
Press Release

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Immunicum Appoints Leopold Berteas as Chief Technology Officer

Immunicum AB (“Immunicum” publ; IMMU.ST), a biopharmaceutical company focused on therapies addressing tumor recurrence and hard-to-treat established tumors, announced the appointment of Leopold Berteas, PhD, as Chief Technology Officer (CTO), effective as of today, May 5, 2022. In his role as CTO at Immunicum, Dr. Berteas will be driving the build-up of a global manufacturing infrastructure for Immunicum’s lead pipeline program, DCP-001, which is currently progressing through a Phase II clinical study. Additionally, he will oversee the process development to further optimize the manufacturing of the company’s current and future products and the building out of the company’s process development facilities and capabilities in Leiden, The Netherlands.

Dr. Berteas joins Immunicum from Collectis, a clinical-stage biotechnology company using a proprietary gene-editing platform to develop cell and gene therapies, where he most recently held the position of Senior Vice President Technical Operations Europe and Member of the Collectis Executive Committee. With previous senior roles at Novartis, LFB Biotechnologies and LFB’s subsidiary CELLforCURE, Sanofi, and Ciba-Geigy, Dr. Berteas brings a total of 27 years biopharmaceutical industry experience to Immunicum.

During his tenure with LFB Biotechnologies and CELLforCURE, Dr. Berteas was instrumental as President and CEO of CELLforCURE for establishing the manufacturing plant and CDMO operations at the Les Ulis site, near Paris, as one of the first and largest production units for cell and gene therapies in Europe at that time. Following the acquisition of CELLforCURE by Novartis in 2019, Dr. Berteas became General Manager and Site Head of the new Novartis’ site in Les Ulis, which was successfully refocused under his supervision for manufacturing the autologous cell and gene therapy Kymriah® (tisagenlecleucel), as well as new cell and gene therapy pipeline projects of Novartis. Dr. Berteas holds a Ph.D. in Chemical Engineering from ETH Zurich.

“Dr. Berteas brings an impressive track record in biopharmaceutical process development and production, including commercial-scale manufacturing to Immunicum. He joins the Company at a crucial stage, as we are continuing to build out our in-house process development activities in our new R&D facilities in Leiden and preparing for the next stage of development for DCP-001 and ilixadencel”, commented Erik Manting, PhD, Chief Executive Officer of Immunicum.

“Immunicum’s expertise in allogeneic dendritic cell biology has delivered a promising pipeline of novel, off-the-shelf cancer immunotherapy candidates combining competitive clinical efficacy with a benign safety profile. I’m excited to leverage my expertise in cell and gene therapy development and manufacturing to support the next development phases for the company’s lead assets and its wider pipeline”, commented Leopold Berteas, PhD, Chief Technology Officer of Immunicum.

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ABOUT IMMUNICUM AB (PUBL)

Immunicum is a biopharmaceutical company focused on therapies addressing tumor recurrence and hard-to-treat established tumors, two key challenges in oncology. We are leveraging our unparalleled expertise in allogeneic dendritic cell biology to develop an advanced clinical pipeline of novel, off-the-shelf, cell-based therapies for blood-borne and solid tumors. Based in Sweden and the Netherlands, Immunicum is publicly traded on the Nasdaq Stockholm. www.immunicum.com