

Salix Expands Microbiome Research And Discovery Through Strategic Collaboration With Cedars-Sinai Medical Center

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Research Led by Dr. Mark Pimentel's Lab Will Explore the Role of the Microbiome in the Treatment of Gastrointestinal (GI) Disorders

BRIDGEWATER, N.J., Aug. 3, 2018 /PRNewswire/ -- Salix Pharmaceuticals, a leading specialty pharmaceutical company committed to the prevention and treatment of gastrointestinal (GI) disorders and a wholly owned subsidiary of Bausch Health Companies Inc. (NYSE/TSX: BHC), today announced its affiliate has entered into a research agreement with Cedars-Sinai Medical Center to further investigate the microbiome in the treatment of GI disorders.

Under the terms of the agreement, the lab of world-renowned microbiome researcher Mark Pimentel, M.D., executive director of the Medically Associated Science and Technology (MAST) Program at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, will focus on the discovery of new therapeutic treatments related to conditions of the gut microbiome. Dr. Pimentel has played an integral role in advancing science's understanding of the gut microbiome including his widely-accepted research on a methanogen as an agent for causing constipation in humans.¹

"The gut microbiome represents a great deal of promise and opportunity for disruptive change in gastroenterology," said Mark McKenna, president, Salix. "This research agreement embodies Salix's commitment to working with leaders in the field to advance science and further our goal of bringing new and innovative treatments to patients."

Salix has the option to acquire any therapeutic invention discovered through the research.

"My philosophy is to treat these microorganisms – in other words – find the right drug to treat the bug," said Pimentel "Through this research agreement with Salix, we look to continue to harness the potential of the microbiome in the treatment of GI disorders, as we successfully did with the discovery of rifaximin as a treatment for irritable bowel syndrome with diarrhea (IBS-D)."

Salix and Cedars-Sinai Medical Center are looking to begin research in the third quarter of 2018.

About Cedars-Sinai

Cedars-Sinai is a national leader in providing high-quality, patient-centered healthcare encompassing primary care as well as specialized medicine and conducting research that leads to lifesaving discoveries and innovations. Since its beginning in 1902, Cedars-Sinai has evolved to meet the healthcare needs of one of the most diverse regions in the nation, continually setting new standards in quality and innovation in patient care, research, teaching and community service.

Today, Cedars-Sinai is widely known for its national leadership in transforming healthcare for the benefit of patients. Cedars-Sinai impacts the future of healthcare globally by developing new approaches to treatment and educating tomorrow's physicians and other health professionals. At the same time, Cedars-Sinai demonstrates a longstanding commitment to strengthening the Los

Angeles community through wide-ranging programs that improve the health of its most vulnerable residents.

About Salix

Salix is one of the largest specialty pharmaceutical companies in the world committed to the prevention and treatment of gastrointestinal diseases. For almost 30 years, Salix has licensed, developed, and marketed innovative products to improve patients' lives and arm health care providers with life-changing solutions for many chronic and debilitating conditions. Salix currently markets its product line to U.S. health care providers through an expanded sales force that focuses on gastroenterology, hepatology, pain specialists, and primary care. Salix is headquartered in Bridgewater, New Jersey.

About Bausch Health

Bausch Health Companies Inc. (NYSE/TSX: BHC) ("Bausch Health") is a global company whose mission is to improve people's lives with our health care products. We develop, manufacture and market a range of pharmaceutical, medical device and over-the-counter products, primarily in the therapeutic areas of eye health, gastroenterology and dermatology. We are delivering on our commitments as we build an innovative company dedicated to advancing global health. More information can be found at www.bauschhealth.com

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