

# BuyersStrike!

## It Was Dark Over Westphalia



## Who's Preposterously Defending & Touting Cytodyn Now (Hint: An Actual Felon)? (CYDY)

It's been a busy two weeks for everyone's favorite retail owned pink sheet coronacraper **Cytodyn**. As you may recall **Cytodyn** has been hyping its ancient CCR5 targeted antibody, **leronlimab**, for ages. As an AIDS cure, a cancer cure, and now, of course, a Coronavirus cure. All the while its retail shareholder base believes they are part of **actively building a bright new future** and **SAVING LIVES!**

Some of the stock promoters pushing this long running joke were exposed ([here \(https://buyersstrike.wordpress.com/2020/04/28/whos-touting-cytodyn-now-cydy/\)](https://buyersstrike.wordpress.com/2020/04/28/whos-touting-cytodyn-now-cydy/)). Then large shareholders sued the company ([here \(https://buyersstrike.wordpress.com/2020/04/29/whos-suing-cytodyn-now-cydy/\)](https://buyersstrike.wordpress.com/2020/04/29/whos-suing-cytodyn-now-cydy/)). Soon after, lots of insider sales were revealed ([here \(https://buyersstrike.wordpress.com/2020/05/01/whos-selling-cytodyn-stock-now-cydy/\)](https://buyersstrike.wordpress.com/2020/05/01/whos-selling-cytodyn-stock-now-cydy/)) and [here \(https://buyersstrike.wordpress.com/2020/05/01/who-else-is-selling-stock-now-cydy/\)](https://buyersstrike.wordpress.com/2020/05/01/who-else-is-selling-stock-now-cydy/), and [here \(https://buyersstrike.wordpress.com/2020/05/06/quick-take-who-also-sold-cytodyn-stock-last-week-cydy/\)](https://buyersstrike.wordpress.com/2020/05/06/quick-take-who-also-sold-cytodyn-stock-last-week-cydy/)).

Then CEO extraordinaire **Nader "The Nadir" Pourhassan**, made up some amazing baloney about why he sold stock (see **STAT News** article [here \(https://www.statnews.com/2020/05/05/cytodyn-ceo-made-12m-from-his-stock-sale-and-his-explanation-raises-more-questions/\)](https://www.statnews.com/2020/05/05/cytodyn-ceo-made-12m-from-his-stock-sale-and-his-explanation-raises-more-questions/)). Finally, he was caught lying in his April 27th announcement about **CYDY's** long awaited BLA submission being completed (read about that in a **STAT News** article [here \(https://www.statnews.com/2020/05/07/cytodyn-says-lead-hiv-drug-was-not-filed-for-fda-approval-as-previously-claimed/\)](https://www.statnews.com/2020/05/07/cytodyn-says-lead-hiv-drug-was-not-filed-for-fda-approval-as-previously-claimed/)).

The company and its paid shells have not been standing still, however. **The Nadir's** hypsters have come out to support their beleaguered boss with more and more "imaginative" defenses of the company and the CEO's actions.

One such piece recently appeared on a website called **EmergingGrowth.com** (<https://emerginggrowth.com/stat-reporter-triples-down-on-cytodyn-otcqb-cydy-rhetoric-with-failed-cyber-bullying-tactics/>) (a site which has promoted **Galectin (GALT)** in the past as well, which seems to be a common comorbidity). This piece makes up wild accusations against **Adam Feuerstein**, the reporter at **Stat News**, and makes the silly claim that **Cytodyn's** collection of anecdotes somehow constitute real clinical trial data (hint: the plural of anecdote is not data).

It also seeks to brush aside **Cytodyn's** failure to include the complete clinical dataset for leronlimab in its April 27th BLA submission.

*"The focus on "clinical datasets" is akin to someone making a mountain out of a molehill"*

Recall that the company actually submitted "**mock datasets**" to the FDA.

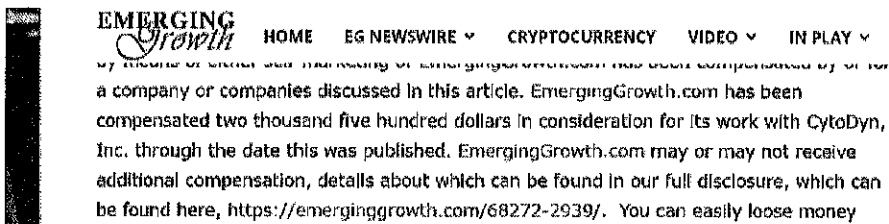
*"The clinical datasets are updated to address FDA comments for mock datasets from March 12 and March 20, 2020,"*

For intellectually challenged CYDY shareholders, the definition of mock is:

*adjective* Simulated; false; sham.

Contrary to the suggestion that it was a meaningless oversight, the most important part of any approval submission to the FDA is the clinical data! Only buried deep in the EmergingGrowth.com website will you find this disclaimer, revealing that it is nothing but a paid stock promotion website.

