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H2O VENTURE PARTNERS AUDITS INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY FOR DORN

H2O Venture Partners was recently invited to carry out an internal audit of intellectual property for the Diabetes and Obesity Research Network (DORN). DORN (www.dorn.org.uk) is a research network supported by the Institute of Health Sciences in Manchester. DORN promotes interdisciplinary research, provides a communication network for people working in diabetes and obesity research, and works to “move research from the bench to the bedside”.

The University of Manchester Intellectual Property (UMIP) contributes to the aims and objectives of The University's "Exemplary Knowledge and Technology Transfer" agenda by providing intellectual property (IP) management and commercialisation activities. UMIP commissioned H2O to perform the audit of IP conceived by University of Manchester researchers within DORN to ensure that important projects existing in this network were identified early and given the support necessary for them to progress.

Dr Anna Obolensky, Head of External Sciences at H2O, commented: “This is an exciting project. We were delighted to have been asked to do the audit within the DORN programme and to help identify important intellectual property and early stage research with the aim of moving key projects forward to commercialisation in Manchester.”

Dr Rich Ferrie, Head of BioMedica Group, UMIP said: “We have had a very positive experience working with H2O on the DORN audit. We look forward to securing a robust IP position on selected projects and to the possibility of continued R&D leading to patient benefit in the future.”

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