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**Link Medicine Completes \$40 million Series C Financing
to Accelerate Development of First Disease-Modifying Treatments
for Neurodegenerative Disorders**

**Co-led by Clarus Ventures and SV Life Sciences,
the Financing will Advance Preclinical and Clinical Programs**

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. – Link Medicine Corporation, a privately held biotechnology company advancing novel approaches for the treatment of neurodegenerative diseases, announced today that it has obtained \$40 million of Series C equity financing to help move its lead preclinical programs into human clinical testing. The round was funded by two leading biotechnology investors – Clarus Ventures and SV Life Sciences.

Link Medicine, founded in March 2005, is focused on developing the first disease-modifying therapies for the treatment of several neurodegenerative diseases – including Alzheimer’s, Parkinson’s, Huntington’s, and Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS). The company is pursuing innovative approaches to target a common feature of these disorders - the buildup in nerve cells of incorrectly folded, aggregated and ultimately neurotoxic proteins.

Link Medicine’s development programs build on groundbreaking discoveries made in the laboratory of Link Medicine’s Chief Scientific Officer Peter T. Lansbury, Jr., Ph.D., a professor of neurology at Harvard Medical School, and Director of the Morris K. Udall Research Center of Excellence in Parkinson's Disease at Brigham and Women's Hospital. Dr. Lansbury is a leader in the scientific understanding of protein misfolding and aggregation in neurodegeneration.

“Despite advances in our understanding how these conditions progress, Alzheimer’s disease and Parkinson’s disease continue to exert a devastating toll on patients and their families,” said Adam J. Rosenberg, Link Medicine’s Chief Executive Officer. “Link Medicine was established to bring sharp focus to the most pressing need these patients face – for therapies not only designed to alleviate disease symptoms, but to modify the course of the disease. The strong backing of Clarus Ventures and SV Life Sciences both validates the progress we have made to date, and accelerates our path to the clinic.”

Michael Ross, Managing Partner of SV Life Sciences, said: “The company’s scientific platform is unique because of its potential applicability across a wide spectrum of conditions, including more prevalent conditions like Alzheimer’s and Parkinson’s, and a

wide range of orphan indications where protein misfolding and aggregation play a critical role.”

Nick Galakatos, Managing Director of Clarus Ventures added: “The approach taken by Link to modify the course of neurodegenerative disease is a novel way to tackle Alzheimer’s disease and related disorders. It is particularly attractive because it can be potentially used as a monotherapy, or as a complementary combination with other medicines.”

As of the closing of the Series C financing, the Link Medicine Board of Directors is comprised of the following members:

- Nick Galakatos, Managing Director, Clarus Ventures
- David Guyer, Venture Partner, SV Life Sciences
- Peter Lansbury, Chief Scientific Officer
- Adam Rosenberg, Chief Executive Officer
- Michael Ross, Managing Partner, SV Life Sciences
- Edward Scolnick, Director of Psychiatry Initiative at the Broad Institute

About Link Medicine

Link Medicine is advancing disease-modifying technologies targeted at Alzheimer's, Parkinson's and other neurodegenerative diseases where current symptomatic therapies are limited in efficacy or duration, and at orphan indications which lack any meaningful symptomatic treatments. Link was founded by Chief Scientific Officer Peter T. Lansbury, Jr., a leading neuroscience researcher from Harvard Medical School and Brigham & Women's Hospital with a focus on protein misfolding and aggregation in neurodegeneration. The founding investment in Link was made by Edward I. Rudman, a prominent Boston-based business executive and philanthropist, who previously served as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Beth Israel Hospital in Boston. Link has raised a total of \$56.5 million in equity financings to date. Major investors include Clarus Ventures, SV Life Sciences, Endurance Investments Limited, Biogen Idec New Ventures, and private individuals. Link is based in Cambridge, MA.

About Clarus Ventures

Clarus Ventures is a life sciences venture capital firm founded by a team of accomplished investment professionals with extensive and complementary industry backgrounds which have enabled them to establish a long history of success in creating value. Their deep relationships with world thought leaders and decision makers allow this team to identify unique investment opportunities and shepherd them to maturity. Clarus augments its core expertise of investing in biopharmaceuticals and medical technology companies with the deep and diverse expertise of the team in research and development, commercialization, business development and operations management at the global level. Clarus is based in Cambridge, MA and San Francisco, CA and presently manages over \$1.2 billion across two life-sciences dedicated funds.

About SV Life Sciences

SV Life Sciences is a venture capital adviser and manager that makes selected investments in businesses with experienced entrepreneurs and management teams. SV Life Sciences provides finance to businesses at all stages of development and across the human life sciences sector. These sectors range from biotechnology & pharmaceuticals to medical devices & instruments, to healthcare information technology and services. SV Life Sciences currently advises or manages five funds with capital commitments of approximately \$1.6 billion which primarily invest amounts of between \$1m and \$20m in North America and Europe, but will consider innovative investments in other regions. SV Life Sciences' team of 32 professionals has a diverse, complimentary set of skills and experience that allow SV Life Sciences to tailor a team to work with almost any life sciences business.