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## Study Results From Zika Virus Infected Mice Treated With BCX4430 to be Presented at WHO Conference

RESEARCH TRIANGLE PARK, N.C., March 07, 2016 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- [BioCryst Pharmaceuticals, Inc.](#) (NASDAQ:BCRX) today announced that results from a preclinical study of its broad spectrum antiviral BCX4430 in immunodeficient mice infected with Zika virus will be presented at a [World Health Organization](#) (WHO) meeting scheduled to take place March 7-9 in Geneva, Switzerland.

The primary goal of the study was to assess the effect of BCX4430 treatment on survival through Day 28 in immunodeficient mice infected with the Zika virus. BCX4430 was administered by intramuscular (I.M.) injection twice a day beginning four hours prior to virus challenge and continuing for eight days; two dose levels were tested. In the standard dose BCX4430 group, 7 of 8 mice survived through Day 28. In the low dose BCX4430 group (n=8), and in control groups administered vehicle placebo (n=8) or ribavirin at two dose levels (n=16), no animals survived to Day 28. Overall survival for the standard dose level of BCX4430 was superior to both the placebo and the ribavirin treatment control groups (p < 0.0001). For both dose levels of BCX4430, median survival was superior to both control groups (> 28 days for BCX4430 standard dose and 23 days for low dose) compared to 14 to 17 days for controls.

This study was conducted at Utah State University, under the ongoing Animal Models of Infectious Disease Program at [the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases](#) (NIAID), part of the National Institutes of Health. This program provides *in vivo* screening services for researchers, as part of a broader suite of preclinical services supported by NIAID. These services are part of NIAID's infrastructure for responding to emerging infectious diseases, such as Zika virus, and allow for research to be quickly directed to support immediate public health needs.

BCX4430 is a broad spectrum antiviral that is being tested in a Phase 1 clinical safety and pharmacology study in healthy subjects. BCX4430 has demonstrated survival benefits in nonclinical studies against a variety of serious pathogens, including Ebola, Marburg, and Yellow Fever viruses. Since September 2013, NIAID has supported BioCryst in developing BCX4430 as a therapeutic for Ebola and Marburg viruses under Contract No. HHSN272201300017C.

In March 2015, [the Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority \(BARDA\)](#) within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' [Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response \(ASPR\)](#) awarded BioCryst a contract, HHSO100201500007C, for up to an additional \$35 million for the continued development of BCX4430 as a potential treatment for filoviruses.

### About the BSAV Program & BCX4430

BCX4430 is an RNA dependent-RNA polymerase inhibitor that has demonstrated broad-spectrum activity *in vitro* 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 NIAID and the Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority (BARDA), 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's ongoing development programs include oral plasma kallikrein inhibitors for hereditary angioedema, [avoralstat](#), BCX7353 and other second generation compounds, 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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