

## **Ziphius Therapeutics Announces Acceleration of mRNA Based Vaccine Development for COVID-19**

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Ghent, Belgium.--March. 23, 2020 “ZIPHIUS Therapeutics announced today that they have prioritized their resources to intensify the development of ZIP-1642, a vaccine against the novel coronavirus.

Ziphius Therapeutics is therefore interacting with researchers at Ghent University who recently succeeded to produce an mRNA vaccine against Zika virus. This mRNA platform could also be applicable for the development of a COVID-19 vaccine.

“I am grateful to Ghent University, Professor Niek Sanders, and our team of researchers who are working hard to get this job done in these unusual times,” said Chris Cardon Chief Executive Officer at Ziphius. “All of us will do our outmost best and use our leading-edge technology to serve the community.”

Ziphius Therapeutics also announced the appointment of Mathieu Ghadanfar as Business Development & Licensing Officer. Mathieu joins the Company from Novartis Pharma AG where he was most recently VP, Global Medical Affairs.

### **About ZIP-1642**

“The Ziphius vaccine consists of a combination of mRNA molecules, encoding multiple SARS-CoV-2 antigens, such as a form of the Spike (S) protein, which is an essential protein for host cell infection and has been evaluated as a vaccine antigen for multiple other corona viruses. By using a combination of antigens, Ziphius Therapeutics hopes to elicit a broad and protective immune response.”

### **About Ziphius Therapeutics**

Ziphius Therapeutics NV is a pre-clinical gene technology company that focuses on messenger RNA (mRNA) therapeutics and vaccines to create a new generation of transformative medicines for patients. Together with Ghent University, Ziphius Therapeutics is developing a portfolio of mRNA vaccines and therapeutics. To date, the Company has several therapeutic candidates in development in the fields of respiratory and endocrinological diseases, in addition to several prophylactic vaccines, including ZIP-1642.

Headquartered in Oostkamp, Belgium, Ziphius Therapeutics currently has strategic partnerships with experienced executives in the pharmaceutical industry that bring over 100 years of combined experience in drug development.

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