

Acurx Pharmaceuticals to Join the Russell Microcap Index®

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y., Sept. 2, 2021 /PRNewswire/ -- Acurx Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (NASDAQ: ACXP) ("Acurx" or the "Company"), a clinical stage biopharmaceutical company developing a new class of antibiotics for difficult-to-treat bacterial infections, announced today that the Company is set to join the Russell Microcap® Index when the market opens on September 20, 2021, according to a preliminary list of additions posted on September 1, 2021.

Membership in the Russell Microcap Index, which remains in place for one year, means automatic inclusion in the appropriate growth and value style indexes. FTSE Russell determines membership for its Russell indexes primarily by objective, market-capitalization rankings, and style attributes.

"Inclusion in the Russell Microcap Index reflects the ongoing achievement of our previously stated drug development objectives for our pipeline of DNA polymerase III C inhibitors, and the fact that, if approved, we would bring to market the first of a new class of antibiotics in over 30 years," said David P. Luci, President and CEO of Acurx. "Inclusion in the Index benefits our Company and stockholders by elevating our visibility within the global investment community. We look forward to continuing our progress towards completing the clinical development program for ibezapolstat, our lead antibiotic candidate targeting the treatment of *C. difficile* Infection and delivering on several key milestone catalysts through 2021 and 2022," concluded Luci.

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About Acurx Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

Acurx Pharmaceuticals is a clinical stage biopharmaceutical company focused on developing new antibiotics for difficult to treat infections. The Company's approach is to develop antibiotic candidates that target the DNA polymerase III enzyme and its R&D pipeline includes antibiotic product candidates that target Gram-positive bacteria, including *Clostridioides difficile*, methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA), vancomycin resistant Enterococcus (VRE) and drug-resistant *Streptococcus pneumoniae* (DRSP). To learn more about Acurx Pharmaceuticals and its product pipeline, please visit www.acurxpharma.com.

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