



Adaptimmune Therapeutics PLC

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Abingdon, Oxfordshire OX14 4RX, U.K.
Registered Company No. 09338148

NOTICE OF 2020 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS TO BE HELD ON FRIDAY, MAY 29, 2020

NOTICE is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of Adaptimmune Therapeutics plc, a public limited company incorporated under the laws of England and Wales (referred to herein as the “Company,” “we,” “us” and “our”), will be held on Friday, May 29, 2020, at 11:30 a.m. London time (6:30 a.m. Eastern Standard time), at 60 Jubilee Avenue, Milton Park, Abingdon, Oxfordshire OX14 4RX, for transaction of the following business:

Ordinary resolutions

1. To re-elect as a director, Adrian Rawcliffe, who retires in accordance with the Articles of Association.
2. To re-elect as a director, Barbara Duncan, who retires by rotation in accordance with the Articles of Association.
3. To re-elect as a director, Tal Zaks, who retires by rotation in accordance with the Articles of Association.
4. To re-appoint KPMG LLP as auditors of the Company, to hold office until the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of shareholders.
5. To authorize the Audit Committee to determine our auditors’ remuneration for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2020.
6. To receive the U.K. statutory annual accounts and reports for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2019 and to note that the Directors do not recommend the payment of any dividend for the year ended December 31, 2019.
7. To approve, on a non-binding, advisory basis, the compensation of the Company’s named executive officers for the year ended December 31, 2019, as disclosed in the Company’s proxy statement under the “Executive Compensation” section, the compensation tables and the narrative disclosures that accompany the compensation tables.
8. To receive and approve our U.K. statutory directors’ remuneration report for the year ended December 31, 2019 (excluding the directors’ remuneration policy), which is set forth as *Annex A* to the attached proxy statement.
9. To authorize the directors generally and unconditionally for the purpose of s551 of the U.K. Companies Act 2006 to allot shares in the Company or to grant rights to subscribe for or to convert any security into shares in the Company (“Rights”) up to a maximum aggregate nominal amount of £257,595.00 to such persons at such times and upon such conditions as the directors may determine (subject to the Company’s articles of association). This authority shall expire (unless previously renewed, varied or revoked) on May 28, 2021 but so that the Company may make offers and enter into agreements before that expiry which would, or might, require shares to be allotted or Rights to be granted after that expiry and the directors may allot shares or grant Rights pursuant to any of those offers or agreements as if the authority had not expired.

The authority referred to in this resolution is in substitution for the authority conferred on the directors under s551 of the U.K. Companies Act 2006 at the annual general meeting held on May 2, 2019 but the directors may allot shares or grant Rights pursuant to an offer made or agreement entered into by the Company before the expiry of the authority pursuant to which that offer was made or agreement entered into.

Special resolution

10. Subject to the passing of Resolution 9, to empower the directors generally pursuant to s570(1) of the U.K. Companies Act 2006 to allot equity securities (as defined in s560 of the U.K. Companies Act 2006) for cash pursuant to the general authority conferred on them by Resolution 9 as if s561(1) of the U.K. Companies Act 2006 did not apply to that allotment. This power:

- (a) shall be limited to the allotment of equity securities up to an aggregate nominal amount of £257,595.00;
- (b) expires (unless previously renewed, varied or revoked) on May 28, 2021 but so that the Company may make offers and enter into agreements before that expiry which would, or might, require equity securities to be allotted after that expiry and the directors may allot equity securities pursuant to any of those offers or agreements as if this power had not expired; and
- (c) applies in relation to a sale of shares which is an allotment of equity securities by virtue of s560(3) of the U.K. Companies Act 2006 as if in the first paragraph of this resolution the words “pursuant to the general authority conferred on them by Resolution 9” were omitted.

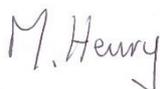
For the purposes of this resolution, references to the allotment of equity securities shall be interpreted in accordance with s560 of the U.K. Companies Act 2006.

