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**LAMASSU BIOTECH WELCOMES DR. SAMIR JOHNA AS CLINICAL
ADVISOR**

***Esteemed Surgeon and Researcher Brings Decades of Experience to Drive
Innovation in Biopharmaceuticals***

(CLEVELAND, OH) - Lamassu BioTech is thrilled to announce the addition of Dr. Samir Johna, MD, MACM, FACS, FICS, to its team as a Clinical Advisor. Dr. Johna brings a wealth of experience and expertise that will be invaluable in advancing Lamassu's mission of pioneering innovative treatments and improving patient care.

Dr. Johna is the founding director of the Arrowhead/Kaiser Permanente General Surgery Residency Program in California, a Clinical Professor of Surgery at Loma Linda University School of Medicine, and a Professor of Surgery at the Bernard Tyson Kaiser Permanente School of Medicine. He has a prolific background in research, having published over 75 peer-reviewed articles in medical journals. He has also authored three books and contributed to several medical texts.

"Joining Lamassu as a clinical advisor is an exciting opportunity to participate in the world of using cutting-edge technology to create new medications. This is a unique chance to bring my clinical experience to help scientists translate their efforts into new treatments. Our goal is to help patients and serve mankind," said Dr. Johna.

Dr. Johna had led clinical trial studies, and chaired on the IRB of Arrowhead Regional Medical Center (Institutional Review Board). In addition to his medical and academic accomplishments, Dr. Johna is the founder and president of "Without Borders," a non-profit organization providing free medical care worldwide.

"We are incredibly excited to have Dr. Johna join our team," said Gabi Hanna, CEO and co-founder of Lamassu BioTech. "His vast experience and dedication to both clinical practice and research make him an exceptional addition to Lamassu. Dr. Johna's passion for improving healthcare and his compassionate approach to alleviating patient suffering are truly contagious. His insights and expertise will significantly contribute to our ongoing efforts to innovate and accelerate the biopharmaceutical field."

Dr. Samir Johna was born in Abu-Ghraib, Baghdad, Iraq. In 1991, he left Iraq for Jordan and then moved to California, where he completed his general surgery residency program in 1998 and became board-certified in 2000.

In 2002, Dr. Johna received an honorary degree and was named a fellow of the American College of Surgeons. He joined the teaching ranks at Loma Linda University, eventually achieving the rank of Clinical Professor of Surgery. In 2013, he completed a Master's degree in Academic Medicine at USC.

Beyond his medical and scientific experience, Dr. Johna is a poet, having written several books of poetry in Arabic and English. His first book of Assyrian poetry was recently published in Sydney, Australia.

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Accelerating treatment means saving more lives. At Lamassu, our team of dedicated physicians, engineers, and translational scientists, are driven by a passion to treat patients like family. Our goal is to speed up the innovation process by bringing transformational treatments from concept to bedside faster than other companies. Lamassu's patient-centric approach to research focuses on making advancements that address unmet needs with novel and targeted strategies, ensuring greater efficiency and shorter approval timeframes. With decades of experience developing leading medical treatments, we believe that it is not only the transformative power of science, but also hope that leads to healing. Learn more at LamassuBioTech.com