



## **SPECTRAL DIAGNOSTICS PROVIDES CLINICAL UPDATE ON THE EUPHRATES TRIAL**

**TORONTO, Canada – March 11<sup>th</sup> 2014 – Spectral Diagnostics Inc. (TSX: SDI) (OTCQX: DIAGF)** (“Spectral” or the “Company”), a Phase III company developing the first theranostic treatment for patients with septic shock today announced an update on its ongoing EUPHRATES trial.

On January 27, 2014, the Data Safety Monitoring Board (“DSMB”) met to review the results of the second interim analysis after 184 patients had been randomized and followed for 28 days in accordance with the Statistical Analysis Plan agreed to with the FDA. On that date, the DSMB reported that stopping rules for safety, efficacy and futility were not met and that the trial should continue. The DSMB did not, however, provide the planned sample size recalculation at that time. The DSMB requested that additional analysis be performed by the Contract Research Organization on the original 184 patients prior to the recalculation. This analysis is ongoing and is expected to take several more weeks to complete. In the meantime, the enrollment in EUPHRATES continues with currently 256 patients randomized.

Spectral has scheduled the next quarterly DSMB meeting for early April 2014, at which time it expects to receive the recommendations of the DSMB based on its review of the requested detailed analysis, as well as data from additional patients enrolled since the 184 patient cut off for the second interim analysis.

A sample size recalculation is expected to be performed and reported to the Sponsor, as well as any other recommendations. The EUPHRATES trial was designed to show a benefit in mortality between the treated group and the control group of between 10% to 15% at a power of eighty percent. The original sample size of 360 enrolled patients would be required to show a 15% benefit in mortality, while demonstrating a 10% difference could require up to approximately 700 patients.

The Company expects to announce its clinical pathway forward after receiving and evaluating the DSMB recommendations.

### **About Spectral Diagnostics**

Spectral is a Phase III company seeking U.S. FDA approval for its lead theranostics product (Toraymyxin) for the treatment of septic shock. Toraymyxin is a therapeutic hemoperfusion device that removes endotoxin, which can cause sepsis, from the bloodstream. Directed by the Company's Endotoxin Activity Assay (EAA™), the only FDA-cleared diagnostic for the risk of developing sepsis, Spectral's EUPHRATES trial is the world's first theranostics trial in the area of sepsis.

Spectral is listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the symbol SDI, and on the OTC QX under the symbol DIAGF. For more information please visit [www.spectraldx.com](http://www.spectraldx.com)

### **Forward Looking Statement**

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and supply the market, as well as general economic, market and business conditions, and could differ materially from what is currently expected.

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