

The Berke Report

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- 04.14.23 Evofem Appoints Ivy Zhang as Chief Financial Officer and Secretary (PR) Ms. Zhang is a seasoned finance executive with more than 14 years of financial and accounting experience spanning diverse industries, including pharmaceuticals and medical devices. Following approximately seven years in finance positions at Ernst & Young LLP, and more than two and a half years serving in finance positions at SeaSpine Holdings
 - Corporation (a public medical and therapeutic technology and device company), she joined Evofem in March 2018, first as Director of SEC Reporting and SOX Compliance. Then, from April 2020 to November 2022, she served as Evofem's Controller. She rejoins Evofem from HUYABIO International, where she served as Vice President Controller since November 2022.
- 04.14.23 Zura Bio Announces Appointment of Chief Scientific Officer (PR)
 - Dr. Howell initially joined Zura Bio in 2022 as a scientific advisor during the company's formation and acquisition of its first two clinical programs. Dr. Howell is a founding member of Galileo Biosystems Inc, a scientific advisor at Ornovi, Inc., and founder of Mountaineer Biosciences, Inc. He formerly served as the Chief Scientific Officer of DermTech, Inc. Previously, he held scientific leadership positions at Incyte Corporation, MedImmune, LLC /Astra Zeneca, the Immune Tolerance Network, and Boehringer Ingelheim GmbH. Before transitioning to the pharmaceutical industry, Dr. Howell served as a faculty member in the Division of Allergy and Immunology at National Jewish Health. Throughout his career, Dr. Howell has led clinical and basic scientific research efforts dedicated to the discovery of novel therapies and the integration of precision and personalized medicine approaches into clinical development. His efforts are highlighted by the identification of new therapeutic targets and the advancement of more than eight novel clinical therapies.
- 04.13.23 Eiger BioPharmaceuticals Strengthens Management Team with New Appointments (PR)
 - Eiger BioPharmaceuticals, Inc. (Nasdag: EIGR), a commercial-stage biopharmaceutical company focused on the development of innovative therapies for hepatitis delta virus (HDV) and other serious diseases, today announced the appointments of William G. Kachioff as Chief Financial Officer, and James A. Vollins as General Counsel, Chief Compliance Officer and Corporate Secretary, r. Kachioff is highly experienced in corporate finance, investor relations, capital formation, corporate governance and manufacturing accounting and systems. He has over 30 years of life sciences industry experience and is currently a consulting CFO with Danforth Advisors, with whom Eiger has contracted for his services. He recently served as interim CFO at Aduro Biotech (now Chinook Therapeutics), a publicly-traded, clinical-stage cancer immunotherapy company and previously served as CFO at GenomeDx Biosciences (now Veracyte) and Biocept, two providers of novel cancer diagnostic services. Prior to that, he was CFO at Althea Technologies (now Ajinomoto Bio-Pharma), a pharmaceutical contract manufacturer. Mr. Kachioff has served as CFO at MicroIslet, a publicly-traded biotech company developing cell transplant therapies for insulin-dependent diabetes and was Director of Finance at Cutera, where he prepared the company for the commercial launch of its first product and its initial public offering. Mr. Vollins is an experienced public company, biotechnology, and healthcare compliance attorney with significant executive leadership experience and a focus on scaling high-quality biotech companies and best-in-class compliance programs. During his 30year legal career, he has worked for several global biotechnology companies in roles of increasing responsibility. Prior to joining Eiger, Mr. Vollins was General Counsel, Chief Compliance Officer and Corporate Secretary at BioDelivery Sciences International, Inc. Prior to that, he was General Counsel, Chief Compliance Officer and Corporate Secretary at Bio Products Laboratory Limited. Mr. Vollins also served in a variety of roles with increasing responsibility at Grifols Inc., Talecris Biotherapeutics, Inc. and Pfizer Inc. Mr. Vollins' career highlights include several significant M&A transactions, numerous successful drug launches, and the IPO of Talecris Biotherapeutics, Inc. He began his legal career as a commercial litigator and has tried cases and argued appeals in state and federal courts throughout the U.S.
- 04.13.23 Jasper Therapeutics Announces Appointment of Matthew Ford as Vice President, Human Resources (PR)
 - Mr. Ford joins Jasper from Tricida, where he served as Senior Vice President for Human Resources and Operations reporting directly to the CEO. In this role he helped build the human resource and other business functional teams following the company's initial public offering. Prior to Tricida, Mr. Ford was with Jazz Pharmaceuticals, where he served in roles such as Global Head of Human Resource Business Partners and Human Resource Business Partner for Research and Development. Prior to his time at Jazz, Mr. Ford served as Associate Director of Worldwide Human Resource Operations for Gilead Sciences, a position he held following a series of roles of increasing responsibility in Gilead's global organization. Prior to Gilead, Mr. Ford was a Human Resource Manager at GlaxoSmithKline. Mr. Ford earned his B.S. degree in Biochemistry and Genetics from the University of Sheffield.
- 04.12.23 Invivyd Appoints Robert Allen as Chief Scientific Officer and Stacy Price as Chief Technology and Manufacturing Officer(PR)
 - <u>Dr. Allen</u> brings more than 30 years of experience across the infectious disease space. Prior to joining Invivyd, he served as the chief scientific officer of SmartPharm Therapeutics, a subsidiary of Sorrento Therapeutics, where he led efforts to develop gene-encoded monoclonal antibodies (mAbs) for COVID-19 that could be quickly adapted to respond to emerging variants of concern. Prior to his time at SmartPharm Therapeutics, he held multiple senior scientific roles across the pharmaceutical and biotechnology industries including Sorrento Therapeutics, SIGA Technologies, and the Oregon Translational Research and Development Institute.

