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## **Allied-Bristol Life Sciences Licenses Intellectual Property from Harvard University**

- Allied-Bristol Life Sciences (ABLS) has licensed intellectual property developed in Professor Malcolm Whitman's laboratory at Harvard.
- The intellectual property includes lead molecules and a differentiated mechanism to develop drugs for treating chronic fibrotic and autoimmune diseases.

Boston (June 22, 2015) - Allied-Bristol Life Sciences, LLC, a biopharmaceutical enterprise jointly owned by Allied Minds (LSE: ALM) and Bristol-Myers Squibb Company (NYSE: BMY), today announced that it has entered into a licensing agreement with Harvard University based on research and intellectual property developed in Professor Whitman's lab at the Harvard School of Dental Medicine.

Malcolm Whitman, PhD, Professor of Developmental Biology, and Tracy Keller, PhD, an instructor in the Department of Developmental Biology, have identified the mechanism of action behind a known natural product, halofuginone (HF). HF is a chemical compound based on an active ingredient in the root of the blue evergreen hydrangea (*Dichroa febrifuga*), which has been used in traditional Chinese medicine for centuries.

Building on previous studies conducted with Mark Sundrud, PhD, and Anjana Rao, PhD, at Boston Children's Hospital, Professor Whitman's lab, in collaboration with Professor Ralph Mazitschek, PhD, at the Center for Systems Biology at Massachusetts General Hospital, has shown that HF works through inhibition of Prolyl-tRNA synthetase, which leads to activation of an amino acid restriction (AAR) response pathway. Based on this novel and differentiated mechanism, several lead molecules have been identified by the groups at HMS and MGH that have the potential to lead to effective therapy for several conditions including fibrotic and autoimmune diseases.

"Our research is at the right stage for an infusion of resources and expertise to accelerate its progression," said Dr. Whitman. "We look forward to seeing the development of lead compounds from our laboratories into novel therapeutics for the treatment of fibrotic disease, and potentially other indications."

"The work done by Whitman and Keller is a terrific example of a promising early-stage therapeutic application that has the potential to make a significant difference to patients," said Satish Jindal, Chief Executive Officer of ABLS. "We are pleased to support this project through the next phase of drug discovery to identify a candidate for clinical development. This is a great example of the type of university research that ABLS looks for, where our expertise and experience can accelerate bringing new therapies to patients that need them."

The licensing agreement with Harvard's Office of Technology Development is among the first in a series of discovery and development projects that Allied-Bristol Life Sciences intends to pursue. The license to the technology from Professor Whitman's lab will be held by a new ABLS subsidiary specifically formed to pursue further research and pre-clinical development of the technology and associated molecules.

For more information about Allied-Bristol Life Sciences, please visit [www.ablifescience.com](http://www.ablifescience.com).

### **About Allied-Bristol Life Sciences**

Allied-Bristol Life Sciences (ABLS) is a jointly owned enterprise between Allied Minds and Bristol-Myers Squibb Co. Based upon compelling biological discoveries and insights from scientists at leading U.S. research institutions, ABLS identifies, sources and de-risks promising, early-stage therapeutic opportunities, from discovery through pre-clinical development, in key therapeutic areas, including fibrosis, cardiovascular diseases, oncology, immunology, virology and genetically defined diseases. For more information, visit [www.ablifescience.com](http://www.ablifescience.com).

### **About Harvard University's Office of Technology Development**

Harvard's Office of Technology Development (OTD) is responsible for all activities pertaining to the evaluation, patenting and licensing of new inventions and discoveries made at Harvard University and Harvard Medical School. Harvard OTD also serves to further the development of Harvard technologies through the establishment of sponsored research collaborations with industry. The mission of Harvard OTD is to promote the public good by fostering innovation and translating new inventions made at Harvard into useful products that are available and beneficial to society. For more information, please visit <http://otd.harvard.edu>.

#### **About Allied Minds**

Allied Minds (LSE: ALM) is an innovative U.S. science and technology development and commercialization company. Operating since 2006, Allied Minds forms, funds, manages and builds products and businesses based on innovative technologies developed at leading U.S. universities and federal research institutions. Allied Minds serves as a diversified holding company that supports its businesses and product development with capital, central management and shared services. More information about the Boston-based company can be found at [www.alliedminds.com](http://www.alliedminds.com).

#### **About Bristol-Myers Squibb**

Bristol-Myers Squibb is a global pharmaceutical company whose mission is to discover, develop and deliver innovative medicines that help patients prevail over serious diseases. For more information about Bristol-Myers Squibb, visit [www.bms.com](http://www.bms.com), or follow us on Twitter at <http://twitter.com/bmsnews>.

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