

## Iterum Therapeutics Appoints Sailaja Puttagunta, MD as Chief Medical Officer

DUBLIN, Ireland and CHICAGO, Dec. 13, 2021 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Iterum Therapeutics plc (Nasdaq: ITRM) (the "Company" or "Iterum"), a clinical-stage pharmaceutical company focused on developing next generation oral and IV antibiotics to treat infections caused by multi-drug resistant pathogens in both community and hospital settings, today announced the appointment of Sailaja Puttagunta, M.D., to the newly created position of Chief Medical Officer, where she will oversee global clinical development and regulatory initiatives for Iterum.

"We are thrilled that Sailaja is back at Iterum given her strong industry and operational leadership at a time when oral sulopenem is re-entering the clinic," said Corey Fishman, Chief Executive Officer of Iterum. "Sailaja has deep experience in antibiotic drug development, including having previously worked on sulopenem at both Iterum and Pfizer Inc., which will prove invaluable for our clinical development and registration strategies. She has dedicated her career as a clinician and practicing Infectious Disease physician to making a difference in patients' lives and is strongly aligned with our belief that sulopenem is a much-needed therapy."

"I'm excited to rejoin Iterum at this time of important advancement for the Company," said Dr. Puttagunta. "I truly believe that sulopenem has the potential to effectively treat the growing problem of multi-drug resistant infections in both hospital and community settings. I look forward to helping Iterum continue to accelerate the development of sulopenem."

Dr. Puttagunta, brings more than 20 years of clinical, academic and research experience in medicine and the sub-specialty of Infectious Diseases, including the approval of several antibiotic medicines and previously served as Vice President of Clinical Development at Iterum from 2016 to 2018. Most recently Dr. Puttagunta served as Chief Medical Officer at BiomX Inc., a public biotechnology company. Dr. Puttagunta graduated from Gandhi Medical College in Hyderabad, India and completed her residency in Internal Medicine and a fellowship in Infectious Diseases at Yale University School of Medicine. She also holds an M.S. in Biochemistry from the New York University School of Medicine.

## **About Iterum Therapeutics plc**

Iterum Therapeutics plc is a clinical-stage pharmaceutical company dedicated to developing differentiated anti-infectives aimed at combatting the global crisis of multi-drug resistant pathogens to significantly improve the lives of people affected by serious and life-threatening diseases around the world. Iterum is advancing its first compound, sulopenem, a novel penem anti-infective compound, in Phase 3 clinical development with an oral formulation and IV formulation. Sulopenem has demonstrated potent in vitro activity against a wide variety of gram-negative, gram-positive and anaerobic bacteria resistant to other antibiotics. Iterum has received Qualified Infectious Disease Product (QIDP) and Fast Track

designations for its oral and IV formulations of sulopenem in seven indications.

## **Forward-Looking Statements**

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