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Amnion Foundation and BTR Partner to Provide Primary Human Cells

WINSTON-SALEM, North Carolina --- Amnion Foundation and Birth Tissue Recovery (BTR) announce the formation of a new partnership to deliver birth tissue-derived primary human cells to support research and development for regenerative medicine and drug discovery. BTR will leverage its established in-hospital programs to obtain informed consent, perform donor screening and eligibility determination, and acquire donated post-partum birth tissues. Amnion Foundation will utilize expertise in primary human cell biology and isolation methodology to generate and characterize primary human cells from both the placenta and umbilical cord. The established partnership enables robust control of all steps from informed consent through final product characterization and release, ensuring a high degree of compliance and quality for end-users of the cells. Available standard inventory includes umbilical vein endothelial cells and germinal-origin placental stem cells, isolated and maintained under lab standard and physiologically-relevant oxygen conditions. Cells are cryopreserved and ready-to-use and each lot is accompanied by an approved Certificate of Analysis detailing product quality and performance, including sterility, mycoplasma, karyotype, cell surface marker profile, and performance in migration and/or tube formation assays. Through this partnership, BTR and Amnion Foundation will also offer standard and GLP- / GMP-compliant isolation and production services for birth tissue-derived cells. "By supporting this partnership with Amnion Foundation, BTR and their donor hospital partners further demonstrate our commitment to advance the science of stem cells while continuing to invest in improving our communities' quality of life," said Kurt Weber, President and CEO of BTR. "This unique partnership between BTR and Amnion Foundation creates a powerful community resource with the potential to substantially improve the quality and availability of birth tissue-related cells and services. The robust tissue acquisition and consent processes in place at BTR make them an ideal partner for Amnion and we are excited to begin this new venture together," said Sharon Presnell, PhD, President & Director of Research Services at Amnion Foundation.

About BTR: Birth Tissue Recovery (BTR) is an FDA-registered and AATB-accredited birth tissue acquisition company headquartered in North Carolina. Visit BTR's website: birthtissuerecovery.com.

About the Amnion Foundation: Amnion Foundation is a registered 501(c)3 organization located in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. The mission of the Amnion Foundation is to serve the R&D community through the generation, preservation, banking, and provision of cells from the placenta and other birth-associated tissues. Learn more at amnionfoundation.org.