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Motif Bio plc
("Motif Bio", or "the Company")

Motif Bio confirms receipt of FDA meeting minutes

Motif Bio plc (AIM/NASDAQ: MTFB) today announced that the Company has received the official minutes of the Type B meeting with the U.S. Food & Drug Administration (FDA) which took place on September 19, 2019.

As disclosed in the announcement on September 30, 2019, the minutes confirm that a single well-designed adequate and well-controlled Phase III clinical trial demonstrating safety and efficacy of iclaprim in patients with HABP, including VABP, along with data on potential mechanisms of hepatic injury, would enable submission of a New Drug Application for approval by FDA. It would take several years to enroll and complete a HABP/VABP Phase III trial and the cost is expected to be tens of millions of dollars.

The Company continues to believe that the most efficient way to generate future value from iclaprim is for a partner or other entity with a lower cost of capital to complete the HABP/VABP Phase III trial and commercialise the asset globally.

Dr. Graham Lumsden, Chief Executive Officer, said: "*We now have confirmation of what will be required to progress iclaprim towards a potential approval. The Company is working hard to find a partner or other entity to complete the HABP/VABP Phase III trial, commercialise iclaprim and ensure the best outcome for shareholders in Motif Bio."*

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Motif Bio's expectation regarding the safety and efficacy of its product candidates, (ix) the potential clinical utility and benefits of Motif Bio's product candidates, (x) Motif Bio's ability to advance its product candidates through various stages of development, especially through pivotal safety and efficacy trials, (xi) Motif Bio's estimates regarding the potential market opportunity for its product candidates, (xii) Motif Bio's ability to raise additional capital to sustain its operations and pursue its strategy and (xiii) the factors discussed in the section entitled "Risk Factors" in Motif Bio's Annual Report on Form 20-F filed with the SEC on April 15, 2019, which is available on the SEC's web site, www.sec.gov. Additionally, there can be no assurance that Motif Bio will regain compliance with Nasdaq rules or maintain its ADS listing on Nasdaq. Motif Bio undertakes no obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements.