



Nimbus Therapeutics and Celgene Expand Alliance to Immunotherapy in Oncology

Collaboration adds additional program focused on HPK1 inhibitors, potential medicines that could restore proper immune system activity in multiple tumor types

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. – July 9, 2019 – [Nimbus Therapeutics](#), a biotechnology company applying deep computational expertise throughout drug discovery and development, today announced the expansion of its long-term strategic alliance with Celgene Corporation to include Nimbus' HPK1 inhibitor program.

Under the terms of the agreement, Celgene will receive an option to acquire the program up through a clinical inflection point. Nimbus will retain full control of research and development activities for the program prior to the program's option point. Financial terms will remain undisclosed until Celgene exercises its option to acquire the program.

Hematopoietic Progenitor Kinase 1 (HPK1), a member of the MAP4K family, is an intracellular negative regulator of T cell proliferation and signaling and plays a key role in dendritic cell activation. The challenge with HPK1 thus far has been the ability of small molecules to achieve potency and selectivity profiles that do not inhibit other T cell kinases or MAP4K family members. Given its role in both T cells and dendritic cells, and an opportunity for working synergistically in upregulating immune system surveillance of cancer, HPK1 has been a highly prized target in immuno-oncology. Nimbus will continue to own and develop its potent small molecule HPK1 inhibitors that are highly selective against relevant off targets and possess robust cellular activity.

"We value the innovation that the Nimbus team can bring and we look forward to working together to bring powerful new immunotherapies to patients," said Robert Hershberg, M.D., Ph.D., Executive Vice President, Business Development & Global Alliances for Celgene Corporation.

"We are thrilled to expand our collaboration with Celgene and benefit from their capabilities in the development of immunotherapy approaches for cancer patients," said Jeb Keiper, M.S., MBA, Chief Executive Officer of Nimbus.

About Nimbus Therapeutics

Nimbus Therapeutics is a biotechnology company headquartered in Cambridge, Massachusetts (USA). Nimbus is pioneering the application of highly-advanced computational technologies to the design and development of novel treatments for substantial and underserved human diseases. The company's focus

on metabolic diseases, cancer and immune-inflammatory disorders reflects the mechanistic relationship between these disorders, and Nimbus' ability to rapidly tackle well validated targets as well as those that have proven intractable to others. The company's LLC/subsidiary architecture enables diverse and synergistic partnerships to deliver breakthrough medicines. To learn more, please visit www.nimbustx.com.

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