

PRESS RELEASE

Takeda San Francisco Enters Into A Sponsored Research Agreement With UCSF

South San Francisco, CA., September 21, 2009 – {NEWSWIRE SOURCE} - Takeda San Francisco, Inc. (TSF), a wholly owned subsidiary of Takeda Pharmaceutical Company Limited, announced today that it has entered into a sponsored research collaboration with the University of California, San Francisco. The research program will focus on therapeutic antibody discovery and development to an undisclosed target. The agreement will solely support specific research conducted in the laboratory of Charles Craik, Ph.D., who will serve as the principal investigator for the project. This agreement enhances TSF's initiative to build a robust preclinical antibody therapeutics pipeline by leveraging the company's comprehensive and proprietary antibody technology platform and novel discovery, optimization and development technologies.

"This partnership is another example of UCSF's increasing commitment to using its world-class biomedical research programs to bring direct benefit to patients." said Dr. Regis Kelly, Executive Director of QB3, the California Institute for Quantitative Biosciences, one of four California Institutes for Science and Innovation.

"We're pleased to work with Dr Craik, who is a leader in the field of proteases associated with disease pathogenesis," said Dr. Mary Haak-Frendscho, President and CSO of TSF. "We believe this research will help enable the discovery and development of a novel antibody product candidate to preclinical proof of concept. It furthermore demonstrates our commitment to working with academic experts concerning the development of novel biologic targets for the treatment of disease."

About Takeda San Francisco, Inc.

Takeda San Francisco, Inc. (TSF), established in November 2007 as a wholly owned subsidiary of Takeda Pharmaceutical Company Limited, Osaka, Japan, is Takeda's Biologics Center of Excellence and Antibody IND Engine for human antibody therapeutics for the treatment of cancer, inflammation and metabolic diseases. TSF supports Takeda's therapeutic antibody initiative in close collaboration with Takeda's other R&D organizations. Additional information about Takeda San Francisco is available at <http://www.takedasf.com>.

About Takeda Pharmaceutical Company, Limited.

Founded in 1781 and located in Osaka, Japan, Takeda (TSE: 4502) is a research-based global company with its main focus on pharmaceuticals. As the largest pharmaceutical company in Japan and one of the global leaders of the industry, Takeda is committed to striving toward better health for individuals and progress in medicine by developing superior pharmaceutical products. Additional information about Takeda is available through its corporate website, <http://www.takeda.com>.

About UCSF-Craik Laboratory

Dr. Charles Craik is a Professor of Pharmaceutical Chemistry at UCSF. His laboratory is focused on the role of protease structure and mechanisms of essential proteins associated with both normal and dysfunctional biological processes using novel genetic, biochemical and biophysical methods. Dr. Craik has pioneered new combinatorial

technologies to probe protein-protein interaction interfaces and identify inhibitors in addition to developing an array of new expression methods to better address protein structure and function.

UCSF is a leading university dedicated to promoting health worldwide through advanced biomedical research, graduate-level education in the life sciences and health professions, and excellence in patient care. For further information, please visit www.ucsf.edu.

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