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***CORRONA Recognized as Winner of 2011 Microsoft Life Sciences Innovation Awards***

*Southborough, MA — June 22, 2011 — CORRONA today announced it is a 2011 winner of Microsoft Corp.'s Life Sciences Innovation Awards.*

*The awards, announced at the Drug Information Association's (DIA) 47th annual meeting in Chicago, honor companies using Microsoft solutions to realize business and information technology benefits. This year's notable winners are revolutionizing medicine by bringing therapeutic breakthroughs to the market faster, to fight serious ailments, improve healthcare and enhance people's quality of life.*

*"The life sciences industry is uniquely positioned with many new challenges, and pressure is stronger than ever to cut costs and bring new drugs and therapies to market faster," said Michael Naimoli, worldwide managing director, Life Sciences, Microsoft Corp. "Each year, we are impressed with how the winners demonstrate sustainable impacts through technology, and are proud that Microsoft's software platforms play an important role in enabling these achievements in life sciences."*

*CORRONA, Inc., the Consortium of Rheumatology Researchers of North America, Inc. was founded in 2000 by leading rheumatologists whose mission is to advance rheumatology research and improve the quality of rheumatology patient care. CORRONA needed a more robust solution to collect data and easily modify their questionnaires for this ongoing longitudinal patient database. CORRONA knew it needed to be more flexible with a dynamic platform to collect data and to accommodate the rapid changes in science and informational demands.*

*The solution developed by Court Square Group for CORRONA relied on Sharepoint to provide an extensible and flexible rules-based security model. The application, based on Infopath, feeds patient data into a SQLServer database. Capabilities have been built to automatically email subscribers based on adverse event trends. CORRONAbase is the foundation for a Physician's Quality module, a "Treat to Target" clinical Trial, and a multi-language application to collect data in ten different countries.*

*CORRONA has now been able to collect and data mine more than 76,000 patient years of records for over 35,000 patients for the past 10 years. This is the largest source of Rheumatoid Arthritis information in the world and has become the foundation for other clinical trials and international studies. Most major pharmaceutical companies that have any products specifically for Rheumatoid Arthritis now subscribe to CORRONA.*

*Jim Cavan, CORRONA's Chief Operating Officer comments; "The increasing scientific, data quality, regulatory and reporting demands from our subscribers required we seek a better solution. As we found none in the off the shelf market we worked to develop one. The SharePoint environment allows us to continually improve our functionality while maintaining a virtual company structure."*

*"Court Square is extremely proud of this award as it reflects our commitment to the ideals that CORRONA has in furthering research into Rheumatoid Arthritis. Our work in the Life Science arena, and particularly with CORRONA, illustrates our commitment to using technology to help change the way that medicine is practiced. We believe that the CORRONAbase system can be a starting point for capturing clinically relevant data over multiple disease states and provide a robust architecture for advancing research dramatically through it's use" says Keith Parent, CEO of Court Square Group, Inc.*

*Award participants consisted of worldwide life sciences corporations in pharmaceutical, biotechnology and medical device companies that are innovatively applying technology to create therapeutic innovations. Winners were selected by an esteemed panel of industry experts and will be highlighted on the Microsoft website at <http://www.microsoft.com/lifesciences> and on the Microsoft in Health blog at [http://blogs.msdn.com/b/microsoft\\_in\\_health/](http://blogs.msdn.com/b/microsoft_in_health/).*

#### *About CORRONA*

*CORRONA, Inc., ([www.corronea.org](http://www.corronea.org)) was established in 2001 by leading rheumatologists to study the cause, treatment and eventual cure of Rheumatoid Arthritis. CORRONA presently conducts observational research in the United States, Latin America, Eastern Europe and India. They have expanded their research programs to include comparative biomarkers and Treat to Target (T2T) studies and has contributed to over 150 publications in peer review publications.*

#### *About Court Square Group*

*Court Square Group, Inc., ([www.courtsquaregroup.com](http://www.courtsquaregroup.com)) is a professional services consulting firm specializing in strategic information technology, network, infrastructure, private cloud hosting and project management and development. The company has specific expertise in the life science industry and offers services in business process optimization, auditing and quality (including validation) and clinical*

*data services. Court Square's Good Systems Practice managed services are based on PMI and ITIL best practices, and are optimized for regulated environments. The company serves regulated industries throughout the United States and Europe.*

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