



## Gritstone to Host Data Update on CORAL and Discuss the Application of Self-amplifying mRNA (samRNA) in Infectious Diseases

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-- Data to be presented from CORAL-BOOST and CORAL-CEPI trials evaluating Gritstone's samRNA vaccine candidates against SARS-CoV-2 --

EMERYVILLE, Calif., Oct. 19, 2022 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Gritstone bio, Inc. (Nasdaq: GRTS), a clinical-stage biotechnology company that aims to develop the world's most potent vaccines, today announced that it will host a webinar on October 25, 2022 to present data from its CORAL program and discuss the application of its self-amplifying mRNA (samRNA) vaccine platform for infectious diseases. During the webinar, lead investigators will present data from the ongoing Phase 1 CORAL-BOOST and CORAL-CEPI trials which are evaluating the company's samRNA vaccine candidates against SARS-CoV-2. Following the data presentations, Lawrence "Larry" Corey, M.D., an internationally renowned expert in virology, immunology and vaccine development, will speak to the potential application of samRNA vaccines against infectious diseases.

### Presenters and Content

- Professor Andrew Ustianowski, National Clinical Lead for the UK NIHR COVID Vaccine Research Programme, will present data from CORAL-BOOST. This presentation will expand on study data being present at IDWeek 2022.
- Professor Shabir Madhi, Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences, Professor of Vaccinology at the University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa, will present the interim data from CORAL-CEPI. This presentation will include data on virus-naïve subjects.
- Larry Corey, M.D., virology, immunology and vaccine development expert, former President & Director of Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center ("Fred Hutch") and Board Member of Gritstone bio, will speak to the landscape and broad potential application of samRNA.
- Company management will also provide an overview of self-amplifying mRNA (samRNA) as a novel vaccine platform for the prevention and treatment of infectious diseases.

The presentations will be followed by a Q&A session.

### Webinar Details

Date and time: 8:00 – 9:00am ET on Tuesday, October 25

Link: To register for the webinar, please click [here](#)

A replay of the webinar will be accessible for 30 days following the event on the events page of the company's website: <https://ir.gritstonebio.com/investors/events>.

### About the CORAL Program

Gritstone's CORAL program is evaluating the company's infectious disease approach, which is designed to drive both B cell and T cell immunity using a self-amplifying mRNA (samRNA) vector, against SARS-CoV-2. The program currently includes three ongoing Phase 1 trials: CORAL-BOOST, which is evaluating one construct in a boost setting (following primary series of currently-approved COVID-19 vaccines); CORAL-CEPI, which is evaluating multiple constructs in virus-naïve, convalescent, and HIV+ subjects in South Africa; and CORAL-NIH, which is being run by the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease (NIAID), is evaluating multiple constructs in previously vaccinated healthy volunteers. The program serves as proof-of-concept for the application of Gritstone's platform against coronaviruses and other infectious diseases and is supported by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, NIAID and the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI).

### About Gritstone bio

Gritstone bio, Inc. (Nasdaq: GRTS) is a clinical-stage biotechnology company that aims to create the world's most potent vaccines. We leverage our innovative vectors and payloads to train multiple arms of the immune system to attack critical disease targets. Independently and with our collaborators, we are advancing a portfolio of product candidates to treat and prevent viral diseases and solid tumors in pursuit of improving patient outcomes and eliminating disease. [www.gritstonebio.com](http://www.gritstonebio.com)

### Gritstone Forward-Looking Statements

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based on information available to Gritstone as of the date hereof. Gritstone disclaims any obligation to update any forward-looking statements, except as required by law.

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