

## Press Release

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### **Unicyte AG, regenerative medicine unit of Fresenius Medical Care, appoints Jonathan Knowles to Scientific Advisory Board**

Unicyte AG, a pioneering leader in human liver stem cells and nano-extracellular vesicles, announced today the appointment of Prof. Jonathan Knowles to its Scientific Advisory Board.

The board works closely with Unicyte's management team to accelerate the company's regenerative stem cell and extracellular vesicles programs for treating diabetes, non-alcoholic fatty liver disease, diabetic nephropathy and cancer. In addition, it provides scientific advice for the collaboration between Unicyte and Italy's University of Turin in order to foster innovation and new research programs.

"We are excited to welcome Prof. Jonathan Knowles to our Scientific Advisory Board, as he has not only the scientific expertise but also the experience of developing highly innovative technologies in both pharma and biotech companies," said Florian Jehle, CEO of Unicyte and Vice President, Technology & Innovation Management within Research & Development at Fresenius Medical Care.

Jonathan Knowles is Chairman of the Board of Directors of Immunocore Ltd. and of the Access Committee of Genomics England. He is a Visiting Professor of Translational Medicine at the University of Oxford and formerly a distinguished Professor of Personalized Medicine at the University of Helsinki and at EPFL Lausanne. As Head of Research from 1997 to 2009 he had oversight of Research and Development for the Roche Group. He also served as a director on the boards of Genentech and of Chugai

Pharmaceuticals, and from 1987 to 1997 was Director of the Glaxo Institute for Molecular Biology. Jonathan Knowles holds a 1st class honors degree in Biology from the University of East Anglia in England and a PhD in Molecular Genetics from the University of Edinburgh in Scotland.

Jonathan Knowles said: "I am excited to join Unicyte's Scientific Advisory Board and to support the company as it is anticipating first partnerships for commercialization. Unicyte has a unique adult stem cell platform that overcomes the cost constraints of many alternative approaches and has significant market potential, especially in large indications such as diabetes. Also, I am very interested in the therapeutic potential of extracellular vesicles, and Unicyte has a lead in this area."

Unicyte originated from the long-standing research collaboration between Fresenius Medical Care, the world's leading provider of products and services for individuals with renal diseases, and Prof. Giovanni Camussi, a leading expert in nano-extracellular vesicles and stem cells at the University of Turin. Now an independent affiliate of Fresenius Medical Care, Unicyte has a broad preclinical pipeline focusing on kidney and liver disorders, diabetes and oncology, and will work with partners when needed to advance these therapeutic programs.

Dr. Daniel Gau, Unicyte's Head of Business Development, said: "Prof. Knowles will make an outstanding and valued addition to our Scientific Advisory Board, helping Unicyte to identify new areas of focus and potentially disruptive therapies for the benefit of our patients."

**Unicyte AG** is a preclinical stage regenerative medicine company with a focus on kidney and liver disorders, diabetes and oncology. Unicyte evolved from a long-term research collaboration of Italy's University of Turin and Fresenius Medical Care. Unicyte is headquartered in Oberdorf NW, Switzerland, and is an independent affiliate of Fresenius Medical Care, the world's largest provider of products and services for people with chronic kidney failure. For more information, visit Unicyte's website at [www.unicyte.ch](http://www.unicyte.ch).

**Fresenius Medical Care** is the world's largest provider of products and services for individuals with renal diseases of which around 3 million patients worldwide regularly undergo dialysis treatment. Through its network of 3,714 dialysis clinics, Fresenius Medical Care provides dialysis treatments for 317,792 patients around the globe. Fresenius Medical Care is also the leading provider of dialysis products such as dialysis machines or dialyzers. Along with the core business, the company focuses on expanding the range of related medical services in the field of Care Coordination. Fresenius Medical Care is listed on the Frankfurt Stock Exchange (FME) and on the New York Stock Exchange (FMS). For more information visit the Company's website at [www.freseniusmedicalcare.com](http://www.freseniusmedicalcare.com).

**The Molecular Biotechnology Center (MBC) at the University of Turin**, active since September 2006, has the main objective to bring together investigators with different scientific backgrounds to facilitate an interdisciplinary approach to biomedical research. The Center is actively involved in biotechnological research in the field of biomedical sciences, with specific focus

on the study of the molecular mechanisms at the basis of physiopathological processes that have a significant impact on human health, such as cardiovascular diseases, inflammation, cancer and stem cell biology. These research efforts are mainly based on the development of the most advanced molecular imaging technology, bioinformatic analysis and the generation of mouse and zebrafish models. For more information, visit <http://www.mbc.unito.it/en>.

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