<https://emerginggrowth.com/the-great-cytodyn-otcqb-cydy-bear-raid-fails-to-impress/>



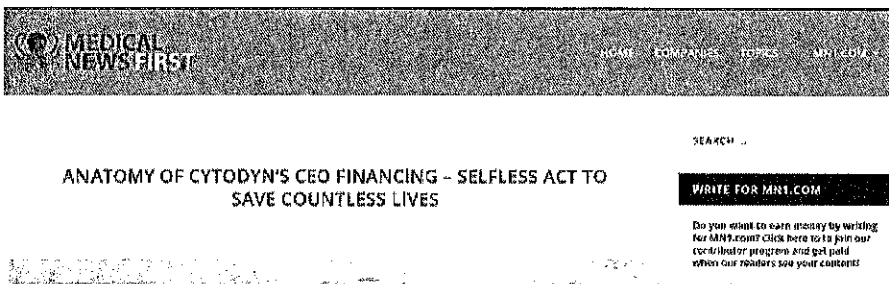
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The EmergingGrowth tout piece references a piece on yet another site, Medical News First (<https://medicalnewsfirst.com/anatomy-of-cytodys-ceo-financing-selfless-act-to-save-countless-lives/>). This site parrots the absurd claims of The Nadir that he somehow sold personal stock to fund production of Cytodyn's snake oil, instead of having the company sell stock or take out a loan, or pay for the production in shares, or do anything else that real companies do to pay the bills.



**MEDICAL NEWS FIRST** HOME COMPANIES PRESS ANALYSIS

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**ANATOMY OF CYTODYN'S CEO FINANCING - SELFLESS ACT TO SAVE COUNTLESS LIVES**

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Instead, it is a selfless act to save lives! The piece winds down with this howler:

*Dr. Pourhassan is a national hero, not a villain. His motivation was to save lives and prevent shareholder dilution. In fact, his selfless insider sales are tantamount to a \$15.0+ million bet that this drug works and is going to be approved in short order.*

Of course, the theory that the shills have been pushing, that The Nadir exercised his options to provide cash to the company to fund production of the magic snake oil, is obviously untrue. Nader used the cashless exercise feature of his options, meaning that no cash went into the company's coffers, but plenty went into The Nadir's bank account. From the Form 144:

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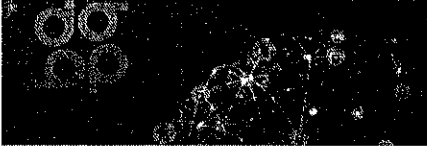
Title of the Class	Date you acquired	Strategic or Intentional Position	Form of Payment (How Acquired and if not, also include consideration)	Amount of Securities Acquired	Date of Payment	Notes or Details
Common Stock	4/30/2020	Stock Option Exercise	Issued	4,504,327	4/30/20	Cashless exercise

Interestingly, nowhere on the Medical News First page is any disclaimer. Does this mean Medical News First is legit? Actually, no. Not in the least.

Follow the link in the upper right hand corner of the Medical News First page, and you will end up on the MN1.com (<https://mn1.com/>) site, with that same Cytodyn puff piece featured:

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Alpha Sigma Buys Digitalbits as Altcoin Investment Season Returns

If you are an equity investor, you know that after large runs in

## MEDICAL NEWS

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MN1 Coverage of February 21	
Delivered	100%
Not Investigated yet	0%
Improved	0%
Total	100%

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Digging deeper, it turns out that MN1.com is yet another stock promotion vehicle, offering paid promotion disguised as "news". Pick your plan:

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One News story about your organization, an event or announcement that needs more audience than a press release. Perfect for a hot item in your organization or an important eureka!

This membership level includes:

- 1 podcast interview
- 1 News Article written by news journalist
- 1 News Video delivering the news easily

All published individually and collectively then delivered to social media. All news packages are delivered individually to social media with appropriate tags and news distributors. \*A News Unit is: 1 article, 1 video and 1 podcast interview.

## Weekly Update



Weekly Update members receive Light News Coverage producing one fantastic news story every week.

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- Full News Coverage Summarized Weekly
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- 1 News Article written by a news journalist
- 1 News Video delivering the news easily

All published individually and delivered to all social media. All articles, videos and posts will be tagged for easy access to the world wide web by parameters of each social media engine.

## Daily Coverage



Daily Coverage members receive Daily News Coverage producing one fantastic news story every single day. Perfect for active organizations, municipal agencies, small public companies.

This membership level includes:

- Full News Coverage Reported Daily.
- 1 Podcast Interview (optional) (Daily)
- 1 News Article written by a news journalist (Daily)
- 1 News Video delivering the news easily (Daily)

All published individually and delivered to all social media every single day. All articles, videos and posts will be tagged for easy access to the world wide web by parameters of each social media engine.

