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## **ContraFect to Host R&D Symposium on Direct Lytic Agents (Lysins and Amurins) with Clinical Thought Leaders on Infectious Disease**

**Presentations to include new data from the Phase 2 superiority design trial of exebacase for the treatment of *Staph aureus* bacteremia, including endocarditis**

YONKERS, N.Y., May 08, 2019 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- ContraFect Corporation (Nasdaq:CFRX), a clinical-stage biotechnology company focused on the discovery and development of biologic therapies for life-threatening, drug-resistant infectious diseases, today announced that it will host an R&D Symposium with widely recognized infectious disease clinicians on the broad potential of direct lytic agents as anti-infectives, with a focus on the methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA) data from the Phase 2 trial of exebacase, on Tuesday, May 14, 2019, at 8:30 a.m. EDT in New York.

The event will be led by Roger Pomerantz, M.D., F.A.C.P., President, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of ContraFect and will feature presentations from Vance G. Fowler, M.D., Professor of Medicine in the Division of Infectious Diseases at Duke University, and G. Ralph Corey, M.D., Professor of Medicine in the Division of Infectious Diseases, Vice Chair for Education and Global Health in the School of Medicine, Gary Hock Professor of Global Health, and Director of the Hubert-Yeargan Center for Global Health at Duke University.

Members of ContraFect's management team, Cara Cassino, M.D., the Chief Medical Officer and EVP of Research and Development and Raymond Schuch, Ph.D., the Vice President of Research, will provide an in-depth review of the data from the exebacase Phase 2 study and an overview of the Company's discovery programs targeted towards Gram-negative pathogens.

A live webcast of the event will be available on the Investors & Media section of the Company's website at [www.contrafect.com](http://www.contrafect.com). The presentation will also be available as an archived webcast for a limited time.

### **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 lysin platform and through the use of other novel agents. Lysins are a new therapeutic class of bacteriophage-derived, 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. We believe that the properties of our lysins will make them suitable for targeting antibiotic-resistant organisms, such as *Staph aureus* and *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* (*P. aeruginosa*), which can cause serious infections such as bacteremia, pneumonia and osteomyelitis. Our lead lysin candidate, exebacase is completing a Phase 2 clinical trial for the treatment of *Staph aureus* bacteremia, including endocarditis and is the first lysin to enter clinical studies in the U.S.

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