



## Aptar Digital Health and Tasso Combine Capabilities to Facilitate Blood Sample Collection for Multiple Indications Including Chronic Conditions and Oncology

Crystal Lake, Illinois, June 13, 2023 – Aptar Digital Health, a global expert in Software as a Medical Device (SaMD), digital Patient Support Programs (PSPs) and disease management solutions, and Tasso, Inc., the leading provider of patient-centric, clinical-grade blood collection solutions, today entered into a collaboration to offer Aptar Digital Health end-users access to Tasso's devices for blood collection. The collaboration will focus on improving patient care through a simplified and integrated experience.

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"At Aptar Digital Health, we are committed to leveraging cutting-edge technology to enhance the patient experience," said Sai Shankar, President of Aptar Digital Health. "The collaboration with Tasso to offer their technologies is a further step towards simplifying the patient journey."



The Tasso blood collection devices will be available to patients included in Aptar Digital Health randomized-clinical trials and real-world studies, as well as to life science companies with whom Aptar Digital Health collaborates to develop digital health solutions, such as digital therapeutics, disease management platforms and digital PSPs.

Patients will have access to the Tasso+ and Tasso-M20 devices. The Tasso+ is a U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Class II 510(k)-cleared blood lancet that collects liquid whole blood samples, and the Tasso-M20, which is CE-marked, collects volumetrically-controlled dried whole blood samples from the patient for delivery to the lab. Onboarded patients will monitor their disease and symptoms through the digital health app provided by Aptar Digital Health and, when a blood test is required by the healthcare provider, samples will be collected with Tasso's devices and sent for analysis.

The devices developed by Tasso collect clinical grade blood that can contain a large range of blood markers, from lipid and liver analytes, to antibodies to detect serostatus, and from specific select enzymes and proteins to certain cancer-specific antigens. This initiative will accelerate the use of a decentralized approach to blood collection and reduce the burden on patients related to laboratory testing.

"Our proprietary technology allows for easy, virtually-painless remote sample blood collection, creating an easier and more pleasant experience for patients and shifting how clinical research can be executed," said Ben Casavant, PhD, CEO and Co-Founder of Tasso. "We are dedicated to expanding access to patient-centric care, reducing barriers and supporting greater adoption of decentralized clinical trials. As part of that mission, we are pleased to collaborate with Aptar Digital Health, another leader working to transform healthcare, to offer a powerful combined solution for improving the clinical trial patient experience."

## **About Aptar Digital Health**

Aptar Pharma's Digital Health division is part of AptarGroup, Inc., a global leader in the design and manufacturing of a broad range of drug delivery, consumer product dispensing

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and active material science solutions and services. Aptar Digital Health creates end-to-end solutions to enhance patient experiences every day, leveraging a holistic ecosystem of digital interventions. Amplified by an industry-leading portfolio of products and solutions, Aptar Digital Health's offering combines mobile and web apps, connected drug delivery systems, onboarding, training and advanced data analytics services to actively empower patients and create a positive treatment journey. Aptar is headquartered in Crystal Lake, Illinois and has 13,500 dedicated employees in 20 countries. For more information, visit <u>www.aptar.com</u>.

## About Tasso

Tasso is an emerging healthcare technology company that is transforming the traditional blood collection paradigm with a patient-centric approach. The company's devices enable simple, convenient and virtually painless blood collection for users. Tasso technology has the power to bring healthcare anywhere, any time. Headquartered in Seattle, Washington, Tasso is privately held and funded by grants, investments and co-development deals with various industry leaders. For more information, please visit <u>www.tassoinc.com</u>.

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