## Acerus Receives Notice of Deficiency - Withdrawal Letter from Health Canada Regarding Gynoflor™ Application

TORONTO--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Acerus Pharmaceuticals Corporation (TSX: ASP) ("Acerus" or the "Company") is today advising that it has received a Notice of Deficiency-Withdrawal Letter ("Notice") for its Gynoflor<sup>TM</sup> New Drug Submission. The Company has 30 days to decide if it wishes to file a Letter of Intent to file a Request for Reconsideration of the Notice.

"We are disappointed with the Health Canada decision on Gynoflor<sup>TM</sup>," said Ed Gudaitis, President and CEO of Acerus Pharmaceuticals. "Gynoflor<sup>TM</sup> is currently approved in over 40 countries across Europe, Asia, the Middle East, Africa and South America and we are understandably surprised that we could not obtain approval in Canada. We will study the details of the Notice and work with Medinova AG, the manufacturer and licensor of Gynoflor<sup>TM</sup>, to assess our next steps."

## **About Acerus**

Acerus Pharmaceuticals Corporation is a Canadian-based specialty pharmaceutical company focused on the development, manufacture, marketing and distribution of innovative, branded products that improve patient experience, with a primary focus in the field of men's and women's health. The Company commercializes its products via its own salesforce in Canada, and through a global network of licensed distributors in the U.S. and other territories.

Acerus' shares trade on TSX under the symbol ASP. For more information, visit <u>www.aceruspharma.com</u> and follow us on <u>Twitter</u> and <u>LinkedIn</u>.

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