

XyloCor Therapeutics Expands Leadership Team with Accomplished Pharmaceutical Executives to Accelerate Clinical Development Programs and Drive Corporate Growth

- Elizabeth Tarka, M.D. appointed Chief Medical Officer

- A. Brian Davis named Chief Financial Officer

Wayne, PA, January 18, 2022 — XyloCor Therapeutics, a clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company developing novel gene therapies for cardiovascular disease, today announced that it has appointed Elizabeth Tarka, M.D. as Chief Medical Officer and A. Brian Davis as Chief Financial Officer. These experienced pharmaceutical industry executives will enhance the company's clinical development, operational, and financial capabilities and drive its ongoing growth.

"I am delighted to welcome Liz and Brian to the leadership team at XyloCor," said Al Gianchetti, President and Chief Executive Officer. "Liz is a proven R&D leader who brings a strong track record managing late-stage clinical development programs with particular expertise in cardiovascular medicine. Brian will leverage his extensive management and finance experience in both private and public biotech companies to accelerate XyloCor's strategic and corporate objectives. Their collective experience will drive XyloCor toward our objectives as we focus on advancing our pipeline of transformative gene therapies intended to improve the lives of people with cardiovascular disease."

Dr. Tarka is a cardiologist with over 20 years of experience in the pharmaceutical and biotechnology industry. She has dedicated her career to the development of innovative therapies that improve human health. Dr. Tarka's experience includes leadership roles across all phases of late-stage clinical development and a track record of effectively partnering with stakeholders to enable the successful execution of clinical trials. She joins the company from Idera Pharmaceuticals where she served as CMO. Before that, Dr. Tarka was Vice President, Clinical Development at Complexa, Inc., a clinical stage biopharmaceutical company focused on life-threatening fibrosis and inflammatory diseases. Earlier in her career, she served as Clinical Program Leader for Xarelto® (rivaroxaban) at Janssen Pharmaceuticals, where she was responsible for the design, implementation, and medical oversight for large multinational trials. Prior to her tenure at Janssen, Dr. Tarka worked at GlaxoSmithKline in the Metabolic Pathways and Cardiovascular Therapeutic Area. She has been on the faculty and had numerous major teaching and clinical responsibilities at the University of Pennsylvania and affiliated hospitals. She is trained in Cardiology and Internal Medicine and has published in a number of peer-reviewed journals. Dr. Tarka earned a BA in Biochemistry and an MD from the University of Pennsylvania where she also completed her residency and fellowship training.

Mr. Davis joins XyloCor with a proven background as a seasoned financial executive, including over 15 years of experience as a CFO for publicly traded, commercial- and

clinical-stage biopharmaceutical companies, and nearly 30 years as a financial professional in the life sciences industry. He has extensive expertise in fundraising, financial strategy, negotiating strategic transactions involving acquisition and disposition of commercial and clinical-stage assets, shareholder relations, and SEC accounting, reporting, and compliance. Mr. Davis has raised over \$600 million in public and private equity financings, including leading an initial public offering, and nearly \$200 million in debt financings. Most recently, he was CFO at Verrica Pharmaceuticals, where he held managerial responsibility for executing equity and debt financings, analyst and shareholder relations, financial aspects of commercial launch preparation, business development, finance, accounting, tax, and treasury. Before that, Mr. Davis had similar duties as CFO at Strongbridge Biopharma plc, Tengion, Inc., and Neose Technologies, Inc. Mr. Davis is a Certified Public Accountant. He earned an MBA from The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania and an undergraduate degree in Accounting from Trenton State College.

About XyloCor

XyloCor Therapeutics is a private, clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company developing potential best-in-class gene therapies to transform outcomes for patients with cardiovascular disease. The company's lead product candidate, XC001, is currently being investigated in a Phase 2 clinical trial for patients with refractory angina for which there are no treatment options. XyloCor has a second preclinical investigational product, XC002, in discovery stage, being developed for the treatment of patients with cardiac tissue damage from heart attacks. The company, which was co-founded by Ronald Crystal, MD, and Todd Rosengart, MD, has an exclusive license from Cornell University. For more information, visit www.xylocor.com.

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