

## Cerecin strengthens its leadership position in CNS drug development

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### **Bruce Morimoto joins Cerecin as Vice President of Drug Development**



Cerecin, a global healthcare company focused on developing brain health solutions and therapeutics for patients around the world, on 4 Nov 2019, announced the appointment of Bruce Morimoto as Vice President of Drug Development.

Based in the US, Bruce will be responsible for non-clinical drug development and translational medicine for Cerecin's existing products and future pipeline.

Bruce joins Cerecin's senior executive team with over 20 years' experience in research and development roles within leading institutions. Most recently, Bruce held the position of Vice President of Drug Development Operations with

Alkahest Inc, a biopharmaceutical company targeting neurodegenerative and age-related diseases. In this role he led the organisation's clinical operations, project management and manufacturing, helping the company to achieve strategic goals. Prior to his role at Alkahest, he held leadership positions with Celerion, Allon Therapeutics, MDS Pharma Services, and NeuroMed Technologies. Bruce also works closely with the Michael J. Fox Foundation as a scientific advisor and is on the advisory board for TIDES.

Bruce has applied his background in chemistry and years of industry experience to therapies related to ageing and has published dozens of peer-reviewed papers on topics such as Alzheimer's and other neurodegenerative diseases.

"Bruce brings a wealth of knowledge that will be extremely valuable to Cerecin. His tremendous experience in senior roles in biotech and at CROs, will be a welcome addition to our leadership team," said Charles Stacey, President and CEO of Cerecin, "Bruce will be based in the United States where he will continue to grow our presence whilst we leverage his experience to support our global expansion."

Bruce Morimoto added, "I am honoured to be working with a dynamic and innovative company. We are in desperate need of new approaches to tackle complex diseases like Alzheimer's. Cerecin's brain metabolism focus is exactly what our industry needs."

Bruce graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry from the University of California, Los Angeles, where he also received his Ph.D. He was a Postdoctoral Fellow in Molecular and Cell Biology at the University of California, Berkeley prior to joining the chemistry faculty at Purdue University.