

## GVK BIO extends the license of its SAR Databases to Astellas Pharma

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GVK Biosciences (GVK BIO), Asia's leading drug discovery research & development organization, announced today that Astellas Pharma Inc. (Tokyo:4503, "Astellas") extended and renewed its license to the GVK BIO SAR Databases (GOSTAR).

GOSTAR (GVK BIO Online Structure Activity Relationship (SAR) Database) is an online scientific database product of GVK BIO. It integrates information on compounds from discovery & development stages and marketed drugs. Information provided includes SAR, ADME, toxicity, preclinical, clinical and structural data for over 5.1 million compounds and 16.7 million SAR points.

Sreeni Devidas, Vice President, Sales & Marketing, Informatics, at GVK BIO said, "We are excited that Astellas has decided to extend the license to the GOSTAR database. The GOSTAR database is becoming an indispensable tool for scientists in drug discovery. Several publications that have used the GOSTAR data validate the utility of this product."

### **Informatics at GVK BIO**

The Informatics division is responsible for analyzing data to transform chemical / biological patterns into knowledge. Informatics offers Custom Curation, Cheminformatics and Bioinformatics services to global clients. It also licenses and sells databases to Biotech and Pharma companies.

### **About GVK Biosciences**

GVK Biosciences (GVK BIO) is Asia's leading Discovery Research and Development organization. GVK BIO provides a broad spectrum of services, stand-alone and integrated, across the R&D value chain. Our discovery services consist of Chemistry, Biology and Informatics; the development services include Clinical Research, Clinical Pharmacology and Process R&D. GVK BIO's diverse portfolio of more than 150 customers includes some of the world's largest pharmaceutical, biotechnology, agro, life-sciences companies and leading academic institutions. Please visit us at <http://www.gvkbio.com> to know more.

### **About Astellas**

AstellasPharma Inc., located in Tokyo, Japan, is a pharmaceutical company dedicated to improving the health of people around the world through the provision of innovative and reliable pharmaceutical products. Astellas has approximately 17,000 employees worldwide. The organization is committed to becoming a global category leader in urology, immunology including transplantation & infectious diseases, oncology, neuroscience, DM complications & metabolic diseases. For more information on AstellasPharma Inc., please visit our website at <http://www.astellas.com/en>.

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