



## **NervGen Pharma to Present on its Drug Candidate NVG-291 and Spinal Cord Injury at Investor Conference**

**Vancouver, Canada.** August 22, 2023 – NervGen Pharma Corp. (TSX-V: NGEN; OTCQX: NGENF), a clinical stage biotech company dedicated to developing innovative solutions for the treatment of nervous system damage, announced today that members of its management team will present at the KOL Discussion on Spinal Cord Injury hosted by PropThink Digital Conferences. President & CEO, Mike Kelly, and Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Dan Mikol, will join Rich Macary, President of Macary Advisors, a biotech/medtech consulting and advisory firm. The virtual presentation will be held on Thursday, August 24, at 11:00 am ET. Registration is available here: <https://propthink.clickmeeting.com/kol-discussion-spinal-cord-injury/register>.

This will be a live, interactive online event covering insights on:

- the spinal cord injury landscape
- why highly-praised prior innovations have ultimately fallen short of expectations
- the innovative approach that NervGen's NVG-291 is taking in its proof-of-concept trial in spinal cord injury, which is aimed at repairing a damaged nervous system

### **About NVG-291**

NervGen holds exclusive worldwide rights to NVG-291, a first-in-class therapeutic peptide targeting mechanisms that interfere with nervous system repair. NVG-291 is derived from the intracellular wedge domain of the receptor type protein tyrosine phosphatase sigma (PTPσ). NVG-291-R, a rodent analog of NVG-291, has been shown to promote nervous system repair and functional recovery in animal models of spinal cord injury (acute and chronic intervention), peripheral nerve injury, multiple sclerosis and stroke, through enhanced plasticity, axonal regeneration, and remyelination. NervGen has initiated a Phase 1b/2a placebo-controlled proof-of-concept trial (NCT05965700) to evaluate the efficacy of NVG-291 in two separate cohorts of individuals with cervical spinal cord injury: chronic (1-10 years post-injury) and subacute (10-49 days post-injury), given demonstrated efficacy in preclinical models of both chronic and acute spinal cord injury. Initial results are expected in mid-2024.

### **About NervGen**

NervGen (TSX-V: NGEN, OTCQX: NGENF) is a clinical stage biotech company dedicated to developing innovative treatments that enable the nervous system to repair itself following damage, whether due to injury or disease. NervGen's lead drug candidate, NVG-291, is being evaluated in a Phase 1b/2a clinical trial. The Company's initial target indication is spinal cord injury. For more information, go to [www.nervgen.com](http://www.nervgen.com) and follow NervGen on [Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#), and [Facebook](#) for the latest news on the Company.

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