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ContraFect to Present at 2017 World Antimicrobial Resistance Congress

YONKERS, N.Y., Sept. 11, 2017 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- [ContraFect Corporation](#) (NASDAQ:CFRX), a biotechnology company focused on the discovery and development of protein and antibody therapeutics for life-threatening, drug-resistant infectious diseases, today announced that Cara Cassino, M.D., Executive Vice President of Research and Development and Chief Medical Officer at ContraFect, will be presenting at the 2017 World Antimicrobial Resistance Congress, to be held on September 14-15 in Washington, D.C.

Presentation Details:

Presentation Title: Lysins as narrow spectrum anti-infectives for the treatment of serious drug resistant bacterial infections

Session Day & Time: Thursday, September 14, 2017 2:30 PM - 2:50 PM ET

Key Topics Covered:

- Using bacteriophage enzymes to cleave the bacterial cell wall, clear biofilms and prevent resistance
- How can lysins be used synergistically with standard of care antibiotics?
- Current data and future development plans

About ContraFect:

ContraFect is a biotechnology company focused on discovering and developing therapeutic protein and antibody products 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 lysin and monoclonal antibody platforms to target conserved regions of either bacteria or viruses (regions that are not prone to mutation). ContraFect's initial product candidates include new agents to treat antibiotic-resistant infections such as MRSA (Methicillin-resistant *Staph aureus*) and influenza. ContraFect is also conducting research focused on the discovery of lysins to target Gram-negative bacteria.

About Lysins:

Lysins are enzymes derived from naturally occurring bacteriophage, viruses which infect bacteria. When produced in recombinant form and applied to bacteria, lysins cleave a key

component in the structure of the bacterial peptidoglycan cell wall which results in rapid killing of the target bacteria. ContraFect's lead lysin candidate CF-301, has demonstrated a rapid and potent ability to kill *Staphylococcus aureus* (*Staph aureus*) bacteria *in vitro* and in animal studies and is the first compound in this new class of antibacterial agents to enter Phase 2 of clinical development in the United States.

Forward-Looking Statements

This press release contains, and our officers and representatives may make from time to time, "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the U.S. federal securities laws. Forward-looking statements can be identified by words such as "projects," "may," "will," "could," "would," "should," "believes," "expects," "anticipates," "estimates," "intends," "plans," "potential," "promise" or similar references to future periods. Examples of forward-looking statements in this release include, without limitation, statements regarding our ability to discover and develop protein and antibody therapeutics for life-threatening, drug-resistant infectious diseases, our ability to address life threatening infections using our therapeutic product candidates from our lysin and monoclonal antibody platforms to target conserved regions of either bacteria or viruses, whether our initial product candidates can treat antibiotic-resistant infections such as MRSA (Methicillin-resistant *Staph aureus*) and influenza, and our ability to discover new lysins targeting Gram-negative bacteria. Forward-looking statements are statements that are not historical facts, nor assurances of future performance. Instead, they are based on ContraFect's current beliefs, expectations and assumptions regarding the future of its business, future plans, strategies, projections, anticipated events and trends, the economy and other future conditions. Because forward-looking statements relate to the future, they are subject to inherent risks, uncertainties and changes in circumstances that are difficult to predict and many of which are beyond ContraFect's control, including those detailed in ContraFect's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Actual results may differ from those set forth in the forward-looking statements. Important factors that could cause actual results to differ include, among others, our ability to develop treatments for drug-resistant infectious diseases. Any forward-looking statement made by ContraFect in this press release is based only on information currently available and speaks only as of the date on which it is made. Except as required by applicable law, ContraFect expressly disclaims any obligations to publicly update any forward-looking statements, whether written or oral, that may be made from time to time, whether as a result of new information, future developments or otherwise.

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