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Ensysce Biosciences CEO Presents at Inaugural Clinical Pain Symposium in Amsterdam

~ Chemical Control, Clinical Confidence: Rethinking Opioids ~

SAN DIEGO, CA / ACCESS Newswire / May 8, 2026 / Ensysce Biosciences, Inc. (NASDAQ:ENSC) ("Ensysce" or the "Company"), a clinical-stage pharmaceutical company pioneering next-generation pain and central nervous system therapeutics engineered to minimize abuse and overdose risk, announced that CEO, Dr. Lynn Kirkpatrick, presented as an invited speaker and was featured on a panel at the first Pain Therapeutics Summit Europe held in Amsterdam May 7-8, 2026.

This meeting gathered experts from around the world to discuss latest advancements in analgesic care, including novel therapeutic candidates in development. Dr. Kirkpatrick's presentation on May 7th, titled **"Chemical Control, Clinical Confidence: Rethinking Opioids,"** outlined a paradigm shift in opioid development-moving beyond traditional formulations to chemically engineered drugs with built-in safety controls.

Her presentation focused on redefining the opioid benefit-risk equation through molecular design, while addressing the persistent gap between analgesic efficacy and safety. Dr. Kirkpatrick highlighted Ensysce's proprietary platforms:

- **TAAP™ (Trypsin-Activated Abuse Protection):** A unique prodrug platform designed to improve safety and reduce non-oral routes of misuse.
- **MPAR® (Multi-Pill Abuse Resistance):** A breakthrough technology engineered to provide overdose protection by creating a ceiling on drug plasma levels when excessive doses are taken.

"Opioids have always forced a tradeoff between efficacy and safety," said Dr. Kirkpatrick. "Our approach is fundamentally different. By embedding control directly into the drug itself, we believe we can preserve the analgesic power physicians rely on and patients need, while actively reducing the risks that have defined this class for decades."

In addition to her presentation, Dr. Kirkpatrick participated in a panel of leading experts in the analgesic space to discuss "Safer Analgesics Without Losing Efficacy". The panel discussed key developments in the field that may lead to more effective pain products with better safety profiles. During the session, Dr. Kirkpatrick and the other experts discussed their clinical programs more fully and answered additional questions from the audience.

About Ensysce Biosciences

Ensysce Biosciences is a clinical-stage company with a goal of disrupting the analgesic landscape by introducing a new class of highly novel opioids for the treatment of severe pain. Leveraging its Trypsin-Activated Abuse Protection (TAAP™) and Multi-Pill Abuse Resistance (MPAR®) platforms, the Company is developing unique, tamper-proof treatment options for pain that minimize the risk of both drug abuse and overdose. Ensysce's products are anticipated to provide safer options to treat patients suffering from severe pain and assist in preventing deaths caused by medication abuse. For more information, please visit www.ensysce.com.

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