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# Algorae Pharmaceuticals Partners with Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre for Al-Driven Drug Synergy Screening

# Highlights:

- Algorae Pharmaceuticals partners with the Victorian Centre for Functional Genomics at Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre to validate AI-predicted drug interactions in oncology.
- The study will focus on 24 AI-generated drug candidates, screened for synergy in four cancer cell lines.
- The project is expected to generate key preclinical data within six months, accelerating the Company's pipeline development.

**Melbourne, Australia – 8 May 2025:** Algorae Pharmaceuticals Limited (ASX: 1AI) ('Algorae' or 'the Company'), an AI-enabled drug discovery and development company, is pleased to announce that it has entered into an agreement with the Victorian Centre for Functional Genomics ('VCFG') at Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre ('Peter Mac') to validate AI-predicted drug synergies through high-throughput screening.

The study will evaluate 24 drug candidates (21 wholly AI-generated) using VCFG's advanced screening platform, which includes proprietary high-throughput technologies and synergy assessment methodologies. The collaboration is designed to confirm the efficacy of drug combinations across four distinct cancer cell lines, including glioblastoma, pancreatic ductal adenocarcinoma, invasive breast carcinoma and prostate carcinoma.

# Strategic Importance to Algorae's AI-Driven Drug Discovery Model

The partnership with VCFG is an important step in validating Algorae's AI-driven approach to drug discovery. The Algorae Operating System ('AlgoraeOS'), developed in collaboration with UNSW AI Institute and supported by CSIRO funding, has predicted these novel drug interactions. Now, this preclinical screening will empirically test the AlgoraeOS predictions and provide essential data to support regulatory and commercial pathways.

"This agreement with Peter Mac marks a significant milestone for Algorae," said David Hainsworth, Executive Chairman of Algorae Pharmaceuticals. "By leveraging Artificial Intelligence to predict synergistic drug interactions we are endeavouring to accelerate the drug discovery process and expand our pipeline. We're excited to collaborate with a premier cancer research institution to validate our findings."

# **Study Design and Timeline**

The screening process, performed in collaboration with VCFG at Peter Mac, will include:

- Optimising cell growth conditions for high-throughput drug screening.
- Generating single-agent dose-response curves across four cancer cell lines.
- Conducting synergy screens using selected dose ranges.
- Imaging and quantifying treatment effects using advanced microscopy and analytics.



Data analysis will be completed within three weeks of each screen run, with the full dataset expected to be completed within six months. Key decision points will be integrated into the study to ensure data quality and optimise further testing.

# **Commercial and Development Implications**

Successful validation of these AI-predicted drug combinations could significantly de-risk their further development. Positive outcomes from the Peter Mac collaboration may support:

- Internal advancement of selected candidates towards clinical studies.
- Out-licensing or partnership opportunities with major pharmaceutical companies.
- Expansion of the AI-driven discovery pipeline into additional therapeutic areas.

### Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre

Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre is a world-leading cancer research, education and treatment centre and Australia's only public health service solely dedicated to caring for people affected by cancer. The Victorian Centre for Functional Genomics was established over 16 years ago and is an internationally recognised technology platform (co-supported by Phenomics Australia, a National Collaborative Research Infrastructure Strategy consortia) that enables advanced high throughput screens using gene and drug targeting strategies coupled with innovative image analytics.

Peter Mac currently treats more than 47,000 patients every year, combining care and compassion with the latest research to deliver best possible treatments, care and outcomes for patients. This care is matched with world-class facilities within the Parkville Biomedical Precinct and at six additional metropolitan and regional campuses.

# https://www.petermac.org

# This announcement has been approved by the Board of Directors of Algorae Pharmaceuticals Limited.

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# **About Algorae Pharmaceuticals**

Algorae Pharmaceuticals (ASX: 1AI) is an AI-enabled pharmaceutical development company focused on discovering and developing novel treatments for unmet medical needs. The Company's proprietary AI platform, AlgoraeOS, utilises machine learning and deep neural networks to identify synergistic drug combinations with the potential to transform patient outcomes. Algorae collaborates with leading research institutions and pharmaceutical partners to accelerate the translation of AI-predicted therapies into the clinic.



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