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Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)
August 19, 2020

MATEON THERAPEUTICS, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware	**000-21990**	**13-3679168**
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	**(Commission File Number)**	**(IRS Employer Identification No.)**

29397 Agoura Road Suite 107
Agoura Hills, CA 91301
(Address of principal executive offices and Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code
(650) 635-7000

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of class	Trading Symbols	Name of each exchange on which registered
N/A		

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company [ ]

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. [ ]

Item 8.01 Other Events

Entry to MOU with Windlass

On August 19, 2020 Mateon Therapeutics, Inc. ("Mateon" or the "Company"), executed an MOU with Windlas Biotech Private Limited for the development and commercialization of Artemisinin as therapeutic pharmaceutical and herbal supplement against COVID-19. Windlas Biotech Private Limited is a 20-year-old company with a strong track record of research, development, manufacturing and distribution of pharmaceutical products in India, USA and several other emerging markets. It has four large scale manufacturing facilities employing more than 1500 employees and is the 5th largest Contract Development and Manufacturing Organization (CDMO) serving top innovator as well as generic pharma companies across the world. It has developed more than 500 different formulations (> 2Billion doses annually) of anti-viral, cardiovascular, anti-diabetic, anti-infective, CNS and dermatology products.

The development of Artemisinin against COVID-19 is dependent on the successful completion of ARTI-19 clinical trial "Artemisinin Intervention trial against COVID-19", which is being initiated globally in Africa, India, and South America. Windlas will be our manufacturing partner for the clinical trial batches as well as commercial batches.

By collecting data from multiple clinical observational studies globally, the company expects to establish Artemisinin efficacy against COVID-19 as an affordable front-line treatment for this pandemic. OT-101 – our antisense therapeutic against COVID-19- is meant for hospitalized COVID-19 patients who would already fail Artemisinin.

Press releases

This collaboration builds on continual development of Artemisinin as therapeutic against COVID-19. As related by the press releases over the past few months, Artemisinin development as COVID-19 therapeutic is continuing.

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August 4, 2020 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) — Mateon Therapeutics will be working together with Abiogenesis to initiate ARTI-19 randomized, controlled, multi-site India clinical study of Artemisinin against COVID-19.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit No.	Description	Incorporation by reference
99.1	7-13-2020 Observational Studies Press Release	Filed herewith.
99.2	7-20-2020 Asili Press Release	Filed herewith.
99.3	8-04-2020 Abiogenesis Press Release	Filed herewith.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Mateon Therapeutics, Inc.

Date: August 24, 2020

/s/ Vuong Trieu

By: Vuong Trieu
Chief Executive Officer

Exhibit 99.1

Mateon Therapeutics to fund observational studies of Artemisinin in developing countries.

Agoura Hills, California, July 13, 2020 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) – Mateon Therapeutics (OTCQB: MATN), a leading developer of TGF-β therapeutics, announced today that it will fund observational studies for Artemisinin, an herbal supplement, that demonstrated potent *in vitro* activity against SARS-CoV-2, the COVID-19 virus. By collecting data from multiple clinical observational studies globally, the company expects to establish Artemisinin efficacy against COVID-19 as an affordable front-line treatment for this pandemic in low resources countries.

The company is inviting nonprofits such as non-government organizations to participate in this trial if they have the logistics to participate in observational trials and to distribute the Artemisinin in their home countries. The trial is expected to accrue a minimum of 3,000 patients.

Artemisinin is derived from an abundantly grown herb *Artemisia annua* L. (Sweet wormwood) and has been used medicinally to treat fevers for centuries in eastern countries. Like other potential COVID-19 therapeutic agents, the efficacy of Artemisinin remains to be tested in well-controlled and sufficiently powered clinical trials. However, given the known safety profile and the widespread use of Artemisinin, the company anticipates that it can be used as frontline therapy in countries with less developed healthcare systems.

Previously, the company's *in vitro* laboratory tests revealed that Artemisinin is highly potent at inhibiting the ability of the COVID-19 virus to multiply, similar to Remdesivir while also having an excellent safety index. The reported results indicated that Artemisinin had an EC50 = 0.45 ug/ml and Safety Index = 140.

"Our motivation to mount a global humanitarian effort to save lives has already engaged several nonprofits and we look forward to accepting new organizations so we can address this pandemic together." Said Saran Saund, CBO, Mateon Therapeutics. "This extract from the plant *Artemisia annua* has been used for centuries in Indian and Chinese traditional medicines and is therefore extremely safe. If proven effective, Artemisinin could be easily deployed inexpensively given its abundant supply. Our motivation is to mount a global humanitarian effort to save lives."

