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## **NUTRA PHARMA LAUNCHES DIAGNOSTIC TEST KITS FOR THE RAPID IDENTIFICATION OF NONTUBERCULOSIS MYCOBACTERIUM**

**Boynton Beach, FL. – April 5, 2006 - Nutra Pharma Corp., (OTCBB: NPHC)** a biotechnology company that is developing drugs for HIV and Multiple Sclerosis, has announced that Designer Diagnostics, a wholly owned subsidiary of Nutra Pharma, will begin sales of its Test Kits for the rapid identification of NonTuberculosis Mycobacterium (NTM).

“The Designer Diagnostics NTM Test Kits provide the medical community with a fast, reliable, and easy method for testing HIV/AIDS patients for non-tubercular mycobacterium such as *M. Avium*, *Nocardia* and *Pseudomonas*,” explained Dr. Robert Ollar, Chairman of the Scientific Advisory Board at Designer Diagnostics. “The Test Kits require no special equipment or refrigeration, allowing them to be easily used in the field,” he concluded.

The product launch was made during a recent CME (Continuing Medical Education) Conference, which focused on the technology offered by Designer Diagnostics and the coming pandemic of NTM diseases. Dr. P. Narang, a noted microbiologist and the Dean of The Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Medical Science in Sevagram India hosted the Conference, which included guest lecturers from the World Health Organization (WHO), Grant Medical College, the National JALMA Institute for Leprosy and Other Mycobacterial Diseases, JJ Hospital Mumbai, the Mahatma Gandhi Institute, and Designer Diagnostics Inc.

“The NTM Test Kits address a huge market for Designer Diagnostics,” explained Neil Roth, President of Designer Diagnostics. “NTMs and Tuberculosis (TB) account for the majority of deaths in HIV/AIDS patients. The occurrence of NTMs is dramatically increasing as the number of HIV/AIDS and other immuno-suppressed patients increase. There are currently more than 40 million people who should be tested for these diseases,” he concluded.

### **About Nutra Pharma Corp.**

Nutra Pharma Corp. is a biopharmaceutical company specializing in the acquisition, licensing and commercialization of pharmaceutical products and technologies for the management of neurological disorders, cancer, autoimmune and infectious diseases. Nutra Pharma Corp. through its subsidiaries carries out basic drug discovery research and clinical development and also seeks strategic licensing partnerships to reduce the risks associated with the drug development process. The Company's holding, ReceptoPharm, Inc, is developing technologies for the production of drugs for HIV and Multiple Sclerosis ("MS"). The Company's subsidiary, Designer Diagnostics is engaged in the research and development of diagnostic test kits designed to be used for the rapid identification of infectious diseases such as Tuberculosis (TB) and Mycobacterium avium-intracellulare (MAI). Nutra Pharma continues to identify and acquire intellectual property and companies in the biotechnology arena.

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