

Visgenx to Present at the 9th Annual Retinal Cell and Gene Therapy Innovation Summit

Will address the use of Gene Therapy to increase retinal concentrations of Long Chain and Very Long Chain Polyunsaturated Fatty Acids as a treatment for dry AMD

SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, USA, April 29, 2024 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Visgenx, Inc., a biotechnology company focused on developing gene therapies for degenerative retinal diseases, today announced that the Company's Chief Science Officer and Co-Founder, Marty Emanuele, Ph.D., will present at the 9th Annual Retinal Cell and Gene Therapy Innovation Summit on May 3rd in Seattle, Washington.



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The Company's lead product VGX-0111, is a candidate gene therapy being developed for the treatment of dry AMD. VGX-0111 utilizes the [ELOVL2](#) gene, which is required for the biosynthesis of long chain and very long chain fatty acids (LC/VLC-PUFA) necessary for the function and survival of photoreceptor cells. ELOVL2 expression declines with age and may be an underlying pathology of dry AMD. VGX-0111 is intended to restore healthy levels of ELOVL2 expression and thereby reestablish physiologically normal LC/VLC-PUFA retinal levels, resulting in the slowing or

halting of vision loss from dry AMD.

ABOUT VISGENX, INC.

Visgenx, Inc. is a biotechnology company focused on developing gene-based therapeutics for

degenerative retinal diseases. Visgenx' initial product is VGX-0111, a gene therapy candidate being developed for the treatment of dry Age-related Macular Degeneration (AMD). Approximately 200 million people suffer from dry AMD globally and it is a leading cause of blindness. VGX-0111 is based on the ELOVL2 gene, which is required for the biosynthesis of lipids necessary for the function and survival of retinal cells. ELOVL2 expression declines with age resulting in declining LC/VLC-PUFA levels which may be an underlying pathology of dry AMD. VGX-0111 is intended to restore a normal level of ELOVL2 expression thereby slowing or halting the vision loss resulting from dry AMD. For more information on Visgenx, visit www.visgenx.com.

Forward Looking Statements

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