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Life Sciences and Technology Update

News from the life sciences and technology communities north of Boston

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Alkermes



Global biopharmaceutical company [Alkermes](#), headquartered in Dublin with a research and development center in Waltham, announced today that it has completed the separation of its oncology business into [Mural Oncology](#), a new, independent, publicly traded company.

As reported in [Fierce Biotech](#), Mural landed with \$275 million in funding and a mission to develop an interleukin-2 (IL-2) candidate for solid tumors. Alkermes will continue its focus on neurological disorders and support the launch of its schizophrenia drug Lybalvi.

The plan to separate the two companies was first announced two years ago.

New and Expanding Cummings Clients



Congratulations to the team at [Cytrellis Biosystems](#) for its recent growth and move to a new facility at 34 Commerce Way, Woburn. Cytrellis is a medical technology company dedicated to the development and commercialization of first-in-class aesthetic devices that emphasize safety, efficacy, and improved quality of life for patients.

Items of Interest



Vaxess Technologies was recognized with "Vaccine Innovation of the Year" in the 2023 **BioTech Breakthrough Awards** for its progress on the MIMIX vaccine patch. MIMIX is the only vaccine patch featuring dissolvable, sustained-release micro tips that can "mimic" the pace of natural infection, helping the body produce a slow, strong, and enduring ramp-up of immune response.

Comera Life Sciences (12 Gill Street, Woburn), which is developing a new generation of biologic medicines to improve patient access, safety, and convenience, yesterday announced the appointment of **Dorothy Clarke** to its board of directors.

Ms. Clarke previously held leadership roles at Johnson & Johnson for more than 20 years, including in law, regulatory, compliance, and data protection functions. Before that, she was an attorney representing pharmaceutical companies and healthcare organizations.



CLASS OF 2024 HENRI TERMEER FELLOWSHIP

APPLICATION NOW OPEN!



**APPLICATION DEADLINE:
JANUARY 5, 2024**

Applications for the **Henri Termeer Fellows Class of 2024 and the 2024 Henri Termeer Transatlantic Connections Award** are now being accepted. Termeer Fellows are first-time CEOs of early-stage or nonprofit biotech/life sciences organizations.

The Termeer Foundation is committed to ensuring the inclusiveness of its network, particularly in recognition of the underrepresentation of women, people with disabilities, LGBTQIA+, and Black, Brown and Indigenous People of Color at the CEO level within the biopharmaceutical industry. Support provided through the Fellows program includes mentoring, network-building, and professional development intended to facilitate



connections, break down silos, strengthen skillsets, and ultimately enable a diverse array of current and future biotech leaders. [Learn more.](#)

Campus Updates



Available Q1 2024 - Cummings will soon offer a cluster of small lab suites at 34 Commerce Way in Woburn, neighboring Cytrellis and [SES](#). The BL2-compliant suites, ranging from 700 to 2,400 SF, will feature:

- 6' fume hood(s)
- Lab sinks with point-of-use acid neutralization tanks
- Emergency shower/eyewash station
- BL2 compliant construction with vinyl-faced ceiling tiles, epoxy-painted walls, and VCT floor

For details and floor plans, call or text John Halsey at 781-983-2214 or email jrh@cummings.com.

The area features numerous dining and shopping amenities and is within walking distance to Woburn Village lifestyle center and the MBTA commuter rail at the Anderson Regional Transportation Center. Join these and other life sciences companies in the Woburn innovation cluster:



JOIN US

MASS INNOVATION
NETWORK

Middlesex 3
COALITION

JOINT SPEED NETWORKING (HOLIDAY EDITION)



Kick off the holidays with [Mass Innovation Network](#) and [Middlesex 3 Coalition](#)'s joint speed networking event. Create new connections and explore collaboration opportunities. Tuesday, November 21, 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM, Northeastern Innovation Campus, 147 S. Bedford Street, Burlington. [Register](#).

MASSBIO

Netherlands International Day

November 29, 2023
12:00 PM - 6:00 PM
MassBioHub

On Wednesday, November 29, [MassBio](#), in collaboration with the [Netherlands Foreign Investment Agency](#) (NFIA) and [The Netherlands Innovation Network](#), presents Netherlands International Day. This special occasion is designed to shine a spotlight on Dutch innovation and the thriving Dutch life sciences ecosystem in an effort to support continued collaboration through a previously signed Massachusetts-Netherlands program of cooperation. Wednesday, November 29, 12:00 - 6:00 PM, MassBioHub, 700 Technology Square, Cambridge. [Register](#).



Join [North Shore Technology Council](#) at [New England Biolabs](#)' (NEB) modern 140,000-square-foot laboratory, the newest building at its Ipswich campus. NEB will provide an overview of the facility and discuss the company's environmental commitment. Facility tours will be offered, followed by a Winter Networking Mixer.

 NEW ENGLAND
BioLabs[®] Inc.

Thursday, November 30, 5:00 - 8:00 PM at New England Biolabs, 240 Country Road, Ipswich. [Register](#).

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