By targeting the host protein TGF-beta that is essential for virus replication, Artemisinin may avoid future drug resistance mutations associated with the virus. By downregulating TGF-beta, it can act as both an anti-viral and anti-lung damage agent. This potential mechanism of action is similar to the company's leading drug candidate OT-101 which is also being developed to target the COVID-19 virus.

About Artemisinin

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Exhibit 99.2

MATEON AND ASILI RESEARCH ALLIANCE ENTER INTO PARTNERSHIP FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF ARTEMISININ AGANST COVID-19

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Executive Director, Jennifer Woltz and Director of Research, Justin Omolo at Asili said “We are thrilled to partner with Mateon in the effort to study Artemisinin as a potential therapy for the COVID-19 pandemic. Our researchers in Tanzania are eager to start this trial, commencing as early as next month, to learn more about Artemisinin and generate new information for the management and control of COVID-19 in Tanzania. The daily case load in East Africa has kept steady with moderate and severe patients and we hope Artemisinin can be an affordable frontline treatment during the current COVID-19 pandemic here and elsewhere in resource limited countries.”

Asili is a group of scientists dedicated to improving health care equity in Tanzania. Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, Asili marshaled its resources to conduct clinical studies of therapeutic remedies under the guidance of doctors and researchers at Tanzania’s premier research facility, The National Institute for Medical Research (NIMR). This observational study is led by renowned Dr. Amos Kahwa as Principal Investigator. He holds the position of senior research scientist at NIMR.

“We found a strong partner in Asili in Tanzania where the virus has challenged the economy and society. Since Tanzania embraces traditional medicines, the news of the availability of Artemisinin – a well-known herbal supplement – lends itself well to the standard of care for the general population in Tanzania”, said Saran Saund, Chief Business Officer, Mateon Therapeutics. “We are excited to launch our clinical program in Tanzania and are in discussion with additional NGOs in other parts of the world to make this an international effort to bring affordable first line treatment to resource-constrained countries.”

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About Asili Research Alliance * Jennifer, please expand.**

Asili works to increase people's access to effective medication for life threatening diseases in Tanzania. Through partnerships with the National Institute for Medical Research and the Institution for Traditional Medicine Research in Tanzania, they investigate promising plant-based medicine. Asili's main focus is providing a local treatment for HIV, which has benefited thousands of patients, and continuing research on this treatment. As the pandemic hit East Africa it was necessary to pivot and address these new needs as well. More information can be found at www.asiliresearchalliance.org.

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Exhibit 99.3

MATEON THERAPEUTICS AND ABIOGENESIS TO INITIATE CLINICAL STUDY TO TEST ARTEMISININ AS A TREATMENT FOR COVID-19 IN INDIA

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The company is inviting nonprofits such as non-government organizations to participate in this trial if they have the logistics to participate in observational trials and to distribute the Artemisinin in their home countries. The trial is expected to accrue a minimum of 3,000 patients. At present the company is engaged in India, Africa and Latin America.

This study is designed to evaluate the safety, tolerability, and effectiveness of Artemisinin when used in combination with standard of care (SoC) in mild and moderate COVID-19 patients. Artemisinin is an anti-viral agent with demonstrated activity against SARS-CoV-2 in-vitro comparable to remdesivir, however, with higher safety index. By targeting the host protein, TGF-β, Artemisinin avoids resistance mutations which could render vaccine and/or therapeutics against viral protein(s) ineffective.

Pawan Bhusari, CEO, Abiogenesis, stated: "The COVID-19 pandemic is the greatest health challenge for India where the healthcare system is underserved. Abiogenesis is proud to collaborate with Mateon to develop a possible treatment for this virus. The discovery of Artemisinin as a potential anti-viral agent is particularly important since this program has the potential to address the pandemic effectively because it is based on a product that is readily available. We are thrilled to support Mateon in India with our domain expertise in clinical research to potentially develop a treatment that could be instrumental in treating patients with COVID-19."

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About Abiogenesis Clinpharm

Abiogenesis Clinpharm Private Limited (Abiogenesis) is India based Clinical Research Organization (CRO) headquartered at Hyderabad that provides Clinical Trials services to Pharmaceuticals, Medical Devices, Nutraceuticals and Herbal Products companies.

Initiated by a vibrant group of experienced professionals in the clinical trial domain with proven track record, Abiogenesis has committed to exceeding the needs and expectations of its clients by providing an innovative, professional and high quality services with integrity and reliability. Abiogenesis is capable of delivering the quality work from early proof of concept studies to late phase clinical development including post launch product lifecycle management. We believe that each therapeutic product should go through evaluation in clinical development program with all compliances and this is possible when the organizational value system ensures individual integrity, transparency, respect, productivity and compassion. With an execution level experience in most of Asia Pacific countries and still spreading our wings to other countries, our mission is to build a healthier tomorrow for patients by effectively contributing to clinical trial programs. You can get more information about us at www.abiogenesisclinpharm.com

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