

Editas Medicine Names Charles Albright as Chief Scientific Officer

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CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Aug. 22, 2016 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Editas Medicine, Inc. (NASDAQ:EDIT), a leading genome editing company, announced today the appointment of Charles Albright, Ph.D. as Chief Scientific Officer. Dr. Albright brings to Editas more than 25 years of life sciences industry and academic leadership experience, most recently serving as Vice President of Genetically Defined Diseases and Genomics at Bristol-Myers Squibb (BMS).

“Charlie has an impressive track record of translating exciting science into real medicines for patients in need,” said Katrine Bosley, President and Chief Executive Officer of Editas Medicine. “He has brought numerous new medicines from discovery into clinical development across many disease areas. During this period of significant growth at Editas, I am very pleased to welcome him to the team and look forward to his many contributions as we continue to build this organization for the long-term.”

“As a leader in the field, Editas is building an impressive and diversified pipeline focused on treating patients with a broad range of genetically defined diseases,” said Dr. Albright. “I am excited to join the dynamic team at Editas and to help pioneer this exciting wave of innovation around genomic medicines.”

Over his career, Dr. Albright has led discovery programs that advanced investigational medicines into clinical development in a wide range of therapeutic areas, including neurodegeneration, pain, psychiatry, oncology and inflammation. Prior to his position as Vice President of Genetically Defined Diseases and Genomics, he held multiple scientific leadership roles in Neuroscience Biology at BMS. Previously, he held positions at Incyte Corporation and DuPont Pharmaceuticals and was an Assistant Professor of Biochemistry at Vanderbilt University. Dr. Albright received a Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering and a Ph.D. in Biology from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). He was a postdoctoral fellow in the laboratory of Professor Robert Weinberg at the Whitehead Institute for Biomedical Research at MIT.

About Editas Medicine

Editas Medicine is a leading genome editing company dedicated to treating patients with genetically defined diseases by correcting their disease-causing genes. The company was founded by world leaders in genome editing, and its mission is to translate the promise of genome editing science into a broad class of transformative genomic medicines to benefit the greatest number of patients.

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