



## **ZyVersa Therapeutics' CEO, Stephen C. Glover, and CCO, Karen A. Cashmere, Are Invited Speakers at the 4th Inflammasome Therapeutics Summit**

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- *Annual Inflammasome Summit unites world renowned experts in inflammasome-targeted drug development and academia to share information and address knowledge gaps in this rapidly evolving field*
- *ZyVersa is well positioned in the emerging inflammasome space with a highly differentiated inflammasome ASC inhibitor (IC 100), which has potential to treat a broad range of inflammatory diseases*
- *By inhibiting ASC, IC 100 inhibits multiple types of inflammasomes, not just NLRP3, to stop initiation of the inflammatory cascade and progression of damaging inflammation that is pathogenic in inflammatory diseases*
- *ZyVersa and Larkspur Health entered into a definitive business combination agreement on July 20, 2022, which is expected to be completed in fourth quarter of 2022; combined company expected to be named ZyVersa Therapeutics, Inc. and listed on NASDAQ under ticker "ZVSA"*

WESTON, Fla. and BRIDGEWATER, N.J., Nov. 22, 2022 /PRNewswire/ -- ZyVersa Therapeutics, Inc. ("ZyVersa"), a clinical stage specialty biopharmaceutical company leveraging advanced, proprietary technologies to develop drug candidates that address unmet medical needs in the areas of inflammatory and renal diseases, and Larkspur Health Acquisition Corp. (NASDAQ: LSPR or "Larkspur"), a blank-check special purpose acquisition company, are pleased to announce that Stephen C. Glover, ZyVersa's Co-Founder, Chief Executive Officer, and Chairman, and Karen A. Cashmere, ZyVersa's Chief Commercial Officer, are invited speakers at the 4<sup>th</sup> Inflammasome Therapeutics Summit. The annual summit is being held in Boston, Massachusetts, with workshops on November 29 and the main conference on November 30 through December 1, 2022.



Gain CEO insights on inflammasome inhibitor development/commercialization at the 4th Inflammasome Summit CEO Panel

Mr. Glover will Chair the second day of the main conference on December 1. After his opening remarks at 8:25am, Mr. Glover will lead a CEO panel to provide industry leader perspectives on development and commercialization of inflammasome targeted therapeutics. The panel will address key topics, including:

- How the increasing evidence that multiple types of inflammasomes contribute to the pathogenesis and progression of numerous inflammatory diseases will impact drug development
- Thinking outside the box to select and prioritize indications for inflammasome inhibitors
- How best to demonstrate differentiation from standard-of-care and other inflammasome inhibitors in development
- Success factors in raising capital and attracting investors and strategic partners

Ms. Cashmere, along with co-inventor of ZyVersa's inflammasome ASC inhibitor (IC 100), Dr. Juan Pablo de Rivero Vaccari, will lead a panel discussion on December 1, from 3:00 – 3:30 pm. Dr. de Rivero Vaccari is Associate Professor of Neurological Surgery and The Miami Project to Cure Paralysis at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine.

The panel discussion will focus on the feasibility of identifying and validating biomarkers that can

- Serve as surrogate endpoints in inflammasome inhibitor clinical trials
- Enable early intervention with inflammasome inhibitors
- Detect disease progression of inflammasome-associated diseases

Additional presentations by co-inventors of ZyVersa's inflammasome ASC inhibitor (IC 100) are as follows:

November 30, 12:30 – 1:00pm: Dr. de Rivero Vaccari will address inflammasome biomarkers in brain injury, Alzheimer's disease, and COVID-19.

December 1, 2:00 – 2:30pm: Dr. Robert Keane will discuss the mechanism of action of inflammasome ASC inhibitor, IC 100. Dr. Keane is Professor, Physiology and Biophysics, Neurological Surgery and Microbiology, and Immunology at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine.

Those interested in attending the Summit can register at <https://inflammasome-therapeutics.com/take-part/register/>.

#### **About ZyVersa Therapeutics, Inc.**

ZyVersa is a clinical stage specialty biopharmaceutical company leveraging advanced, proprietary technologies to develop product candidates that address unmet medical needs in the areas of renal and inflammatory diseases. ZyVersa's development pipeline includes phase 2a ready VAR 200, a cholesterol efflux mediator for treatment of rare kidney disease, focal segmental glomerulosclerosis. ZyVersa believes VAR 200 has potential to treat other glomerular diseases, including Alport syndrome and diabetic kidney disease. ZyVersa's development pipeline also includes IC 100, a novel inflammasome ASC inhibitor being developed to treat a multitude of inflammatory diseases. For more information, please visit [www.zyversa.com](http://www.zyversa.com).

#### **About Larkspur Health Acquisition Corp.**

Larkspur is a Special Purpose Acquisition Company (SPAC) formed to identify a biopharmaceutical company that can develop and thrive as a newly formed public company, and benefit from Larkspur's operational expertise and a significant infusion of capital. Each of Larkspur's management team and board of directors have been former management and executive leadership of private and public biopharmaceutical companies and have over 50+ years of aggregate investment and operational experiences. The team strongly believes in the growth opportunities in the biotechnology industry. They are experienced operators who seek to partner with top innovators and thinkers in the biopharmaceutical field. Their entrepreneurial approach supports management teams in making impactful decisions with an eye toward growth and operational excellence. For more information, please visit [www.lsprhealth.com](http://www.lsprhealth.com).

