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## **Prescient CSO Named in Top 20 Translational Researchers in the World by Nature**

- Second time on internationally recognized list

**Melbourne, Australia (20 December 2017):** Clinical-stage oncology company Prescient Therapeutics Limited (ASX: PTX; Prescient) is delighted to announce that its Chief Scientific Officer and co-inventor of Prescient's technologies, Professor Said Sebti, has been named as one of the Top 20 Translational Researchers in the world by the prestigious science publisher Nature Publishing Group. This is the second time Professor Sebti has been a recipient of this prestigious accolade, having made the list in 2014.

Scientists are included on the list following examination of each researcher's most-cited patent from the previous five years and their 'H index', which is a score based on the impact of published work.

Professor Sebti ranked 11th on a list filled with internationally renowned scientists, ahead of decorated luminaries such as CAR-T cancer therapy pioneer Carl H. June.

In addition to overseeing Prescient's oncology programs, Professor Sebti is the Manuel and Adeline Garcia Endowed Professor and Chair, Department of Drug Discovery, at the Moffitt Cancer Center in Florida; a National Cancer Institute-designated comprehensive cancer center, and one of the largest cancer centers in the US.

Prescient's CEO and Managing Director, Steven Yatomi-Clarke said, "We warmly congratulate Said on this accolade, and we are very proud to have him as an instrumental part of our team. His second time on this list is indicative of sustained excellence in his field at the highest level."

"Moreover, Said's ranking is reflective of how frequently the international scientific community cites his work in Ras and Akt pathways. This gives us confidence that our area of cancer research is not just globally relevant, but that those in the field consider Said's work a point of reference."

The full list can be viewed in the December 2017 edition of the journal *Nature Biotechnology*.

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## About Prescient Therapeutics Limited (Prescient)

Prescient Therapeutics is a clinical stage oncology company developing targeted therapies that address specific mutations that drive cancer and contribute to resistance.

Prescient's lead drug candidate PTX-200 inhibits an important tumor survival pathway known as Akt, which plays a key role in the development of many cancers, including breast and ovarian cancer, as well as leukemia. Unlike other drug candidates that target Akt inhibition which are non-specific kinase inhibitors that have toxicity problems, PTX-200 has a novel mechanism of action that specifically inhibits Akt whilst being comparatively safer. This highly promising compound is now the focus of three current clinical trials. The first is a Phase 1b/2 trial evaluating PTX-200 as a new therapy for relapsed and refractory Acute Myeloid Leukemia, being conducted at Florida's H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center (Moffitt); Yale Cancer Center in New Haven, Connecticut (Yale) and Kansas University Medical Center (KUMC) under the leadership of Professor Jeffrey Lancet, MD.

Prescient is also conducting a Phase 1b/2 study examining PTX-200 in breast cancer patients at the prestigious Montefiore Cancer Center in New York and the Moffitt. The third trial is a Phase 1b/2 trial of PTX-200 in combination with current standard of care is also underway in patients with recurrent or persistent platinum resistant ovarian cancer at the Moffitt.

Prescient's second novel drug candidate, PTX-100, is a first in class compound with the ability to block an important cancer growth enzyme known as geranylgeranyl transferase (GGT). It inhibits the activation of Rho, Rac and Rho circuits in cancer cells, which act as key oncogenic pathways, leading to apoptosis (death) of cancer cells. PTX-100 was well tolerated and achieved stable disease in a Phase 1 trial in advanced solid tumors and will be the focus of studies in rare hematological malignancies, namely RhoA mutant lymphomas.

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