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#### Nebraska Science Festival

2015 Festival Dates Announced:

**April 10-18, 2015**

The Nebraska Science Festival is a multi-day celebration showcasing the diversity and wonders of science.

See festival information [here](#).

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#### Welcome to the Newsletter of the Nebraska Coalition for Lifesaving Cures August, 2014!

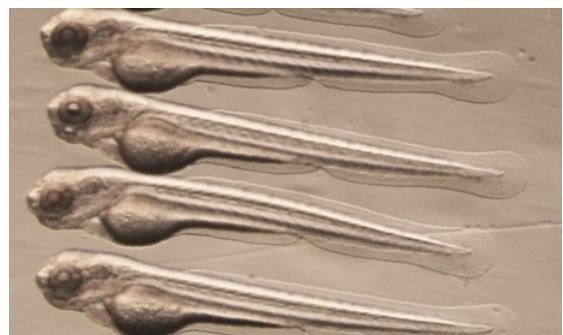
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Sincerely,

**Victoria Kohout, Executive Director**

The Nebraska Coalition for Lifesaving Cures

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#### ViaCyte, Inc. Announces FDA

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## Acceptance of IND to Commence Clinical Trial of VC-01™ Candidate Cell Replacement Therapy for Type 1 Diabetes

*Company Plans to Immediately Initiate Phase 1/2 Clinical Trial*

San Diego, California, August 19, 2014 - ViaCyte, Inc., a privately-held regenerative medicine company, announced today that the U.S. Food and Drug Administration ("FDA") has accepted the company's Investigational New Drug Application ("IND") for its VC-01™ candidate cell replacement therapy to treat type 1 diabetes. The company plans to promptly initiate a Phase 1/2 clinical trial which it believes to be the first ever clinical evaluation of a stem cell-derived islet replacement therapy for the treatment of patients with type 1 diabetes.

[Read article here.](#)

## Stem Cell Research Gets Huge Boost from Australian Zebrafish Discovery

*Medical breakthrough as researchers uncover the mystery of how hematopoietic stem cells form*

Australian researchers studying zebrafish have made one of the most significant ever discoveries in stem cell research.

They have uncovered the mystery of how a critical type of stem cell found in blood and bone marrow, and essential to replenishing the body's supply of blood and immune cells, is formed. The cells, called hematopoietic stem cells (HSC), are already used in transplants for patients with blood cancers such as leukemia and myeloma.

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## In a Pilot Study, Stem Cell Therapy Found to be Effective for Stroke

A stroke therapy using stem cells extracted from patients' bone marrow has shown promising results in the first trial of its kind in humans. Five patients received the treatment in a pilot study conducted by doctors at Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust and scientists at Imperial College London. The therapy was found to be safe, and all the patients showed improvements in clinical measures of disability.

[Read more here.](#)

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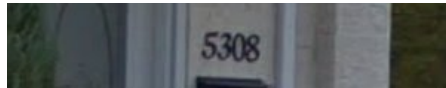
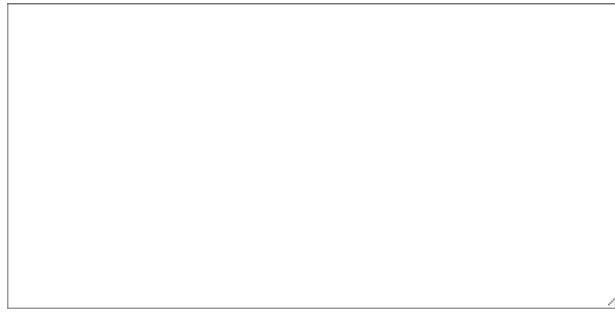
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