



Virpax Announces Results of Probudur™ in Animal Study

--Minimal Local Nerve Toxicity Demonstrated--

BERWYN, PA, April 5, 2021 — Virpax® Pharmaceuticals, Inc. ("Virpax" or the "Company") (NASDAQ:VRPX), a company specializing in developing pharmaceutical product candidates for pain management, today announced the results of a sciatic nerve preclinical study in rabbits designed to evaluate nerve damage from locally injected Probudur™, Virpax's liposomal bupivacaine product candidate.

“Local anesthetics can be neurotoxic, particularly in doses and concentrations larger than those used clinically. Also, the degree of neurotoxicity varies based on the drug and its proximity to nerves,” commented Jeffrey Gudin, MD, Chief Medical Officer and co-Founder of Virpax. “We are pleased to report that Probudur™ produced no evidence of motor or sensory nerve damage at a dose that was 10 times higher than free bupivacaine, and that there were no signs of nerve damage. We plan to reference this data in our FDA Investigational New Drug Application (IND) briefing document.”

The objective of this study was to assess neurotoxicity resulting from a long residence time of a local anesthetic in proximity to the sciatic nerve in rabbits. The rabbit limbs injected with free bupivacaine demonstrated signs of neurotoxicity with mild motor myelin damage. The rabbit limbs dosed with the liposomal prolonged bupivacaine release (Probudur™), at 10 times more than free bupivacaine, showed no signs of nerve damage. Further, nerves injected with Probudur™ showed mild signs of inflammation and small residues of the hydrogel in granulomas, indicating a long residence time of the hydrogel at the injection site, but no histopathological signs of nerve damage.

For more information on this study see: Bavli Y., Rabie M., Fellig Y., Nevo Y. and Barenholz Y., Liposomal Bupivacaine (Bupigel) Demonstrates Minimal Local Nerve Toxicity in a Rabbit Functional Model, *Pharmaceutics*, **13** (185), 2021, <https://doi.org/10.3390/pharmaceutics13020185>

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Virpax is developing branded, non-addictive pain management product candidates using its proprietary technologies to optimize and target drug delivery. Virpax is initially seeking FDA approval using its three patented drug delivery platforms. Epoladerm™ is a topical diclofenac metered-dose spray film formulation being developed to manage acute musculoskeletal pain and osteoarthritis. Probudur™ is a single injection liposomal bupivacaine formulation being developed to manage postoperative pain. Envelta™ is an intranasal molecular-envelope enkephalin formulation being developed to manage acute and chronic pain, including pain associated with cancer. Virpax is also using its intranasal Molecular Envelope Technology (MET) to develop its PES200 product candidate to manage post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and its MMS019

product candidate to inhibit viral replication caused by influenza or SARS-CoV-2. For more information, please visit www.virpaxpharma.com.

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