

Blacksmith Medicines Announces Oncology Scientific Advisors



Blacksmith Medicines, Inc. (Blacksmith), a leading biopharma dedicated to discovering and developing medicines targeting metalloenzymes, today announced additions to its science advisory team to help advance its emerging precision oncology programs focused on novel synthetic lethality targets involved in the DNA Damage Response.

Additions to Blacksmith's oncology scientific advisors include:

- Neil Gibson, Ph.D. *Experienced cancer drug developer.* Former head of Pfizer Oncology and developer of four FDA-approved cancer drugs
- Jeff Hager, Ph.D. *Synthetic lethal & DNA Damage Response expert.* Executive-in-Residence at Boxer Capital, co-founder of IDEAYA Biosciences, and advisor to numerous oncology-focused companies
- Chris Lord, D.Phil *Prominent cancer genetics researcher and expert in synthetic lethality.* Professor of Cancer Genomics, Institute of Cancer Research, UK, Head, CRUK Gene Function Laboratory and part of the team that identified the BRCA/PARP synthetic lethal relationship
- Mark Whittaker, D.Phil *Metalloenzyme drug discovery expert.* Former Evotec Head of Oncology and Director of Chemistry at British Biotech

"We are honored to work with such an outstanding group of biotechnology leaders on our oncology scientific advisors board, who share our passion to develop novel medicines against undrugged metalloenzyme targets with next-generation chemistries," said Zachary Zimmerman, Ph.D., CEO and co-founder of Blacksmith. "These well-recognized advisors have expertise in key scientific areas that will be invaluable as we advance our platform and programs, including oncology drug development, synthetic lethality, DNA damage repair, cancer genetics and metalloenzyme discovery. We look forward to their contributions as we grow Blacksmith and expand on our capabilities in precision oncology."

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