

Warp Drive Bio Achieves Key Milestone in Antibiotics Collaboration with Sanofi

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., November 29, 2016 – [Warp Drive Bio](#), Inc., a life sciences company developing therapeutics that exploit the molecules and mechanisms of nature, announced today that it has reached a pre-specified milestone in the antibiotic discovery program within the company’s research collaboration with Sanofi. From here, Sanofi will assume all preclinical and clinical research and development efforts for the novel aminoglycoside antibiotic candidates that have been discovered by Warp Drive. This program is one of several natural product-based programs that Warp Drive Bio is pursuing as a part of the company’s broader discovery efforts utilizing its novel Genome Mining™ technology platform.

“Antibiotic resistance is a major global public health threat, and Warp Drive is committed to deploying our unique Genome Mining Platform to discover novel medicines that address this challenge”, said Laurence E. Reid, Chief Executive Officer at Warp Drive Bio. “With the hand-off of this program to Sanofi, Warp Drive will now focus on our other programs, both anti-infectives and for other diseases, deploying our proprietary Genome Mining and SMART™ platforms. In particular, we continue to advance our RAS cancer program, which is also partnered with Sanofi.”

In January 2016, Warp Drive Bio entered into a research agreement with Sanofi that included a collaboration focused on the discovery and development of novel aminoglycoside antibiotics to treat drug-resistant Gram-negative infections. Warp Drive is eligible to receive milestones and royalties on the program. The collaboration is an outgrowth of [Sanofi’s Sunrise](#) initiative, a strategic partnership model that seeks to invest in early stage opportunities that align with Sanofi’s expert development and commercialization abilities.

About Warp Drive Bio

Warp Drive Bio is exploiting the molecules and mechanisms of nature to create transformative medicines. The company operates on the core principle that nature is the world’s most powerful inventor of new drugs, unconstrained by the mechanistic and synthetic limitations of transitional medicinal chemistry. Warp Drive Bio is deploying its proprietary Genome Mining and SMART (Small Molecule Assisted Receptor Targeting) platforms to discover novel medicines that have the potential to make a significant difference in patients’ lives. The company was launched in 2012 through a strategic partnership with Sanofi and with financing from Third Rock Ventures and Greylock Partners. For more information, please visit www.warpdrivebio.com.

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