

Technology profile in the field of Healthcare

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Title: UK-based SME seeks novel, early stage molecules with activity against fibrosis

Summary:

A UK-based pharmaceutical SME is looking for novel small molecules that have activity against the molecular processes that lead to fibrosis. The SME will further develop these novel compounds to improve their efficacy and safety profiles with a view to licensing the improved molecules to larger pharmaceutical companies to take onto the market. The SME seeks to partner with universities, research Institutes and companies in the form of a licensing agreement or technical cooperation agreement.

Type and Role of Partner Sought:

The UK-based SME is looking to partner with Universities, Research Institutions as well as companies of all sizes that have identified novel small molecules that have the potential to stop and / or reverse the formation of fibrotic tissue.

The UK-based SME will develop these early-stage molecules through an optimisation process improving their activity and safety profiles. The SME will take these molecules up to Phase 1 clinical trials with the aim of then licensing them on to larger pharmaceutical companies for later stage clinical trials.

It is anticipated that these partnerships will take the form of a licensing agreement whereby the SME will in-license the novel small molecules from the partner. Alternatively, a technical cooperation agreement will also be considered where appropriate.