



## Collect Biotechnology Receives New Patent Allowance in China

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TEL AVIV, Israel, April 2, 2020 /PRNewswire/ -- Collect Biotechnology Ltd. (NASDAQ: [APOP](#)), a developer of innovative technology which enables the functional selection of stem cells, received an official communication from the China National Intellectual Property Administration ("CNIPA") regarding its intention to grant Chinese Patent Application No. 201380021092.5. Including this latest notification, the Company has 66 patent applications worldwide, of which 32 are issued/allowed patents.

"China is just the latest jurisdiction to recognize our innovation as we have sought and received IP protections globally to help safeguard our inventions," commented Dr. Shai Yarkoni, Chief Executive Officer. "In addition to the clinical trials and business collaborations that continue to validate our technology, increasing our IP portfolio is a valuable asset that can be monetized either internally or externally."

The Company has previously published third-party data demonstrating improved 'stemness' of stem cells. Specifically, it significantly improves both proliferation and functional capabilities of hematopoietic (HSC) and mesenchymal (MSC) stem cells originating from bone marrow, peripheral blood, umbilical cord and adipose tissue.

The patent covers a device and a kit adapted for selection of cells that are resistant to receptor-mediated apoptosis and a method for using the device and kit. The device enables simultaneous positive selection for both stem-cells and immune cells which support engraftment and negative selection for immune cells which induce graft versus host disease (GvHD). The device is designed as a closed compartment cell selection in simplified setting resulting in a safe, efficacious and affordable solution that currently do not exist. The present invention further discloses uses for the device.

### **About Collect Biotechnology Ltd.**

Collect Biotechnology (NASDAQ: [APOP](#)) has developed a breakthrough technology, for the selection of stem cells from any given tissue, that aims to improve a variety of stem cell-based therapies.

The Company's technology is expected to provide researchers, clinical community and pharma companies with the tools to rapidly isolate stem cells in quantity and quality allowing stem cell-based treatments and procedures in a wide variety of applications in regenerative medicine. The Company's current clinical trial is aimed at bone marrow transplantations in cancer treatment.

### **Forward Looking Statements**

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