Proposals 1 through 9 will be proposed as ordinary resolutions and under English law, assuming that a quorum is present, an ordinary resolution is passed on a show of hands if it is approved by a simple majority (more than 50%) of the votes cast by shareholders present (in person or by proxy) at the meeting and entitled to vote. If a poll is demanded, an ordinary resolution is passed if it is approved by holders representing a simple majority of the total voting rights of shareholders present (in person or by proxy) who (being entitled to vote) vote on the resolution. Proposal 10 will be proposed as a special resolution. Special resolutions require the affirmative vote of not less than 75% of the votes cast by shareholders present (in person or by proxy) at the meeting and entitled to vote. On a poll, a special resolution is passed if it is approved by holders representing not less than 75% of the total voting rights of shareholders present (in person or by proxy) who (being entitled to vote) vote on the resolution.

The result of the shareholder votes on the ordinary resolutions in proposals 6, 7 and 8 regarding receipt of our U.K. statutory annual accounts and reports for the year ended December 31, 2019, approval of the compensation of our named executive officers for the year ended December 31, 2019 and approval of our U.K. statutory directors’ annual report on remuneration for the year ended December 31, 2019 (excluding the directors’ remuneration policy) will not require our Board of Directors or any committee thereof to take any action. Our Board of Directors values the opinions of our shareholders as expressed through such votes and will carefully consider the outcome of the votes on proposals 6, 7 and 8.

The results of any polls taken on the resolutions at the Annual General Meeting and any other information required by the U.K. Companies Act 2006 will be made available on our website (<https://www.adaptimmune.com>) as soon as reasonably practicable following the Annual General Meeting and for the required period thereafter.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD



Margaret Henry
Company Secretary
April 22, 2020

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Notes

- (a) Only those members registered in the register of members of the Company at 6:30 p.m. London time (1:30 p.m. Eastern Standard Time) on May 27, 2020 will be entitled to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting (“AGM”) in respect of the number of ordinary shares registered in their name at the time. Changes to entries on the relevant register after that deadline will be disregarded in determining the rights of any person to attend and vote at the AGM. Should the AGM be adjourned to a time not more than 48 hours after the deadline, the same deadline will also apply for the purpose of determining the entitlement of members to attend and vote (and for the purpose of determining the number of votes they may cast) at the adjourned AGM. Should the AGM be adjourned for a longer period, then to be so entitled, members must be entered on the Register at the time which is 48 hours before the time fixed for the adjourned AGM or, if the Company gives notice of the adjourned AGM, at the time specified in the notice.
- (b) Any member may appoint a proxy to attend, speak and vote on his/her behalf. A member may appoint more than one proxy in relation to the AGM provided that each proxy is appointed to exercise the rights attached to a different share or shares of the member. A proxy need not be a member, but must attend the meeting in person. Proxy forms should be lodged with the Company’s Registrar (Computershare) not later than 11:30 a.m. London time (6:30 a.m. Eastern Standard Time) on May 27, 2020. Completion and return of the appropriate proxy form does not prevent a member from attending and voting in person if he/she is entitled to do so and so wishes. The attached proxy statement explains proxy voting and the matters to be voted on in more detail. Please read the proxy statement carefully. For specific information regarding the voting of your ordinary shares, please refer to the proxy statement under the section entitled “*Questions and Answers About Voting.*”
- (c) Any corporation which is a member can appoint one or more corporate representatives who may exercise on its behalf all of its powers as a member provided that they do not do so in relation to the same shares.
- (d) In the case of joint holders, the vote of the senior who tenders the vote whether in person or by proxy will be accepted to the exclusion of the votes of any other joint holders. For these purposes, seniority shall be determined by the order in which the names stand in the Company’s relevant register or members for the certificated or uncertificated shares of the Company (as the case may be) in respect of the joint holding.
- (e) CREST members who wish to appoint a proxy or proxies through the CREST electronic proxy appointment service may do so for the AGM and any adjournments of it by using the procedures described in the CREST Manual. CREST personal members or other CREST sponsored members, and those CREST members who have appointed voting service providers, should refer to their sponsors or voting service providers, who will be able to take the appropriate action on their behalf.

