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Redx Pharma Plc

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Redx Pharma appoints chief medical officer who will oversee launch of phase I clinical trial of new cancer drug

Redx Pharma Plc (LON:REDX) has appointed a chief medical officer ahead of the imminent launch of phase I clinical trials of its lead drug.

Dr Andrew Saunders has 25 years in the cancer field and was recruited from Lytix Biopharma, a Norwegian immuno-oncology firm, where he held the same role.

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This is a potentially potent small molecule drug called a porcupine inhibitor that targets Wnt pathway.

Chairman Iain Ross said he was "very pleased" to announce Saunders' appointment.

"He brings to the company a wealth of relevant experience and expertise in the clinical development of oncology drugs," Ross explained.

"This will be invaluable as the company transforms into a clinical stage company with the anticipated commencement of the first phase I study on lead compound RXC004 in the coming weeks.

"We are very excited by the potential of RXC004 to make a major difference in cancer treatment.

"We intend to progress RXC004 in the clinic both as a monotherapy and in combination with a checkpoint inhibitor. Therefore, we envisage that Andrew's recent experience in immuno-oncology combination trials will be particularly pertinent to the design and execution of future clinical trials with RXC004."

Porcupine inhibitors such as RXC004 are a new and potentially breakthrough method of fighting the killer disease.

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They work by targeting cancer stems cells that can often lie dormant after traditional treatment and are associated with a recurrence of the illness. Kill the stem cells and you have a chance of eradicating the disease completely.

Clinical trials of the new Redx drug commence in the "coming weeks".

Price: 17.1p

Market Cap: £21.63M

1 Year Share Price Graph



Share Information Code:

Listing:

REDX

52 week High Low 46.75p 15.55p

Sector: Pharma & Biotech
Website: RedxPharma.com

Company Synopsis:

Redx Pharma is focused on the discovery and development of proprietary, small molecule therapeutics to address areas of high unmet medical need, in cancer, immunology and infection. By improving the characteristics of existing drug classes, we aim to create differentiated, novel drugs.

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