- Stacy Price joined Invivyd in March 2023 as chief technology and manufacturing officer, bringing 30 years of experience in commercial and clinical biotechnology operations management to her new role. In this position, she will lead the chemistry, manufacturing and controls (CMC) programs and technical operations functions to hone the processes that are the foundation of Invivyd's programs. Prior to joining Invivyd, Ms. Price was the chief technical officer at Akouos, and the senior vice president of technical operations at Ziopharm Oncology where she established and led the development and manufacturing capabilities and functions. Prior to Ziopharm she held multiple operations leadership roles of increasing responsibility, delivering strategic and innovative solutions at Shire, TKT and Serono.
- 04.12.23 Sherlock Biosciences Appoints Maurice Exner as Chief Scientific Officer
 - Diagnostics Pioneer Expands Leadership Team to Advance Novel Chemistries and Platforms to Democratize and Decentralize Diagnostics Globally. Exner joins Sherlock with more than 20 years' experience in global research and development leadership and strategy, honed at leading biotech and diagnostic organizations including Thermo Fisher Scientific, Hologic, Abbott Point of Care and Quest Diagnostics. Most recently, as Vice President of Global R&D at Thermo Fisher Scientific's Genetic Sciences organization, Exner led development teams who launched numerous life science and diagnostic products, including multiple COVID-19 molecular tests. At Hologic, he was Vice President of R&D, Assay Development, and Clinical Affairs, leading the development, clinical studies, and launch of multiple products across categories including women's health, virology, and respiratory diseases, in addition to a variety of molecular diagnostic test offerings to diagnose COVID-19. Across these and his prior R&D leadership roles, Exner has demonstrated a track record of excelling in innovating scientific growth by leveraging deep knowledge of clinical laboratory processes, the diagnostics industry, and molecular diagnostic technologies, which has culminated in more than 40 FDA approvals or cleared product launches to date.
- 04.11.23 Kronos Bio appointment of Katherine Vega Stultz to its Board of Directors, replacing Otello Stampacchia, Ph.D., who stepped down as of March 31, 2023. (PR)
 - Currently serves as the President and Chief Executive Officer of Ocelot Bio. Prior to this role, Ms. Stultz served as Chief Operating Officer at Graphite Bio. Previously, she spent 15 years at Celgene, where she held leadership roles including General Manager of Portugal and Spain; Corporate Vice President, Global Project and Portfolio Management for Hematology/Oncology; and Executive Director, Global Project Leader and U.S. Brand Leade
- 04.11.23 Ascidian Therapeutics Announces Three Key Development Team Appointments as It Advances Its Lead Program
 Toward the Clinic (PR)
 - Alia Rashid, MBChB, joins as VP, Clinical Development; Sarah DiSalvatore, MPH, has been appointed VP, Clinical
 Operations; and Carmen Jacome, MBA, will serve as VP, Program Management. They join as Ascidian prepares for its firstin-human study in its lead program targeting ABCA4 retinopathies and progresses its diversified pipeline of programs in
 retinal, neurological, neuromuscular, and genetically defined diseases.
- 04.11.23 Cellarity Strengthens Executive Leadership Team (PR)
 - The Flagship spinout has brought on board John Leaman, M.D., M.B.A., as Chief Financial Officer (CFO), Cameron Trenor, M.D., as Vice President and Head of Translational Medicine, and Anjali Kumar, Ph.D., as Vice President, Head of Business Development. In addition, Parul Doshi, M.B.A., has been promoted to Chief Data Officer in recognition of her significant contribution to the development of Cellarity and her leadership in the implementation of an efficient and scalable data infrastructure to support Cellarity's unique approach to drug creation.
- 04.10.23 Scholar Rock Adds Richard Brudnick to Its BOD (PR)
 - Mr. Brudnick joined Prime Medicine as Chief Business Officer in July 2022 and is responsible for corporate development and strategy. Prior to Prime, he served as Chief Business Officer and Head of Strategy of Codiak BioSciences, a leader in the field of exosome therapeutics. Before joining Codiak, Mr. Brudnick served as Executive Vice President of Business Development and Alliance Management at Bioverativ, where he led business development efforts to build a significant pipeline in rare blood disorders. Earlier, Mr. Brudnick spent nearly 15 years at Biogen where he initiated, led and completed transactions that led to several marketed products including Leqembi, Tecfidera, Spinraza and its biosimilars joint venture with Samsung.