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BioCryst Receives Additional NIAID Funding for Manufacture and Development of BCX4430 to Treat Hemorrhagic Virus Diseases

RESEARCH TRIANGLE PARK, N.C., Sept. 18, 2014 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- [BioCryst Pharmaceuticals, Inc.](#) (Nasdaq:BCRX) today announced that the [National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases \(NIAID\)](#) has exercised two additional options under its contract, which provides for GMP drug substance and drug product manufacture of [BCX4430](#). Exercise of these options includes up to a \$2.0 million increase to the existing development contract.

The contract modification and the two additional options exercised represent up to \$4.0 million to BioCryst in order to accelerate the development of BCX4430 as a treatment for hemorrhagic fever viruses, including [Ebola](#) virus and [Marburg](#) virus disease. NIAID, part of the National Institutes of Health, granted this five year term contract to BioCryst in September 2013.

Approximately \$19.9 million of funding has been awarded to date under the contract. With this additional award, the BCX4430 development contract has been increased in value to \$26.3 million, if all options are exercised.

This project is funded in whole or in part with Federal funds from the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services, under Contract No. HHSN272201300017C.

About the BSAV Program & BCX4430

The objective of BioCryst's BSAV research program is to develop broad-spectrum parenteral and oral therapeutics for viruses that pose a threat to health and national security. The lead BSAV compound is BCX4430, an RNA dependent-RNA polymerase inhibitor that has demonstrated broad-spectrum activity against more than 20 RNA viruses in nine different families, including filoviruses, togaviruses, bunyaviruses, arenaviruses, paramyxoviruses, coronaviruses and flaviviruses. BioCryst is developing BCX4430 in collaboration with U.S. Government Agencies following the Animal Rule regulatory pathway.

About BioCryst Pharmaceuticals

BioCryst Pharmaceuticals designs, optimizes and develops novel small molecule drugs that block key enzymes involved in rare diseases. BioCryst currently has several ongoing development programs: oral inhibitors of plasma kallikrein for hereditary angioedema, including [BCX4161](#) and several second generation compounds; [peramivir](#), a viral neuraminidase inhibitor for the treatment of influenza, and [BCX4430](#), a broad spectrum viral RNA polymerase inhibitor. For more information, please visit the Company's website at [www.BioCryst.com](#).

Forward-Looking Statements

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