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CORREVIO STOCK TRADING HALTED TODAY; FDA ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING TO DISCUSS BRINAVESS™ FOR RECENT ONSET ATRIAL FIBRILLATION

Vancouver, Canada, December 10, 2019 – Correvio Pharma Corp. (NASDAQ: CORV) (TSX: CORV), a specialty pharmaceutical company focused on commercializing hospital drugs, today announced that NASDAQ and the Toronto Stock Exchange (TSX) have halted trading of the Company's common stock. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)'s Cardiovascular and Renal Drugs Advisory Committee (CRDAC) is holding a meeting today from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. ET to discuss Correvio's New Drug Application (NDA) seeking approval for Brinavess™ (vernakalant hydrochloride, IV), an anti-arrhythmic drug, for the rapid conversion of recent onset atrial fibrillation (AF) in adult patients.

The CRDAC meeting can be accessed on the FDA website at: <https://collaboration.fda.gov/cdrac121019/>.

The CRDAC is an independent panel of experts that evaluates data concerning the efficacy and safety of marketed and investigational products for use in the treatment of cardiovascular and renal conditions and makes appropriate recommendations to the FDA regarding regulatory actions. Although the FDA considers the recommendations of the CRDAC, the final decision regarding pending regulatory actions for a product is made by the FDA; the recommendations by the panel are non-binding.

Correvio's NDA is currently under review by the FDA with an action date of December 24, 2019 under the Prescription Drug User-Fee Act (PDUFA). The FDA will consider the committee's support and all other information before it when making a decision, but is not bound by the committee's determination. There can be no assurance that the FDA will approve Brinavess, or if it does approve its use, that it will not materially restrict its label.

About Atrial Fibrillation

Atrial fibrillation (also known as AFib or AF) is a supraventricular tachyarrhythmia with uncoordinated atrial activation resulting in ineffective atrial contraction and if left untreated, structural and/or electrophysiological atrial tissue abnormalities.¹ AF is a common cardiac rhythm disturbance that increases in prevalence with advancing age.¹ According to the American Heart Association, estimates of the prevalence of AF in the U.S. ranged from 2.7 million to 6.1 million in 2010, and is expected to rise to 12 million in 2030.²

There are two strategies to manage AF, namely, rhythm- or rate-control. A rhythm-control strategy may be used in patients who are severely compromised, remain symptomatic despite adequate rate control, when adequate rate control is difficult to achieve, when long term rhythm control therapy is preferred, younger patient age, presence of tachycardia-mediated cardiomyopathy, and first episode of AF.^{1,3} Early

intervention with a rhythm-control strategy to prevent progression of AF may be particularly beneficial to the AF patient.¹

About Brinavess™

Brinavess (vernakalant HCl, IV) is an antiarrhythmic drug that acts preferentially in the atria by prolonging atrial refractoriness and slowing impulse conduction in a rate-dependent fashion. Brinavess is approved for marketing in Europe, Canada and several other countries worldwide. In Europe, it is approved for the rapid conversion of recent onset atrial fibrillation to sinus rhythm in adults: 1) for non-surgery patients: atrial fibrillation \leq 7 days duration; and 2) for post-cardiac surgery patients: atrial fibrillation \leq 3 days duration. Vernakalant IV is not approved for use in the United States.

About Correvio Pharma Corp.

Correvio Pharma Corp. is a specialty pharmaceutical company focused on providing innovative, high-quality brands that meet the needs of acute care physicians and patients. With a commercial presence and distribution network covering over 60 countries worldwide, Correvio develops, acquires and commercializes brands for the in-hospital, acute care market segment. The Company's portfolio of approved and marketed brands includes: Xydalba™ (dalbavancin hydrochloride), for the treatment of acute bacterial skin and skin structure infections (ABSSSI); Zevtera®/Mabelio® (ceftobiprole medocartil sodium), a cephalosporin antibiotic for the treatment of community- and hospital-acquired pneumonia (CAP, HAP); Brinavess® (vernakalant IV) for the rapid conversion of recent onset atrial fibrillation to sinus rhythm; Aggrastat® (tirofiban hydrochloride) for the reduction of thrombotic cardiovascular events in patients with acute coronary syndrome. Correvio's pipeline of product candidates includes Trevyent®, a drug device combination that is designed to deliver treprostinil, the world's leading treatment for pulmonary arterial hypertension.

Correvio is traded on the NASDAQ Capital Market (CORV) and the Toronto Stock Exchange (CORV). For more information, please visit our web site www.correvio.com.

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Forward-Looking Statement Disclaimer

Certain statements in this news release contain "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the U.S. Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 or "forward-looking information" under applicable Canadian securities legislation (collectively, "forward-looking statements"). Forward-looking statements include statements that may relate to our plans, objectives, goals, strategies, future events, future revenue

or performance, capital expenditures, financing needs and other information that may not be based on historical fact. Forward-looking statements can often be identified by the use of terminology such as "believe", "may", "plan", "will", "estimate", "continue", "anticipate", "intend", "expect", "look forward to" and similar expressions. Forward-looking statements are necessarily based on estimates and assumptions made by us based on our experience and perception of historical trends, current conditions and expected future developments, as well as other factors we believe are appropriate.

By their very nature, forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause the actual results, events or developments to be materially different from any future results, events or developments expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, statements relating to the approval of Brinavess by the FDA and the timing of any such approval. In particular, no statement herein should be understood to mean: (i) that the FDA will find our underlying clinical trial data to be acceptable; (ii) that the FDA will find our manufacturing sites acceptable and validate them; or (iii) that the FDA will chose to follow CRDAC's support of the Company's NDA, as the FDA is not bound by CRDAC's determination; or (iv) that, in the event the FDA approves the Company's NDA, it will require substantive Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategies (REMS) and/or substantively limit the product label. Furthermore, the timing of any action by the FDA and possible regulatory paths forward cannot be guaranteed, in that, for example: (i) the FDA may miss its own required deadlines (including the target action date assigned under the Prescription Drug User-Fee Act, or "PDUFA"); and (ii) the FDA may require further information or additional clinical studies. Finally, no statement provided herein should be understood to provide an estimate of the market potential for Brinavess in the United States.

A detailed discussion of the risks and uncertainties facing Correvio are discussed in the annual report and detailed from time to time in our other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") available at www.sec.gov and the Canadian securities regulatory authorities at www.sedar.com. In particular, we direct your attention to Correvio's Annual Report on Form 40-F for the year ended December 31, 2018 and its quarterly report filed November 14, 2019 for the third quarter of 2019. All of the risks and certainties disclosed in those filings are hereby incorporated by reference in their entirety into this news release.

While Correvio makes these forward-looking statements in good faith, given these risks, uncertainties and factors, you are cautioned not to place undue reliance on any forward-looking statements made in this press release. All forward-looking statements made herein are based on our current expectations and we undertake no obligation to revise or update such forward-looking statements to reflect subsequent events or circumstances, except as required by law. Investors are cautioned that forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance and accordingly investors are cautioned not to put undue reliance on forward-looking statements due to their inherent uncertainty.

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