



## **Idera Pharmaceuticals Announces Jonathan Wilkin, M.D., to Join Autoimmune Disease Scientific Advisory Board**

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CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Oct 05, 2011 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- Idera Pharmaceuticals (Nasdaq: IDRA), a biopharmaceutical company developing therapeutics targeting Toll-like Receptors (TLRs) and advancing gene-silencing oligonucleotide (GSO) technology, today announced that Jonathan Wilkin, M.D., has joined its Autoimmune Disease Scientific Advisory Board.

"Dr. Wilkin brings to Idera extensive regulatory affairs experience, having served as a Director at the FDA for more than 10 years," said Sudhir Agrawal, D. Phil., Chairman and Chief Executive Officer. "We welcome Dr. Wilkin as our advisor, and look forward to his contributions as we prepare to advance our lead TLR7/TLR9 antagonist compound, IMO-3100, into to clinical proof-of-concept studies in selected autoimmune disease indications."

Jonathan K. Wilkin, M.D., was the founding director of the Division of Dermatology and Dental Products at the US Food and Drug Administration and has previously been a member of the FDA's Dermatology Drugs Advisory Committee. Dr. Wilkin is a fellow of the American Academy of Dermatology and the American College of Physicians, a member of the American Dermatological Association, and board certified by both the American Board of Dermatology and the American Board of Clinical Pharmacology. Previously, Dr. Wilkin served as the Director of Dermatology at the Ohio State University and Professor of Pharmacology and Medicine. Dr. Wilkin received his BA and MS in zoology from Ohio State University in Columbus, followed by his medical degree from the Ohio State University College of Medicine.

### **About Idera**

Idera Pharmaceuticals develops drug candidates to treat infectious diseases, autoimmune and inflammatory diseases, cancer, and respiratory diseases, and for use as vaccine adjuvants. Our proprietary drug candidates are designed to modulate specific Toll-like Receptors, which are a family of immune system receptors that direct immune system responses. Additionally, the company is advancing gene-silencing oligonucleotide (GSO) technology for the purpose of inhibiting the expression of disease-promoting genes. Our pioneering DNA and RNA chemistry expertise enables us to create drug candidates for internal development and generates opportunities for multiple collaborative alliances. For more information, visit <http://www.iderapharma.com>.

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