



Collect Granted Key European Patent for Its Stem Cell Selection Technology

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Covers ApoGraft's uses, methods and devices in stem cell selection for conditions including GvHD

Expected to give company protection against devices that make use of apoptosis for cell selection

Patent specifically addresses "device enables an efficient cell selection in simplified and cheaper setting by an off the shelf product - a solution that currently do not exist"

TEL AVIV, Israel, Aug. 7, 2018 /PRNewswire/ -- [Collect](#) Biotechnology Ltd. (Nasdaq: [APOP](#)), a developer of a novel stem cell production technology, announced today the European Patent Office has granted the company a patent for its platform ApoGraft™ technology and ApoTainer™ device titled, "Devices and Methods for Selecting Apoptosis-Signaling Resistant Cells, and Uses Thereof".

The patent addresses Collect's devices and methods for specifically selecting desired stem cells from a heterogeneous cell population for use in a range of medical indications. Through negative selection, Collect's technology identifies mature cells that can be harmful to the recipient and selectively eliminates those cells through apoptosis (cell death). Collect's patented technology is designed to produce safe and ample quantities of stem cells ready for dosing in patients in a wide range of disease states from oncology to auto-immune diseases. The latest patent granted to the Company, covers claims including Collect's method for preventing graft vs. host disease (GvHD) while retaining potent anti-cancer graft vs. tumor (GvT) activity using the ApoTainer™ device.

"This patent in Europe further expands our robust intellectual property estate which includes seven families of global patent applications with several issued in the U.S. and Eu. for the concept of using apoptosis for stem cell selection, methods of use, and composition of matter for the ApoTainer™. We expect to have protection against other devices looking to use apoptosis-inducing ligands, as indicated in the patent, for the process of cell selection," stated Collect CEO Dr. Shai Yarkoni. "We believe the value of this patent is underscored by the favorable initial results reported in our open label Phase I/II trial in GvHD which is actively recruiting and treating patients."

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 research, hospitals 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.

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