For a proxy appointment or instruction made using the CREST service to be valid, the appropriate CREST message (a “**CREST Proxy Instruction**”) must be properly authenticated in accordance with Euroclear’s specifications and must contain the information required for those instructions as described in the CREST Manual (available via www.euroclear.com). The message, regardless of whether it relates to the appointment of a proxy or to an amendment to the instruction given to the previously appointed proxy, must, to be valid, be transmitted so as to be received by the Company’s agent 3RA50 by 11:30 a.m. London time (6:30 a.m. Eastern Standard Time) on May 27, 2020. For this purpose, the time of receipt will be taken to be the time (as determined by the timestamp applied to the message by the CREST Applications Host) from which the Company’s agent is able to retrieve the message by enquiry to CREST in the manner prescribed by CREST. After this time, any change of instructions to proxies appointed through CREST should be communicated to the appointee through other means.

CREST members and, where applicable, their CREST sponsors or voting service providers should note that Euroclear UK does not make available special procedures in CREST for any particular messages. Normal system timings and limitations will, therefore, apply in relation to the input of CREST Proxy Instructions. It is the responsibility of the CREST member concerned to take (or, if the CREST member is a CREST personal member or sponsored member or has appointed voting service providers, to procure that its CREST sponsors or voting service providers take) such action as shall be necessary to ensure that a message is transmitted by means of the CREST system by any particular time. In this connection, CREST members and, where applicable, their CREST sponsors or voting service providers are referred, in particular, to those sections of the CREST Manual concerning practical limitations of the CREST system and timings.

The Company may treat as invalid a CREST Proxy Instruction in the circumstances set out in Regulation 35(5)(a) of the Uncertificated Securities Regulations 2001.

- (f) As of April 20, 2020 (being the last practicable date before circulation of this Notice), the Company's issued ordinary share capital consisted of 780,593,444 ordinary shares, carrying one vote each. Therefore, the total voting rights in the Company as of that date are 780,593,444.
- (g) Under s527 Companies Act 2006, members meeting the threshold requirement set out in that section have the right to require the Company to publish on a website a statement setting out any matter relating to: (i) the audit of the Company's accounts (including the auditor's report and the conduct of the audit) that are to be laid before the AGM; or (ii) any circumstance connected with an auditor of the Company ceasing to hold office since the previous meeting at which annual accounts and reports were laid in accordance with s437 Companies Act 2006. The Company may not require the shareholders requesting any such website publication to pay its expenses in complying with ss527 or 528 Companies Act 2006. Where the Company is required to place a statement on a website under s527 Companies Act 2006, it must forward the statement to the Company's auditor not later than the time when it makes the statement available on the website. The business which may be dealt with at the AGM includes any statement that the Company has been required, under s527 Companies Act 2006, to publish on a website.
- (h) Except as set out in the notes to this Notice, any communication with the Company in relation to the AGM, including in relation to proxies, should be sent to the Company's Registrar, Computershare Investor Services PLC, The Pavilions, Bridgwater Road, Bristol, BS99 6ZY, England. No other means of communication will be accepted. In particular, you may not use any electronic address provided either in this notice or in any related documents to communicate with the Company for any purpose other than those expressly stated.
- (i) Copies of the employment agreement for our executive director and of the letters of appointment for our non-executive directors will be available for inspection at the registered office of the Company during normal business hours on any week day (public holidays excepted) from the date of this Notice of AGM until the date of the AGM, and at the place of the AGM for one hour before the meeting and at the meeting itself.
- (j) **As a result of restrictions on movement and gatherings introduced by the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (England) Regulations 2020, other than the presence of two persons to be arranged by the Company at the Meeting and notwithstanding the foregoing Notes, members are not expected to be allowed to attend the Meeting in person. Members' attention is drawn to the letter from the Chairman of the Company dated April 22, 2020.**