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Virios Therapeutics, Inc. Announces Research Collaboration to Explore Role of HSV-1 in Irritable Bowel Syndrome

ATLANTA--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- [Virios Therapeutics, Inc.](#) (Nasdaq: VIRI), a biotechnology company focused on advancing novel antiviral therapies to treat diseases associated with a viral triggered abnormal immune response, announced today that it is entering a collaboration with Dr. Michael Camilleri of the Mayo Clinic to explore the role of antiviral therapy in managing Irritable Bowel Syndrome (IBS). The first step in the collaboration is focused on designing a phase 2 proof of concept study to treat the pain associated with IBS, with the longer-term goal of conducting the phase 2 study.

Greg Duncan, CEO stated, "We are very excited to be working with Dr. Camilleri, a world-renowned expert in gastrointestinal disorders. This proof-of-concept study is intended to evaluate if IMC-1, our proprietary fixed dose antiviral combination of famciclovir and celecoxib, can play a role in addressing the pain associated with IBS."

About Virios Therapeutics

Virios Therapeutics is a development-stage biotechnology company focused on advancing novel antiviral therapies to treat diseases associated with a viral triggered abnormal immune response, such as fibromyalgia ("FM"). Overactive immune response related to activation of tissue resident Herpes Simplex Virus-1 ("HSV-1") has been postulated to be a potential root cause of chronic illnesses such as FM, irritable bowel disease ("IBS"), chronic fatigue syndrome and functional somatic syndrome, all of which are characterized by a waxing and waning manifestation of disease. While not completely understood, there is general agreement in the medical community that activation of HSV-1 is triggered by some form of environmental and/or health stressor. Our lead development candidate ("IMC-1"), is a novel, proprietary, fixed dose combination of famciclovir and celecoxib. IMC-1 represents a novel combination antiviral therapy designed to synergistically suppress HSV-1 activation and replication, with the end goal of reducing viral mediated disease burden.

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expectations and are subject to inherent uncertainties, risks and assumptions that are difficult to predict. Further, certain forward-looking statements are based on assumptions as to future events that may not prove to be accurate. These and other risks and uncertainties are described more fully in the section titled "Risk Factors" in the final prospectus related to the public offering filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Forward-looking statements contained in this announcement are made as of this date, and Virios Therapeutics, Inc. undertakes no duty to update such information except as required under applicable law.

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