

Stem Cell Therapy for Coronavirus Infection

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GOLDEN, CO,March 3 2020 /Vitro Diagnostics, Inc. (OTCPK:VODG), dba <u>Vitro Biopharma</u> reports on a potential therapy of Coronavirus (COVID-19) infections by stem cell transplant. While this therapy is not a method to eradicate or cure Coronavirus, there is evidence to support the concept that infected patients may be more likely to combat and survive infection. First, stem cells resist viral

attack by the expression of certain genes known as interferon gamma stimulated genes (ISGs). These are expressed in stem cells prior to their differentiation. (Wu, X, et al, Cell 172: 423, 2018). Hence, stem cells would be expected to survive even if transplanted into a patient with an active Coronavirus infection. Also, it is known that stem cells rejuvenate and regenerate cells in the body through various processes involving reduction of inflammation, secretion of substances that protect cells, transfer of mitochondria, reduction of cell death, anti-oxidative effects and improvement of immune system function. These effects are likely to increase survival in patients infected with Coronavirus. Also, there is direct evidence of stem cell protection against viral infection. Influenza virus A/H5N1 causes acute lung injury that was reduced by human mesenchymal stromal cells (MSCs) in mice and the treatment increased survival (Chan, et al, PNAS 113:3621, 2016).

Vitro Biopharma has operated a highly regulated, FDA-compliant commercial biologics manufacturing facility for several years and is cGMP compliant, ISO9001 Certified, ISO13485 Certified, CLIA Certified and FDA registered. All clinical manufacturing occurs in a certified sterile clean room with extensive and advanced testing to assure the absence of contamination. Furthermore, in numerous patients treated to date by IV infusion of our AlloRx Stem Cells™ there have been no significant adverse events while we have gained evidence of efficacy. We presently supply our AlloRx™ Stem Cells to DVC Stem in the Cayman Islands for treatment of inflammatory conditions. We plan to begin recruitment of patients for a trial of stem cell therapy of musculoskeletal conditions in the Bahamas during spring 2020.

Dr. Jim Musick, CEO said, "We are pleased to be positioned to offer stem cell therapy for Coronavirus infection. While there are several factors related to the possible extent of this global infection, stem cell therapy represents a therapeutic option to fight the virus and increase survival while effective vaccines are being developed. Our existing off-shore partners offer stem cell transplant services and we are in contact with CDC officials regarding potential US-based stem cell transplants into infected individuals."

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(CAFs) from various tumors including lung, breast, melanoma, pancreatic, glioblastoma and colorectal tissues. Our CAFs are purchased by major pharmaceutical and biopharmaceutical firms to advance immunotherapy of cancer.

Out of our years of research, we developed our patent-pending and proprietary line of umbilical cord-derived stem cells AlloRx™ Stem Cells now being used in offshore regenerative medicine clinical trials. Our stem cells are used in regenerative medicine clinical trials with our partner in the Cayman Islands www.DVCStem.com. We have a recently approved clinical trial using our AlloRx™ Stem Cells to treat musculoskeletal conditions at The Medical Pavilion of the Bahamas www.tmp-bahamas.com in Nassau. We are supporting clinical studies of stem cell therapies using our AlloRx™ Stem Cells for osteoarthritis, neurodegenerative diseases including Parkinson's disease, Multiple Sclerosis and Alzheimer's disease while pursuing select US markets for stem cell therapies.

We support our regenerative therapies with NutraVivo™/STEMulize™, a nutraceutical Stem Cell Activator that has been shown to induce proliferation, migration and epigenetic modification of human adult stem cells. NutraVivo™ improves overall cellular wellness and significantly increases expression of anti-aging genes.

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