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Phico Therapeutics Appoints Dr. Nicki Thompson as Chief Business Officer

Cambridge, UK, [26 January, 2016]: Phico Therapeutics, a biotechnology company developing a novel platform technology for a new generation of antibiotics aimed at overcoming antibacterial resistance, announces that it has appointed Dr. Nicki Thompson as its Chief Business Officer.

As CBO for Phico, Nicki brings over 20 years' experience and a solid track record of successful delivery in pharmaceutical and biotechnology R&D and partnering.

Nicki joins Phico from F. Hoffmann-La Roche Ltd, where she held the position of VP and Global Head of External Drug Discovery. In this role, Nicki built Roche's first external discovery team and pipeline, leveraging innovative partnership models with Biotech and entrepreneurs including Roche's partnership with Spero Therapeutics, targeting drug resistant bacterial infections.

Heather Fairhead, Chief Executive Officer of Phico Therapeutics, said: *"Nicki's discovery, business development and leadership expertise brings a unique perspective and a complementary set of skills to the Phico team as it focuses on advancing Phico's unique SASPject™ antibacterial platform. We are delighted that she will be joining the Phico team at this important point in our development."*

Nicki Thompson commented: *"Phico is a company with a unique and very promising approach to the global challenge of antibacterial resistance; I'm really excited by the scientific innovation at the company and look forward to working with the rest of the team."*

Nicki previously worked as a Senior Director, Business Development for GSK's Centre of Excellence for External Drug Discovery (Ceedd), where she was responsible for search and evaluation strategy and deal execution for the Ceedd, delivering assets into the GSK pipeline via external partnerships.

Nicki has also served on executive management teams for biotechnology companies. As Head of Drug Discovery for Syntaxin Ltd., she shaped Syntaxin's discovery team and led development of its novel recombinant botulinum neurotoxin pipeline, delivering candidate molecules into the development portfolio of Allergan. She holds a PhD in Cell Biology from the Laboratory for Molecular Cell Biology (UCL).

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