Monte Rosa Therapeutics

Monte Rosa Therapeutics Announces the Departure of Owen Wallace, Ph.D., Chief Scientific Officer

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Dr. Wallace will depart his role as CSO effective May 17, 2024, and will serve as a scientific advisor, including on Monte Rosa's Scientific Advisory Board

BOSTON, Mass., May 02, 2024 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Monte Rosa Therapeutics, Inc. (Nasdaq: GLUE), a clinical-stage biotechnology company developing novel molecular glue degrader (MGD)-based medicines, today announced that Owen Wallace, Ph.D., the Company's Chief Scientific Officer will be departing from his position to transition to a Chief Executive Officer role at a UK-based biotechnology company. Dr. Wallace will serve as a scientific advisor to Monte Rosa, including as a member of its Scientific Advisory Board (SAB).

The Company's drug discovery organization will continue to be led by a highly accomplished team that includes Sharon Towson, Ph.D., Chief Technology Officer; John Castle, Ph.D., Chief Data and Information Officer; and Magnus Walter Ph.D., Senior Vice President, Drug Discovery.

"We would like to thank Owen for his many contributions to Monte Rosa over the past three years. Owen was instrumental in the development of our QuEEN[™] drug discovery engine and the advancement of our MGD drug candidates. We look forward to continuing to benefit from Owen's scientific insights via his new role on our SAB. While Owen will be missed on our team, we wish him every success in his exciting next endeavor," said Markus Warmuth, M.D., Chief Executive Officer of Monte Rosa Therapeutics. "The experienced leadership of Sharon, John and Magnus will continue to guide our drug discovery and translational research efforts and we expect no disruption to any of our ongoing work. We look forward to progressing our MGD programs and making a difference in diseases with high unmet medical need."

"I have very much enjoyed my time with Monte Rosa and I am proud of the team and the exceptional company we've built," commented Dr. Wallace. "By harnessing the Company's powerful drug discovery technology and skilled scientific team, I expect Monte Rosa will continue to bring additional highly potent and selective MGDs into the clinic and I am excited to support the company's future successes through my role on the Scientific Advisory Board."

About Monte Rosa

Monte Rosa Therapeutics is a clinical-stage biotechnology company developing highly selective molecular glue degrader (MGD) medicines for patients living with serious diseases in the areas of oncology, autoimmune and inflammatory diseases, and more. MGDs are small molecule protein degraders that have the potential to treat many diseases that other modalities, including other degraders, cannot. Monta Rosa's QuEEN[™] (Quantitative and Engineered Elimination of Neosubstrates) discovery engine combines AI-guided chemistry, diverse chemical libraries, structural biology and proteomics to identify degradable protein targets and rationally design MGDs with unprecedented selectivity. The QuEEN discovery engine enables access to a wide-ranging and differentiated target space of well-validated biology across multiple therapeutic areas. Monte Rosa has developed the industry's leading pipeline of MGDs, which spans oncology, autoimmune and inflammatory diseases and beyond, and has a strategic collaboration with Roche to discover and develop MGDs against targets in cancer and neurological diseases previously considered impossible to drug. For more information, visit www.monterosatx.com

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