

Celyad benoemt Stephen Rubino tot Chief Business Officer

Mont-Saint-Guibert, België - Celyad (Euronext Brussel en Parijs, en Nasdaq: CYAD), een biofarmaceutisch bedrijf in de klinische fase dat zich richt op de ontwikkeling van CAR-T celtherapieën, kondigde vandaag aan dat Stephen Rubino, Ph.D. is benoemd tot Chief Business Officer. Dr. Rubino heeft meer dan 25 jaar sterke commerciële en strategische ontwikkelingservaring in de farmaceutische en biotechnologische industrie, waaronder 17 jaar bij Novartis. Hij zal deel uitmaken van het executive leadership team en zal de zakelijke en bedrijfsontwikkeling van Celyad leiden.

"Wij zijn enthousiast om Stephen bij Celyad te hebben aangezien wij de aanwezigheid van ons uitvoerend team in de V.S. blijven ontwikkelen, samen met het verbreden van ons globaal perspectief van de industrie," verklaart Filippo Petti, Chief Executive Officer van Celyad. *"Stephen heeft een enorme kennis van bedrijfsontwikkeling en commerciële ervaring, zowel binnen als buiten de V.S., alsook ervaring bij het leiden van de commerciële ontwikkeling van producten die van onschatbare waarde zullen zijn tijdens de vooruitgang van onze klinische CAR-T programma's."*

Onlangs was Dr. Rubino Chief Business & Strategy officer bij Omega Therapeutics. Voorafgaand aan deze functies was Dr. Rubino werkzaam als Global Head of Business Development and Licensing and New Product Marketing voor de business unit Cell and Gene Therapies bij Novartis. Daar leidde hij groeimogelijkheden, waaronder evaluatie, licentiëring en commerciële ontwikkeling in een pijplijn van celtherapieproducten. Hij zit momenteel in de raad van bestuur van Sermonix Pharmaceuticals en Ilkos Therapeutic. Dr. Rubino behaalde een Ph.D. in virologie aan de Cornell University en een M.B.A. aan het Baruch College.

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About Celyad

Celyad is a clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company focused on the development of specialized CAR-T cell-based product candidates and utilizes its expertise in cell engineering to target cancer. Celyad's CAR-T cell platform has the potential to treat a broad range of solid and hematologic tumors. The company's lead clinical candidate, CYAD-01, an autologous NKG2D-based CAR-T therapy, is currently being evaluated in several Phase 1 clinical trials to assess safety and clinical activity for the treatment of hematological malignancies, such as acute myeloid leukemia, and solid cancers, such as metastatic colorectal cancer. Celyad is also developing CYAD-101, an investigational, non-gene edited, allogeneic (donor derived) NKG2D-based CAR-T therapy, which is currently being evaluated in a Phase 1 trial for the treatment of patients with metastatic colorectal cancer. Celyad was founded in 2007 and is based in Mont-Saint-Guibert, Belgium, and New York, NY. Celyad's ordinary shares are listed on the Euronext Brussels and Euronext Paris exchanges, and its American Depository Shares are listed on the Nasdaq Global Market, all under the ticker symbol CYAD. Celyad has received funding from the Walloon Region (Belgium) to support the advancement of its CAR-T cell therapy programs.

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