



**ASX Release**

## **Prescient Appoints Former Array BioPharma Executive to Key Role**

**Melbourne, Australia (29 October 2018):** Clinical-stage oncology company Prescient Therapeutics Limited (ASX: PTX; Prescient) has appointed leading drug discovery and oncology drug development executive Dr James Winkler as Vice President - Business Development based in the US.

Dr Winkler brings 40 years' experience in the international biotechnology and pharmaceutical industry with a focus on oncology and inflammation. He has overseen the discovery and advancement multiple new drugs into clinical development, with several demonstrating mid-to-late stage clinical success.

Dr Winkler held senior leadership positions with pioneering targeted cancer drug developer Array BioPharma (NASDAQ: ARRY; Array) where he established and led the Company's licensing and collaboration efforts.

At Array, Dr Winkler provided leadership for multiple teams working in drug discovery, translational research and clinical development, as well as managing several collaborations with multinational pharmaceutical firms. He helped build an impressive pipeline of development drugs with over 12 advancing toward Phase II or III studies.

Array BioPharma has engaged in cancer drug collaborations with Pfizer and Merck and in 2013 entered a multi-year licensing and collaboration partnership with Loxo Oncology (NASDAQ: LOXO) to develop a number of promising new small molecule cancer drugs.

Most recently Dr Winkler served as Vice President Discovery and Translational Biology with drug discovery and development company FORMA Therapeutics and Chief Scientific Officer with Arvinas Inc (NASDAQ: ARVN). Dr Winkler also worked with GlaxoSmithKline as Associate Director, Department of Oncology Research.

Prescient Therapeutics Managing Director and CEO Steven Yatomi-Clarke said, "We are honored to have such an experienced and talented leader join our team."

"His contribution and expertise across target validation, early drug discovery, translational medicine and clinical and platform development as well as fostering multiple industry collaborations will help make a significant and positive difference to the growth of our business and our promising cancer therapy portfolio."

Dr Winkler said, "Even though it is currently a small company, Prescient has unique and exciting drugs in development. I am excited to join a small and passionate team and contribute to the important work of developing new treatments for people with cancer."



Dr Winkler received a bachelor's degree in biochemistry from Princeton University and a PhD in pharmacology from Medical College of Pennsylvania. He has authored more than 120 patents, peer-reviewed manuscripts, reviews and book chapters. He will be based in the US where the company's clinical programs are underway.

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### About Prescient Therapeutics Limited (Prescient)

Prescient Therapeutics is a clinical stage oncology company developing targeted therapies that address specific mutations that drive cancer and contribute to resistance.

Prescient's lead drug candidate **PTX-200** is a novel PH domain inhibitor that inhibits an important tumor survival pathway known as Akt, which plays a key role in the development of many cancers, including breast and ovarian cancer, as well as leukemia. Unlike other drug candidates that target Akt inhibition which are non-specific kinase inhibitors that have toxicity problems, PTX-200 has a novel mechanism of action that specifically inhibits Akt whilst being comparatively safer. This highly promising compound is now the focus of three current clinical trials:

- Phase 2 study examining PTX-200 in breast cancer patients at the prestigious Montefiore Cancer Center in New York and Florida's H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center (Moffitt). PTX-200 showed encouraging efficacy signals in the Phase 1b study, with twice the expected response rate.
- Phase 1b/2 trial evaluating PTX-200 as a new therapy for relapsed and refractory Acute Myeloid Leukemia, being conducted the Moffitt; Yale Cancer Center in New Haven, Connecticut (Yale) and Kansas University Medical Center (KUMC) under the leadership of Professor Jeffrey Lancet, MD.
- Phase 1b/2 trial of PTX-200 in combination with current standard of care is also underway in patients with recurrent or persistent platinum resistant ovarian cancer at the Moffitt.

Prescient's second novel drug candidate, **PTX-100**, is a first in class compound with the ability to block an important cancer growth enzyme known as geranylgeranyl transferase-1 (GGT-1). It inhibits the activation of Rho, Rac and Ral circuits in cancer cells, which act as key oncogenic pathways, leading to apoptosis (death) of cancer cells. PTX-100 was well tolerated and achieved stable disease in a Phase 1 trial in advanced solid tumors and will be the focus of studies in Ras and RhoA mutant malignancies.

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