



Amgen and Immutics Enter Strategic Collaboration to Develop Novel Bispecific Cancer Immunotherapies

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Arrangement Combines Immutics' XPRESIDENT® Technology and Amgen's Proprietary Bispecific Antibody Platform Immutics to Receive \$30 Million Upfront and Potentially Over \$1 Billion in Milestone Payments Plus Royalties

THOUSAND OAKS, Calif. and TUEBINGEN, Germany, Jan. 9, 2017 /PRNewswire/ -- Amgen (NASDAQ:AMGN) and Immutics Biotechnologies GmbH, a leading company in the field of cancer immunotherapy, today announced a research collaboration and exclusive license agreement to develop next-generation, T-cell engaging bispecific immunotherapies targeting multiple cancers.

The collaboration will combine Immutics' world-leading XPRESIDENT® target discovery and T-cell receptor (TCR) capabilities with Amgen's validated Bispecific T-cell Engager (BiTE®) technology with the aim of creating novel oncology drugs. Amgen will be responsible for the clinical development, manufacturing and commercialization worldwide.

Under the terms of the agreement, Immutics will receive an upfront fee of \$30 million and is eligible to receive over \$500 million in development, regulatory and commercial milestone payments for each program and tiered royalties up to a double-digit percentage of net sales.

"We are very pleased to be entering this strategic collaboration with Amgen, which is contributing its bispecific T-cell engagers expertise, as together we look to develop novel immunotherapies that will deliver a step change in the treatment of several cancers. This collaboration also demonstrates Amgen's confidence in Immutics' world-leading immune-oncology target and TCR discovery capabilities," said Carsten Reinhardt, M.D., Ph.D., managing director and chief medical officer at Immutics.

"The intersection of immunology and oncology represents a promising and rapidly developing approach that can have a significant impact for patients with cancer," said Sean E. Harper, M.D., executive vice president of Research and Development at Amgen. "We look forward to collaborating with Immutics to translate their unique target and TCR discovery capabilities combined with Amgen's validated BiTE® technology into novel therapies."

About T-cell Engaging Bispecific Cancer Immunotherapies

T-cell engaging bispecifics leverage the body's immune system by redirecting the T-cell response towards cancer cells expressing specific tumor antigens. Immutics' TCR-bispecifics and Amgen's BiTE® antibody constructs each possess two or more binding domains. One such binding domain specific to an intracellular antigen discovered by XPRESIDENT® presented on the surface of a cancer cell; another such binding domain is designed to recognize a T-cell activator, such as CD3. This approach allows every T-cell to become activated and able to attack the tumor, independent of the T-cells' intrinsic specificity. This bispecific approach is designed to improve the immunotherapies' ability to eradicate malignant cells while avoiding damage to healthy tissues.

About Amgen

Amgen is committed to unlocking the potential of biology for patients suffering from serious illnesses by discovering, developing, manufacturing and delivering innovative human therapeutics. This approach begins by using tools like advanced human genetics to unravel the complexities of disease and understand the fundamentals of human biology.

Amgen focuses on areas of high unmet medical need and leverages its expertise to strive for solutions that improve health outcomes and dramatically improve people's lives. A biotechnology pioneer since 1980, Amgen has grown to be one of the world's leading independent biotechnology companies, has reached millions of patients around the world and is developing a pipeline of medicines with breakaway potential.

For more information, visit www.amgen.com and follow us on www.twitter.com/amgen.

About Immutics

Immutics is a clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company spearheading the development of advanced immunotherapies that are active against multiple cancer indications. Based in Tuebingen, Germany and Houston, Texas, the company has recognized that novel, better and safer targets are the key to developing future cancer immunotherapies. Immutics has revolutionized the identification and qualification of novel, proprietary and tumor-specific peptide antigens (TUMAPs) through its world-leading target and TCR discovery platform XPRESIDENT®. TUMAPs significantly expand the target space for immuno-oncology as they are not limited to surface proteins, which are the targets of classical antibodies or CAR-T therapies. Immutics believes that by using its TUMAP expertise it can unlock the significant potential of immuno-oncology drugs, such as adoptive cellular therapies, biologicals and vaccines to improve the treatment of a wide range of cancers.

Immutics' pipeline includes several TCR-bispecifics and T-cell therapy programs such as ACTolog® and ACTengine® developed in collaboration through Immutics US with The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, TX, and co-funded by the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas (CPRIT). By using its world-leading target and TCR discovery expertise, Immutics aims to deliver safer, best-in-class immunotherapies to cancer patients with high medical need in multiple indications.

For regular updates about Immutics, visit <http://www.immutics.com>

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