



2cureX - a new Drug Discovery Company

Copenhagen 10 December 2006: 2cureX, a spin-out from Carlsberg Research Center announced that it today has started operations. 2cureX is a new drug discovery company that is based on a revolutionary technology, ChemoCellomics™, which allows early identification of drug molecules directly in cells from cancer patients.

The core technologies of 2cureX have been developed at Carlsberg Research Center in collaboration with Bispebjerg Hospital.

2cureX is engaged in product-focussed programs in the area of colorectal cancer. The most progressed drug candidate possesses attractive efficacy in colon cancer tissue from patients without showing activity in corresponding healthy tissue. The activity has been confirmed in animal models of an aggressive colon cancer.

370.000 patients are each year diagnosed with colon cancer in Europe. 30-40% of these patients will subsequent to surgical and chemotherapeutic treatment experience a disease relapse within three years. There is thus a large unmet need for new, more effective treatments.

“We are excited to move forward our lead compound towards the clinic and to apply the 2cureX technology to different colon cancer patient sub-populations. Our inclusion of patient material at the forefront of the discovery process opens for fast development of drugs designed to be effective in defined groups of patients” says co-founder and CEO of 2cureX, Ole Thastrup.

Professor and Research Director of Carlsberg A/S Klaus Bock says: “Carlsberg Research Center is happy to see that novel biotechnological technologies invented at the Center become foundation for a new biotech company. Innovative companies are key elements in the Danish strategy to accelerate a high technology-based economy”.

The investors in 2cureX are SEED Capital Denmark and the founders (Ole Thastrup, Timm Jessen and Grith Hagel).

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