

ERS Genomics inks licensing deal with Otsuka for CRISPR/Cas9 technology

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ERS Genomics Limited, which was formed to provide broad access to foundational CRISPR/Cas9 intellectual property, has announced the signing of a license agreement with Japanese firm Otsuka Pharmaceutical Co Ltd. The license grants Otsuka access to CRISPR/Cas9 genome editing technology for its internal research and development initiatives to address areas of unmet medical need.

ERS Genomics holds an exclusive worldwide license from co-founder and recent Nobel Prize winner Dr Emmanuelle Charpentier to the foundational intellectual property covering CRISPR/Cas9 for use as a research platform.

Eric Rhodes, CEO, ERS Genomics, said, “We are extremely pleased to be able to provide Otsuka with access to the CRISPR/Cas9 license. We hope this brings significant value to Otsuka as it applies the technology to its internal programmes.”

Financial details of the agreement are not disclosed.

Summit Pharmaceuticals International Corporation, a subsidiary of Sumitomo Corporation, serves as the exclusive agent for ERS Genomics in Japan.