

ScaleReady Announces a G-Rex® Grant has been awarded to Sidra Medicine

ST. PAUL, Minn., Aug. 5, 2025 /PRNewswire/ -- ScaleReady, in collaboration with Wilson Wolf Manufacturing, Bio-Techne Corporation and CellReady, today announced that Sidra Medicine, a women and children's hospital in Qatar, has been awarded a \$100,000 G-Rex® Grant. Sidra Medicine's G-Rex® Grant will enable expeditious development, validation, and implementation of a G-Rex® centric CAR-T cell production platform.

The G-Rex Grant will allow Sidra Medicine to perform the processes and preclinical development for a CD19 CAR-T cell therapy product that will initially be used in pediatric oncology settings. Sidra Medicine will also receive early access to the G-CART™ process currently in development at Cell Ready, the world's first and only G-Rex centric contract development and manufacturing organization (CDMO). The Grant will also support the implementation of fully closed system, semi-automated G-Rex production compliant with current Good Manufacturing Practices (cGMPs). Lastly, the Grant will support the technology transfer to Sidra Medicine's newly established GMP facility for qualification and implementation.

"Sidra Medicine is a pioneering healthcare institution that has innovation weaved into the very core of its precision medicine program. Our GMP facility has been specifically set up to develop better treatment protocols for pediatric diseases including cancers, genetic and rare diseases. The G-Rex® Grant will play a key role in accelerating the readiness of our protocols, particularly for Sidra Medicine's pediatric oncology program. Our preliminary findings have already shown us that the G-Rex® method is outstanding in its simplicity and the unique T cell phenotype resulting from the cell culture. This methodology will allow us to implement an affordable, highly efficient G-Rex based cell manufacturing platform with the most suitable T cell phenotype, ultimately having a positive impact on pediatric patient care and cure," said Sara Deola, M.D., Ph.D., Research Investigator at Sidra Medicine.

"We're eager to support the emerging Cell & Gene Therapy (CGT) industry in Qatar and the Middle East. By entering the field of CAR-T without any preconceived manufacturing notions and quickly gathering and reviewing G-Rex manufacturing data, Sidra Medicine quickly recognized the full array of advantages that our G-Rex centric manufacturing process offers relative to alternatives. Sidra Medicine's quick grasp of the technical and economic advantages of G-Rex relative to alternatives gives us confidence that this grant will set the stage for low cost and fully scalable CAR-T manufacturing in Qatar and the Middle East." said John Wilson, CEO of Wilson Wolf and co-inventor of G-Rex.

ScaleReady's G-Rex Grant Program has now surpassed \$40M of no-cost product commitments to grant recipients with the goal of advancing the state of cell and genemodified cell therapy (CGT) development and manufacturing. Individual Grant Awards are worth up to \$300,000. G-Rex Grant Recipients also gain access to exclusive support from ScaleReady's growing consortium of G-Rex Grant Partners who bring best-in-class

tools and technologies as well as unparalleled knowledge and expertise in the areas of cGMP manufacturing, quality and regulatory affairs, CGT business operations, and more.

Importantly, ScaleReady has just introduced yet another FREE program to accelerate the universal presence of highly efficient and scalable CGT manufacturing. Under this program ScaleReady has partnered with Hanson Wade to launch an event series called LEAN Cell & Gene™. All CGT entities are invited to attend and will learn how to systematically identify and eliminate waste, stabilize business operations, increase drug product quality and supply, and develop a LEAN approach to cell and gene therapy development and manufacturing.

For more information about the G-Rex® Grant Program, please contact <u>info@scaleready.com</u>.

For more information about LEAN Cell & Gene™, please use this <u>link to register</u> for the free event series.

About ScaleReady

ScaleReady provides the field of cell and gene-modified cell therapy (CGT) with a G-Rex centric manufacturing platform that enables the world's most practical, flexible, scalable, and affordable CGT drug product development and manufacturing.

The G-Rex manufacturing platform is currently used by a rapidly growing list of over 800 organizations and is producing drug products for approximately 50% of CGT clinical trials as well as 5 commercially approved CGT drugs.

CGT entities relying on the breadth and scope of ScaleReady's expertise can expect to save years of time and millions of dollars on the path to CGT commercialization.

For more information about the ScaleReady G-Rex® Grant Program, please contact info@scaleready.com.

About Wilson Wolf Manufacturing

Wilson Wolf (<u>www.wilsonwolf.com</u>) is dedicated to simplifying cell and gene-modified cell (CGT) therapy research, process development, and manufacturing. This is being accomplished through its scalable G-Rex technology, which is used throughout the world in CGT applications ranging from basic research to commercial drug production.

Wilson Wolf's mission is to create hope for cancer patients, one G-Rex® device at a time.

About Bio-Techne Corporation

Bio-Techne Corporation (NASDAQ: TECH) is a global life sciences company providing innovative tools and bioactive reagents for the research and clinical diagnostic communities. Bio-Techne, in partnership with Wilson Wolf, is creating products such as media and cytokines that are specifically tailored to G-Rex® Bioreactors, including right-sized reagent quantities in containers that are tailored to high throughput closed-system manufacturing. For more information on Bio-Techne and its brands, please visit https://www.bio-techne.com or follow the Company on social media at: Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter or YouTube.

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About CellReady LLC

CellReady is the world's first and only G-Rex centric contract development and manufacturing organization (CDMO) specializing in G-Rex based cell and gene-modified cell therapy development and manufacturing. The company offers a wide range of services to support the development and commercialization of these therapies.

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About Sidra Medicine

Innovating Care. Transforming Lives

From the heart of Qatar, Sidra Medicine, is a private, not-for-profit academic healthcare and research institution for women, children, and young people.

Established by the Qatar Foundation for Education, Science, and Community Development, Sidra Medicine is committed to delivering exceptional patient and family-focused care, conducting innovative biomedical and clinical research, and providing a personalized journey of care and cure and precision medicine specifically for rare and genetic diseases.

To access our specialised healthcare or international patient services, including pediatric care, women's health, and rare disease treatment or to book a consultation at one of our private clinics, please call +974 40033333 or visit our website at http://www.sidra.org.

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