



**ARPIDA PUBLISHES TOP-LINE DATA OF PHASE II “INTRAVENOUS-TO-ORAL”  
SWITCH TRIAL WITH ORAL ICLAPRIM**

**Reinach, Switzerland, 19-12-2008 - Arpida Ltd. (SWX: ARPN) announces positive top-line data of the Phase II ‘intravenous-to-oral’ switch trial with oral iclaprim in patients with complicated Skin and Skin Structure Infections (cSSSI).**

The top-line results demonstrated high clinical cure rates of over 90% following the step-down therapy with oral iclaprim administered after two days of initial treatment with intravenous vancomycin. In the Per Protocol population 27/29 patients in the oral iclaprim arm were cured, as compared to 28/28 following continuous treatment with intravenous vancomycin. Eradication rates for *S. aureus*, the major causative pathogen, were high with 85% in the oral iclaprim arm, and similar to intravenous vancomycin (89%). Iclaprim was well tolerated; adverse events were infrequent and not significantly different between both study arms. Importantly, no drug-related serious adverse events occurred and there were no patient withdrawals due to adverse events.

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