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## **Citius Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Announces Positive Recommendation by Independent Data Monitoring Committee to Continue the Mino-Lok® Phase 3 Trial as Planned**

- DMC interim safety and efficacy review of Mino-Lok® Phase 3 Trial concluded with favorable recommendation to continue the trial as planned, with the protocol-defined sample size and power to achieve the primary endpoint -**
- Citius to proceed in conducting largest controlled clinical trial to salvage infected catheters with no modifications requested by the DMC and no safety concerns identified -**

CRANFORD, N.J., July 1, 2021 /PRNewswire/ -- Citius Pharmaceuticals, Inc. ("Citius" or the "Company") (Nasdaq: CTRX), a biopharmaceutical company dedicated to the development and commercialization of first-in-class critical care products with a focus on anti-infective products in adjunct cancer care, unique prescription products and stem cell therapy, today announced that following a unblinded data review of safety and efficacy, the independent Data Monitoring Committee (DMC) for the Mino-Lok® Phase 3 Pivotal Superiority Trial has recommended proceeding with the trial as planned. The DMC did not identify any safety concerns and no modifications were recommended to the protocol-defined sample size or power to achieve the primary endpoint.

"We greatly appreciate the thoughtful analysis and guidance provided by the Data Monitoring Committee following their review of the interim trial data. Consistent with our expectations, we are pleased with the DMC recommendation to continue this trial without modification. This marks the third recommendation by the DMC supporting the continuation of the Mino-Lok® trial. With each DMC review, the hurdles to meet our protocol-defined criteria for safety and superior efficacy increase. Consequently, this favorable outcome indicates that based on our pre-defined parameters, it would be possible to achieve our primary endpoint by continuing the trial as planned, and is an encouraging signal when combined with the results of our prior studies," stated Myron Holubiak, President and Chief Executive Officer of Citius.

"Patients suffering from catheter-related infections are at the forefront of our efforts to advance Mino-Lok®. We believe we are conducting the largest controlled trial to salvage catheters, and that this trial will provide important information about the future role of antibiotic locks in treating patients with catheter related infections. Our primary aim is to provide critically ill patients and their caregivers with a safe and effective treatment option that addresses the complications, discomfort and high cost of removing and replacing

infected catheters. With Covid-19 restrictions easing, we believe we are now better positioned to accelerate our efforts to complete the trial. To that end, we will continue to engage with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and look forward to their guidance as we advance this program," added Mr. Holubiak.

As defined in the DMC charter, the primary role of the independent DMC is to safeguard the interests of study participants, assess the safety of the treatment, and monitor the overall conduct of the study. In order to ensure the protection of patients enrolled in the trial and to assure the timely and efficient completion of the study, each DMC recommendation is bound by strict parameters outlined in the DMC charter. A recommendation to continue the trial as planned indicates that the data reviewed by the DMC, at this juncture, is within the statistical boundaries determined by Citius in order to complete the trial with the protocol-defined sample size and power to achieve the primary endpoint.

The Mino-Lok<sup>®</sup> Phase 3 pivotal superiority trial is a multi-center, randomized, open-label, blinded study to determine the efficacy and safety of Mino-Lok<sup>®</sup> (MLT), a novel antibiotic lock therapy that combines minocycline with edetate disodium. The primary endpoint for this study is the time (in days following randomization) to a catheter failure event between randomization and TOC (Week 6) in the Intent-to-Treat (ITT) Population.

Approximately 144 subjects diagnosed with CRBSI/CLABSI and who meet all necessary criteria for the study are to be randomized in a 1:1 ratio to receive either Mino-Lok<sup>®</sup> therapy or standard of care antibiotic lock therapy.

Subjects in the Mino-Lok<sup>®</sup> arm receive one MLT dose daily with a dwell time of two to four hours for a total of seven doses. For subjects in the Control arm, the investigator determines the antibiotic used in the lock, dose, dwell time, and number of days of administration based on institutional standards or Infectious Diseases Society of America (IDSA) guidelines.

### **About Mino-Lok<sup>®</sup>**

Citius is developing Mino-Lok<sup>®</sup>, an antibiotic lock solution to treat patients with catheter-related blood stream infections that was licensed from The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center. Citius believes Mino-Lok<sup>®</sup> provides a superior alternative to removing and replacing a central venous catheter (CVC), leading to a reduction in serious adverse events and cost savings to the healthcare system. If approved, Mino-Lok<sup>®</sup> would be the first and only FDA-approved treatment that salvages central venous catheters that cause central line-related blood stream infections.

### **About Citius Pharmaceuticals, Inc.**

Citius is a late-stage biopharmaceutical company dedicated to the development and commercialization of first-in-class critical care products, with a focus on anti-infectives in adjunct cancer care, unique prescription products, and stem cell therapy. The Company's lead product candidate, Mino-Lok<sup>®</sup>, an antibiotic lock solution for the treatment of patients with catheter-related bloodstream infections (CRBSIs), is currently enrolling patients in a Phase 3 pivotal superiority trial. Mino-Lok<sup>®</sup> was granted Fast Track designation by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Through its subsidiary, NoveCite, Inc., Citius is developing a novel proprietary mesenchymal stem cell treatment derived from induced

pluripotent stem cells (iPSCs) for acute respiratory conditions, with a near-term focus on acute respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS) associated with COVID-19. For more information, please visit [www.citiuspharma.com](http://www.citiuspharma.com).

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