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Opportunities and Challenges in Cancer R&D

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Programme:

Despite major efforts to tackle cancer, it is still a leading cause of death worldwide that places tremendous health and economic burden on societies. Given this, developing new approaches to attack tumours continues to be a key area of research for both academia and industry. The recent emergence of rationally designed targeted drugs and effective immunotherapies, based on a deeper understanding of cancer genomics and the host/tumour interaction, has allowed significant progress to be made even in those indications that have historically been hard to treat.

This SMR symposium, in collaboration with Cancer Research UK, brings together a panel of international speakers to highlight exciting new advances in cancer therapy, and to discuss key challenges and opportunities from early research through to clinical development.

08.45 **Arrival, Registration and Coffee**

Session 1: Drug Discovery & Emerging Targets
(Chair: Peter Weber)

09.15 40 Years of Drug Discovery – Highs and lows, and lessons learned

Herbie Newell, *Newcastle University*

09.55 Challenging Targets in Cancer Drug Discovery

Martin Drysdale, *CR-UK Beatson Institute, Glasgow*

10.35 Coffee Break

10.55 Discovery and Characterisation of ATR Inhibitors for the Treatment of Cancer

Juan-Miguel Jimenez, *Vertex*

11.35 Immune Mediated Therapy for Cancer: Preclinical Assessment of Immunobiology and Combination Activity

Robert Wilkinson, *MedImmune*

12.15 **Lunch**

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Session 2: Translational & Clinical Development 1 **(Chair: James Ritchie)**

- 13.00 Cancer Evolution and Drug Development
Charles Swanton, *CR-UK London Research Institute*
- 13.40 Bench-to-Bedside Applications of Clinical Pharmacology in
Oncology Drug Development
Dr Karthik Venkatakrishnan, *Takeda, US*

14.20 Tea & Coffee Break

Session 3: Translational & Clinical Development 2 **(Chair: Ruth Lock)**

- 14.40 A Phase I study of IMCgp100: durable responses with a novel
first-in-class immunotherapy for advanced melanoma
Namir Hassan, *Immunocore*
- 15.20 Developing Radiotherapy Combinations for Oncology
Indications
Hazel Jones and Glenn Clack (*Joint presentation by CRUK
Centre for Drug Development & AstraZeneca*)
- 16.00 Closing remarks and end of meeting

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