved; the strategies, plans and objectives of Innoviva (including Innoviva's growth strategy and corporate development initiatives beyond the existing respiratory portfolio); the timing, manner, amount and planned growth of anticipated potential capital returns to shareholders (including, without limitation, statements regarding Innoviva's expectations of future purchases under its capital return programs and future cash dividends); the status and timing of clinical studies, data analysis and communication of results; the potential benefits and mechanisms of action of product candidates; expectations for product candidates through development and commercialization; the timing of regulatory approval of product candidates; and projections of revenue, expenses and other financial items. Other risks affecting Innoviva are described under the headings Risk Factors and Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations contained in Innoviva's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016, which is on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and available on the SEC's website at www.sec.gov. Additional factors may be described in those sections of Innoviva's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2017, to be filed with the SEC in the second quarter of 2017. In addition to the risks described above and in Innoviva's other filings with the SEC, other unknown or unpredictable factors also could affect Innoviva's results. Past performance is not necessarily indicative of future results. No forward-looking statements can be guaranteed and actual results may differ materially from such statements. Given these uncertainties, you should not place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements. The information in this press release is provided only as of the date hereof, and Innoviva assumes no obligation to update its forward-looking statements on account of new information, future events or otherwise, except as required by law.

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