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ContraFect to Present at 2020 ASM Biothreats

YONKERS, N.Y., Jan. 22, 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 has been invited to discuss the potential role of DLAs to combat high consequence biodefense and biologic threats at 2020 American Society of Microbiology (ASM) Biothreats, being held January 28 – 30, 2020 at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City in Arlington, Virginia.

Dr. Cassino's talk, "Direct Lytic Agents: Novel Pipeline For Biothreat Defense", will include an overview of the Company's DLA pipeline, including agents with potential utility against biowarfare threats, such as anthrax and other weaponizable pathogens. Dr. Cassino will also discuss the potential role of the Company's lead product candidate exebacase, currently being studied in a pivotal Phase 3 trial, in addressing the downstream threat of hospital-acquired MRSA bacteremia for a potential bio-threat exposure with mass casualty events.

Presentation Details:

Presentation Title: Direct Lytic Agents: Novel Pipeline for Biothreat Defense

Session Title: New Developments in Antimicrobials

Room: Potomac

Time and Date: Wednesday, January 29, 2020, 1:30 p.m. – 1:55 p.m. ET

A copy of the presentation will be available on the Investors & Media section of the Company's website at www.contrafect.com.

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.

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