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# **DiaMedica Therapeutics Releases Preeclampsia White Paper and Announces Key Opinion Leader Webinar on DM199 (Rinvecalinase Alfa) for the Treatment of Preeclampsia**

- **Company to Host Preeclampsia Key Opinion Leader Event July 29, 2024 at 10 AM Eastern / 9 AM Central**
- **White Paper: The Potential of DM199 to Treat Preeclampsia**

MINNEAPOLIS--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- DiaMedica Therapeutics Inc. (Nasdaq: DMAC), a clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company focused on developing novel treatments for severe ischemic disease, today announced that it will host a virtual key opinion leader (KOL) event on Monday, July 29, 2024, at 10:00 AM ET to provide further insight into the expansion of its clinical development program for DM199 (rinvecalinase alfa) into preeclampsia, a significant, unmet medical need with no FDA-approved therapeutics.

The webinar will feature Prof. Stephen Tong, MD, PhD (The University of Melbourne), Prof. Catherine Cluver, MD, PhD (Stellenbosch University), and Prof. Susan Walker, MD, PhD (The University of Melbourne) who will discuss the unmet need and current treatment landscape for preeclampsia (PE), a life-threatening pregnancy associated vascular disorder with no approved therapeutics. This will be followed by a discussion on the uniquely on-target mechanism of action of DM199 (rinvecalinase alfa) as a potential treatment for PE, and the upcoming Phase 2, proof-of-concept, clinical trial of DM199 in PE anticipated to commence enrollment in the fourth quarter of 2024.

The event will focus on the rationale for DiaMedica's expansion of its DM199 (recombinant human tissue kallikrein-1 (rhKLK1)) clinical development program and provide an overview of the Phase 2 investigator-sponsored trial in preeclampsia and fetal growth restriction. DM199, through enhancing the body's natural ability to produce nitric oxide, prostacyclin and endothelium-derived hyper polarizing factor, has the potential to lower blood pressure, enhance endothelial health and improve perfusion to maternal organs and the placenta.

A live question and answer session will follow the formal presentations.

To register, [click here](#).

## **White Paper: The Potential of DM199 to Treat Preeclampsia**

In conjunction with the webinar, DiaMedica is releasing a white paper titled "The Potential of DM199 to Treat Preeclampsia". The white paper can be downloaded from the Literature &

Publications section of DiaMedica.com or, [click here](#).

### **About Professor Stephen Tong**

Professor Stephen Tong is listed in Expertscape as one of the top 10 preeclamptic experts in the world. He is a key opinion leader in preeclampsia, having penned invited reviews or commentaries about the disease in the world's most prestigious scientific journals.

Dr. Tong is jointly trained as an OB (Mercy Hospital for Women) and laboratory scientist (Professorial Fellow, University of Melbourne). Dr. Tong has a strong interest in translational research - developing therapeutics to tackle major pregnancy complications and has had a lead role in taking four therapeutic concepts identified in his laboratory to phase I-III clinical trials run across the globe – UK, New Zealand, South Africa, the Netherlands and Sweden.

Dr. Tong has authored 250 papers, 100+ on preeclampsia, and published original research as the first or senior author in the world's premier journals – *Nature*, *The Lancet*, *British Medical Journal*, *Nature Communications*, *JAMA Pediatrics*, *JAMA Psychiatry* and others. Dr. Tong is chair of the advisory board of the Robinson Research Institute in Adelaide, Australia; Co-Director of Mercy Perinatal; Research Director at Mercy Hospital for Women; awarded three prestigious National Health and Medical Research Council national awards for his research and has received over \$10 million in competitive grant funding.

### **About Professor Cathy Cluver**

Professor Cathy Cluver, a maternal-fetal medicine specialist, founded and leads the Preeclampsia Research Unit at Tygerberg Hospital, Stellenbosch University, South Africa. Dr. Cluver was awarded the Daubenton Medal for outstanding results for the Fellowship of Obstetrics and Gynaecology. Dr. Cluver then completed her subspecialist training in 2016 after a year's fellowship at Mercy Hospital for Women in Melbourne, Australia. Dr. Cluver was awarded her PhD in 2019 and has completed multiple preeclampsia treatment trials assessing novel therapies to treat preeclampsia and curates one of the largest preeclampsia biobanks. Dr. Cluver has over 80 publications, including works in the *Lancet* and *BMJ*.

### **About Professor Susan Walker**

Professor Sue Walker is the inaugural Sheila Handbury Chair of Maternal Fetal Medicine, Head of the Department of Obstetrics, Gynaecology and Newborn Health at University of Melbourne and Divisional Chair, Perinatal Medicine at Mercy Hospital for Women (Mercy). Dr. Walker's research program positions her as an international leader in the areas of Fetal Growth Restriction (ranked 17<sup>th</sup> globally in Expertscape) and on the 99<sup>th</sup> centile in the field of preeclampsia (SciVal Benchmarking). Among Dr. Walker's 240+ publications are contributions in the leading biomedical journals - *Lancet*, *New England Journal of Medicine*, *British Medical Journal* and others.