Although there is still no actual disclosure. Which plan did Cytodyn (or one of its backers) pick? How much was paid to MN1.com to promote CYDY shares? And who is behind MN1 (<https://mn1.org/about-us>)? For now we can only answer the latter question. An entity called Lankford Media.

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### JOSHUA WAYNE LANKFORD

CRD#: 2783571

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convicted and sentenced (<https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/former-dallas-securities-broker-sentenced-oklahoma-84-months-prison-role-stock-manipulation>), for his role in a pump and dump ring.

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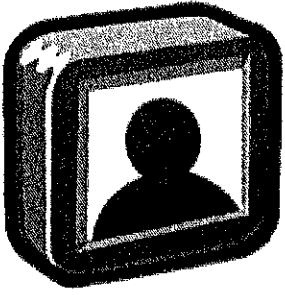
Thursday, May 16, 2013

### Former Dallas Securities Broker Sentenced in Oklahoma to 84 Months in Prison for Role in Stock Manipulation Scheme

A former stock broker was sentenced to prison today for his role in an extensive pump-and-dump stock manipulation scheme, announced Acting Assistant Attorney General Mythili Raman of the Justice Department's Criminal Division, U.S. Attorney Danny C. Williams Sr. of the Northern District of Oklahoma, Special Agent in Charge James E. Finck of the FBI's Oklahoma City Division and Internal Revenue Service-Criminal Investigation (IRS-CI) Chief Richard Weber.

Joshua Wayne Lankford, 39, of Dallas, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge James H. Payne in the Northern District of Oklahoma to serve 84 months in prison. In addition to his prison term, Lankford was ordered to forfeit \$250,000. Proceeds from forfeited assets will be used to partially retribute victims.

Now an ex-con



JOSHUA WAYNE  
LANKFORD

Register Number: 12046-062

Age: 46  
Race: White  
Sex: Male

Released On: 11/02/2017

Here is Lankford doing a Cytodyn promotional video from early March 2020.

Possible Covid-19 Treatment as carry-over from cancer treatment with their dru...



**Mr. Lankford** seems to be very fond of promoting **Cytodyn** without the proper disclosure, which is especially odd considering he should not be promoting **CYDY** shares at all, given the **court order** (<https://www.sec.gov/files/Judg09cv00061Lankford.pdf>) in his case:

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED** that defendant Joshua Wayne Lankford is permanently barred from participating in an offering of penny stock, including engaging in activities with a broker, dealer, or issuer for purposes of issuing, trading, or inducing or attempting to induce the purchase or sale of any penny stock. A penny stock is any equity

As for actively building a bright new future and **SAVING LIVES**, **Cytodyn** shareholders will only learn that they are being **passively fleeced in the mundane present**.

PS: **Lankford** also is behind the almost identical **marketnewsfirst.com** website.

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Registry Domain ID: 2329941479\_DOMAIN\_COM-VRSN  
Registrar WHOIS Server: whois.godaddy.com  
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Registrar IANA ID: 146  
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Registrar Abuse Contact Phone: +1.4806242505  
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Registrant Name: Joshua Lankford

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## 4 comments

1. [GlennC](#) says:

[May 11, 2020 at 11:50 am](#)

Losing money on shorts sucks the more you know about these turds.

Thanks for the blog post though.

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2. [hygrogroup](#) says:

[May 11, 2020 at 11:22 pm](#)

medicalnewsfirst.com also uses an author named Michael Shiekh, who has written one or more Cytodyn articles on the website. His website and LinkedIn listing identifies him as part owner of an investor relations company. He is a regular poster on Seeking Alpha Comments sections promoting the company including promoting links to medicalnewsfirst articles. He covers his tracks by deleting his posting history. He is also a favorite poster on another pumping favorite GALT. Worth a look for your next touting article.

There is another stock pumping website touting Cytodyn: microcapdaily.com

[Thanks Hygrogroup. Shiekh, when not trying to AirBnB out his condo in Breckenridge, is no stranger to pumping worthless bioturds! There seems to be tremendous overlap between sites and promoters who tout GALT and CYDY. – Editor]

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3. [hygrogroup](#) says:

[May 11, 2020 at 11:31 pm](#)

Another paid touter is Proactive Investors, who does the faux vidoe news reports on YouTube. It is a regular venue for the CEO to pitch the latest storyline. Here's the disclosure from their website:

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[It is very likely that Proactive is running afoul of FTC rules (at a minimum) on paid social media content. The FTC requires disclosure on each and every tweet and video. Check out [this](#) for more on Proactive and their undisclosed paid touting of Innovio (INO). – Editor]

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4. [Kami Kohani](#) says:

[August 24, 2020 at 1:00 am](#)

There is more false statement here than what trump has made in his entire 4 years in office. You should be ashamed to be called a journalist. There is zero facts to substantiate your lies. You and Adam firestorm are much alike.

[OK, then, how about you point one, just one, error of fact out, specifically. – Editor]

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