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Biocept Gains Patent Protection in Hong Kong and Japan

Allowances extend Biocept's OncoCEE rare cell analysis microchannel patent coverage

SAN DIEGO, Nov. 30, 2015 /PRNewswire/ -- [Biocept, Inc.](#) (NASDAQ: BIOC), a molecular diagnostics company commercializing and developing blood-based liquid biopsies to improve the detection and treatment of cancer, announces the allowance of the patent DETECTION OR ISOLATION OF TARGET MOLECULES USING A MICROCHANNEL APPARATUS in Hong Kong and Japan. The patent issued as HK1135725 in Hong Kong and JP5824387 in Japan, and covers Biocept's microchannels for the capture of molecular targets, including circulating tumor cells (CTCs) and other rare cells, from blood and other biological fluids.



"These microchannels are essential to our Cell Enrichment and Extraction (CEE™) platform, which provides for the high efficiency capture, visualization and microscopic analysis of targeted cells obtained from a patient's blood sample," said Lyle Arnold, Ph.D., Senior Vice President and Chief Scientific Officer at Biocept. "By capturing these rare cells, we obtain valuable biomarker information that can be used by physicians to personalize the treatment of patients with cancer."

"We now hold patents related to our microchannels in the U.S., Europe, China and South Korea, as well as in Hong Kong and Japan," said Biocept's President and Chief Executive Officer Michael Nall. "We are capitalizing on our scientific, legal and regulatory teams' many years of experience in obtaining patent coverage to extend our patent portfolio around the world, which we see as a key step in solidifying our leadership position in the growing movement toward liquid biopsy."

About Biocept

Biocept, Inc. is a commercial-stage molecular diagnostics company that utilizes a proprietary technology platform and a standard blood sample to provide physicians with important prognostic and predictive information to enhance individual treatment of patients with cancer. Biocept's patented technology platform captures and analyzes circulating tumor DNA, both in CTCs and in plasma (ctDNA). Biocept currently offers assays for gastric cancer, breast cancer, lung cancer, colorectal cancer and melanoma, and plans to introduce CLIA-validated assays for prostate cancer and other solid tumors in the near term. For additional information, please visit www.biocept.com.

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