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ContraFect to Chair and Participate in Virtual Superbugs & Superdrugs 2020 Conference

YONKERS, N.Y., March 30, 2020 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- ContraFect Corporation (Nasdaq:CFRX), a clinical-stage biotechnology company focused on the discovery and development of direct lytic agents (DLAs), including lysins and amurin peptides, as new medical modalities for the treatment of life-threatening, antibiotic-resistant infections, today announced that Cara Cassino, MD, Chief Medical Officer and Executive Vice President of Research, will virtually chair the opening day of the 22nd Annual Superbugs & Superdrugs 2020 Conference. Dr. Cassino will also virtually present the Company's anti-infective portfolio and platform technology of DLAs in her talk, "Exploring Direct Lytic Agents (DLAs) and their potential as a successful disruptive anti-infective technology."

Dr. Cassino will discuss the characteristics and benefits of DLAs against drug-resistant pathogens, the clinical performance of exebacase, and the ongoing Phase 3 DISRUPT (Direct Lysis of *Staph aureus* Resistant Pathogen Trial) superiority design study of exebacase in patients with *Staph aureus* bacteremia, including right-sided endocarditis. In addition, she will also highlight ContraFect's broad-based Gram-negative discovery program, which discovers, optimizes, and develops DLAs to specifically target the world's most resistant Gram-negative pathogens.

Presentation Details:

Presentation Title: Exploring Direct Lytic Agents (DLAs) and their potential as a successful disruptive anti-infective technology

Time and Date: Monday, March 30, 2020, 11:30 a.m. GMT

Remote Access: <https://www.smi-online.co.uk/pharmaceuticals/uk/superbugs-superdrugs>

About ContraFect

ContraFect is a biotechnology company focused on discovering and developing differentiated biologic therapies for life-threatening, drug-resistant infectious diseases, particularly those treated in hospital settings. An estimated 700,000 deaths worldwide each year are attributed to antimicrobial-resistant infections. We intend to address life threatening infections using our therapeutic product candidates from our platform of DLAs, which include

lysins and amurin peptides. Lysins are a new class of DLAs which are recombinantly produced antimicrobial proteins with a novel mechanism of action associated with the rapid killing of target bacteria, eradication of biofilms and synergy with conventional antibiotics. Amurin peptides are a new class of DLAs, which exhibit broad-spectrum activity against a wide range of antibiotic-resistant Gram-negative pathogens, including *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* (*P. aeruginosa*), *Acinetobacter baumannii*, and *Enterobacter* species. We believe that the properties of our lysins and amurin peptides will make them suitable for targeting antibiotic-resistant organisms, such as methicillin-resistant *Staph aureus* (MRSA) and *P. aeruginosa*, which can cause serious infections such as bacteremia, pneumonia and osteomyelitis. We have completed a Phase 2 clinical trial for the treatment of *Staph aureus* bacteremia, including endocarditis, with our lead lysin candidate, exebacase, which is the first lysin to enter clinical studies in the U.S. Based on final data from the Phase 2 superiority trial, the FDA has granted Breakthrough Therapy designation to exebacase for the treatment of MRSA bloodstream infections (bacteremia), including right-sided endocarditis, when used in addition to standard-of-care (SOC) anti-staphylococcal antibiotics in adult patients.

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