#### **Important Information for Investors and Stockholders and Where to Find It**

In connection with the transactions described herein, Larkspur filed its Registration Statement on Form S-4 that includes a proxy statement with respect to the stockholder meeting of Larkspur and a prospectus with respect to securities of the combined company. After the Registration Statement is declared effective by the SEC, the proxy statement/prospectus will be sent to all Larkspur and ZyVersa stockholders. Larkspur will also file other documents regarding the proposed Business Combination with the SEC. BEFORE MAKING ANY VOTING DECISION, INVESTORS AND SECURITIES HOLDERS OF LARKSPUR AND ZYVERSA ARE URGED TO READ THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT, INCLUDING THE PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS AND ALL OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS FILED OR THAT WILL BE FILED WITH THE SEC IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROPOSED BUSINESS COMBINATION AS THEY BECOME AVAILABLE SINCE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROPOSED BUSINESS COMBINATION AND THE PARTIES TO THE PROPOSED BUSINESS COMBINATION.

Investors and securities holders will be able to obtain free copies of the Registration Statement, proxy statement/prospectus and all other relevant documents filed or that will be filed with the SEC by Larkspur through the website maintained by the SEC at <https://sec.gov/>. In addition, the documents filed by Larkspur may be obtained free of charge from Larkspur's website at [www.lsprhealth.com](http://www.lsprhealth.com) or by written request to [info@lsprhealth.com](mailto:info@lsprhealth.com). Additional information about the proposed Transaction, including a copy of the Business Combination Agreement and investor presentation, will be provided in a Current Report on Form 8-K to be filed by Larkspur with the SEC which can be accessed at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov) as well as online at [www.lsprhealth.com](http://www.lsprhealth.com).

#### **Participants in the Solicitation**

Larkspur, ZyVersa, and their respective directors and executive officers may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from Larkspur's stockholders in connection with the proposed Transaction. Information about Larkspur's directors and executive officers and their ownership of Larkspur's securities is set forth in Larkspur's Annual Report for the year ended December 31, 2021, which was filed with the SEC on Form 10-K, as modified or supplemented by any Form 3 or Form 4 filed with the SEC since the date of such filing. Other information regarding the interests of the participants in the proxy solicitation will be included in the proxy statement/prospectus pertaining to the proposed Transactions when it becomes available. These documents can be obtained free of charge from the sources indicated above.

#### **No Offer or Solicitation**

This communication does not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy any securities or a solicitation of any vote or approval, nor shall there be any sale of any securities in any state or jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation, or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of such other jurisdiction.

#### **Forward Looking Statements**

This press release contains certain forward-looking statements within the meaning of the federal securities laws with respect to the proposed transaction between Larkspur Health Acquisition Corp. ("Larkspur"), and ZyVersa Therapeutics, Inc. ("ZyVersa"). All statements other than statements of historical facts contained in this press release, including statements regarding Larkspur or ZyVersa's future results of operations and financial position, the amount of cash expected to be available to ZyVersa after the closing and giving effect to any redemptions by Larkspur's stockholders, ZyVersa's business strategy, prospective product candidates, product approvals, research and development costs, timing and likelihood of success, plans and objectives of management for future operations, future results of current and anticipated product candidates, and expected use of proceeds, are forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements generally are identified by the words "believe," "project," "expect," "anticipate," "estimate," "intend," "strategy," "future," "opportunity," "plan," "may," "should," "will," "would," "will be," "will continue," "will likely result," and similar expressions. These forward-looking statements are subject to a number of risks, uncertainties and assumptions, including, but not limited to, the following risks relating to the proposed transaction: the occurrence of any event, change or other circumstances that could give rise to the termination of the Business Combination Agreement; the risk that the transaction may not be completed in a timely manner or at all, which may adversely affect the price of Larkspur's securities; the occurrence of any event, change or other circumstances that could give rise to the termination of the Business Combination Agreement; the inability to complete the Transactions, including due to failure to obtain approval of the shareholders of Larkspur or other conditions to closing in the Business Combination Agreement; the inability to obtain or maintain the listing of Larkspur's common stock on NASDAQ

following the Transactions; the risk that the Transactions disrupt current plans and operations of ZyVersa as a result of the announcement and consummation of the Transactions; the ability to recognize the anticipated benefits of the Transactions, which may be affected by, among other things, competition, the ability of the combined company to grow and manage growth economically and hire and retain key employees; the risks that ZyVersa's product candidates in development fail clinical trials or are not approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration or other applicable authorities; costs related to the Transactions; changes in applicable laws or regulations; the possibility that Larkspur or ZyVersa may be adversely affected by other economic, business, and/or competitive factors; and other risks and uncertainties to be identified in the proxy statement/prospectus (when available) relating to the Transactions, including those under "Risk Factors" therein, and in other filings with the SEC made by Larkspur. Moreover, ZyVersa operates in a very competitive and rapidly changing environment. Because forward-looking statements are inherently subject to risks and uncertainties, some of which cannot be predicted or quantified and some of which are beyond Larkspur's and ZyVersa's control, you should not rely on these forward-looking statements as predictions of future events. Forward-looking statements speak only as of the date they are made. Readers are cautioned not to put undue reliance on forward-looking statements, and except as required by law. Larkspur and ZyVersa assume no obligation and do not intend to update or revise these forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events, or otherwise. Neither Larkspur nor ZyVersa gives any assurance that either Larkspur or ZyVersa or the combined company will achieve its expectations.

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