Dr. Walker is a Maternal Fetal Medicine sub-specialist, tasked with providing care for some of the highest risk pregnancies. Her research program is focused on improving detection and treatment of two leading complications in pregnancy responsible for countless maternal and infant deaths: preeclampsia and fetal growth restriction. In recognition of Dr. Walker's roles in clinical care, research, professional leadership and education, Dr. Walker was made an Officer, Order of Australia in 2018, a Fellow of the Academy of Health and Medical Science

in 2023 and awarded the Women's Healthcare Australasia Medal of Distinction in 2023.

### **About Preeclampsia**

Preeclampsia is a serious pregnancy disorder that typically develops after the 20th week of gestation, characterized by high blood pressure and damage to organ systems, often the kidneys and liver. Affecting up to 8% of pregnancies worldwide, preeclampsia can pose significant risks to both the mother and baby, including risk of stroke, placental abruption, progression to eclampsia, premature delivery, and death. Symptoms may include severe headaches, vision changes, upper abdominal pain and swelling in the hands and face. Delivery of the baby, often very prematurely, is the only available option for stopping the progression of preeclampsia. Women who have had preeclampsia have three to four times the risk of high blood pressure and double the risk for heart disease and stroke.

### **About DM199 (rinvecalinase alfa)**

DM199 is a recombinant (synthetic) form of human tissue kallikrein-1 (rhKLK1) in clinical development for acute ischemic stroke (AIS) and preeclampsia. KLK1 is a serine protease enzyme that plays an important role in the regulation of diverse physiological processes via a molecular mechanism that increases production of nitric oxide, prostacyclin and endothelium-derived hyperpolarizing factor. In the case of AIS, DM199 is intended to enhance blood flow and boost neuronal survival in the ischemic penumbra by dilating arterioles surrounding the site of the vascular occlusion and inhibition of apoptosis (neuronal cell death) while also facilitating neuronal remodeling through the promotion of angiogenesis. In PE, DM199 is intended to lower blood pressure, enhance endothelial health and improve perfusion to maternal organs and the placenta.

### **About DiaMedica Therapeutics Inc.**

DiaMedica Therapeutics Inc. is a clinical stage biopharmaceutical company committed to improving the lives of people suffering from serious ischemic diseases with a focus on acute ischemic stroke and preeclampsia. DiaMedica's lead candidate DM199 is the first pharmaceutically active recombinant (synthetic) form of the KLK1 protein, an established therapeutic modality in Asia for the treatment of acute ischemic stroke and other vascular diseases. For more information visit the Company's website at [www.diamedica.com](http://www.diamedica.com).

### **Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements**

This press release contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the U.S. Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 and forward-looking information that are based on the beliefs of management and reflect management's current expectations. When used in this press release, the words "anticipates," "believes," "continue," "could," "estimates," "expects," "intends," "may," "plans," "potential," "should," "can," or "will," the negative of these words or such variations thereon or comparable terminology, and the use of future dates are intended to identify forward-looking statements and information. The forward-looking statements and information in this press release include statements regarding the Company's planned clinical expansion into preeclampsia, the planned DM199 Phase 2 trial for preeclampsia, and the timing of enrollment in such trial, and anticipated clinical benefits and success of DM199. Such statements and information reflect management's current view and DiaMedica undertakes no obligation to update or revise any

of these statements or information. By their nature, forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors which may cause actual results, performance or achievements, or other future events, to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Applicable risks and uncertainties include, among others, risks and uncertainties relating to the planned clinical expansion into preeclampsia and the planned DM199 Phase 2 trial for preeclampsia; uncertainties relating to the timing of site activations and enrollment, regulatory applications and related filing and approval timelines; the possibility of additional future adverse events associated with or unfavorable results from the ReMEDy2 trial; the possibility of unfavorable results from DiaMedica's ongoing or future clinical trials of DM199; the risk that existing preclinical and clinical data may not be predictive of the results of ongoing or later clinical trials; DiaMedica's plans to develop, obtain regulatory approval for and commercialize its DM199 product candidate for the treatment of acute ischemic stroke and preeclampsia and its expectations regarding the benefits of DM199; DiaMedica's ability to conduct successful clinical testing of DM199 and within its anticipated parameters, enrollment numbers, costs and timeframes; the adaptive design of the ReMEDy2 trial and the possibility that the targeted enrollment and other aspects of the trial could change depending upon certain factors, including additional input from the FDA and the blinded interim analysis; the perceived benefits of DM199 over existing treatment options; the potential direct or indirect impact of COVID-19, hospital and medical facility staffing shortages, and worldwide global supply chain shortages on DiaMedica's business and clinical trials, including its ability to meet its site activation and enrollment goals; DiaMedica's reliance on collaboration with third parties to conduct clinical trials; DiaMedica's ability to continue to obtain funding for its operations, including funding necessary to complete current and planned clinical trials and obtain regulatory approvals for DM199 for acute ischemic stroke and preeclampsia, and the risks identified under the heading "Risk Factors" in DiaMedica's annual report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023 and subsequent reports filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, including its most recent quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended March 31, 2024. The forward-looking information contained in this press release represents the expectations of DiaMedica as of the date of this press release and, accordingly, is subject to change after such date. Readers should not place undue importance on forward-looking information and should not rely upon this information as of any other date. While DiaMedica may elect to, it does not undertake to update this information at any particular time except as required in accordance with applicable laws.

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