

Prana drug treatment PBT2 named one of Top Neuroscience Projects to Watch

Highlights

- PBT2 selected as one of the most attractive neuroscience opportunities in the industry
- Independent panel says PBT2 potentially meets a large, unmet market
- Prana to present at Therapeutic Area Partnerships on Nov 18-20, 2013 in Boston, USA

MELBOURNE, September 3, 2013 : Prana Biotechnology (ASX:PBT / NASDAQ:PRAN), a leading global developer of first-in-class treatments for neurodegenerative disease, is pleased to announce Elsevier Business Intelligence has named clinical drug PBT2 as one of the Top 10 Neuroscience Projects to Watch.

Prana is developing PBT2 as a treatment for Huntington's and Alzheimer's disease.

The top 10 list is selected by an independent panel each year to highlight compounds which address a large, unmet market, strong science and a diversity of indications. Other criteria include the potential for new opportunities beyond initial indications, multi-level partnering opportunities and a strong company behind the compound.

Companies selected in the Top 10 Neuroscience Projects to Watch were screened against strict criteria and are considered the most attractive neuroscience opportunities in the industry. Past Top 10 candidates have signed \$US17 billion in potential acquisitions and alliances including Vectura, AVEO, Trophos, BiPar, Myogen, Sirtris and Kosan.

Prana will present the latest research on PBT2 to more than 250 guests at Windhover's Therapeutic Area Partnerships meeting on November 18-20, 2013 at the Hyatt Regency in Boston, USA.

"We are very pleased to have PBT2 recognised as one of the most promising treatments under development," said Prana's Chairman and CEO Mr Geoffrey Kempler.

"There currently exists very limited treatment options for Huntington's disease, which affects about 30,000 in the US and 1200 people in Australia. Current treatment options for Alzheimer's disease are also limited and focus on the symptoms of the disease rather than the cause."

In July, Prana completed Reach2HD, a Phase II clinical trial investigating PBT2 as a treatment for Huntington's disease, and is expected to release results in October 2013.

Results from the Phase II IMAGINE trial of PBT2 in patients suffering Alzheimer's disease are expected to be announced in March 2013.

Data from an earlier trial on PBT2 has been published in *Lancet Neurology* and *Journal of Alzheimer's Disease*, showing PBT2 significantly changed Abeta levels in spinal fluid and significantly improved the cognition of Alzheimer's disease patients.



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About Prana Biotechnology Limited

Prana Biotechnology was established to commercialise research into Alzheimer's disease and other major age-related neurodegenerative disorders. The Company was incorporated in 1997 and listed on the Australian Stock Exchange in March 2000 and listed on NASDAQ in September 2002. Researchers at prominent international institutions including The University of Melbourne, The Mental Health Research Institute (Melbourne) and Massachusetts General Hospital, a teaching hospital of Harvard Medical School, contributed to the discovery of Prana's technology.

For further information please visit the Company's web site at <u>www.pranabio.com</u>.

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