



## Visionary Pharmaceuticals

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IMGENEX Corporation adds Visionary Pharmaceuticals' Th17 modulator VPR-66 to Research Market

IMGENEX Corporation gains exclusive worldwide rights to distribute Visionary Pharmaceuticals' VPR-66, an inverse agonist of ROR $\gamma$ (t) and ROR $\alpha$ , into the Research Market. VPR-66, one of a new family of therapeutic small molecules discovered by Visionary Pharmaceuticals, is targeted at Th17 cells through ROR $\gamma$ (t) and/or ROR $\alpha$  inhibition. Th17 cells are a sub-type of T-helper cells that secrete IL-17 and other pro-inflammatory cytokines. Th17 cells are widely considered as a key etiologic driver of the pathophysiology of numerous autoimmune diseases. VPR-66 is the first of an expected series of molecules to be developed by Visionary and available through IMGENEX into the Research Market.

VPR-66 represents one of a new series of inhibitors along with Drug Discovery Screening Services that IMGENEX is introducing as related modulators and Reporter Cell Lines to study mechanisms of action and potential development as new Th17, Treg or anti-inflammatory treatment modalities.

#### About IMGENEX Corporation

IMGENEX Corporation of San Diego, California, specializes in development and commercialization of antibodies, reporter cell lines, recombinant proteins and assay systems to study Innate and Adaptive Immunity and their control by Inflammatory/Immune Signaling pathways. To learn more about IMGENEX Corporation please visit [www.imgenex.com](http://www.imgenex.com) or [www.drugdiscovery.imgenex.com](http://www.drugdiscovery.imgenex.com).

#### About Visionary Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

Visionary Pharmaceuticals, Inc. is a privately held drug discovery company focused on innovative small molecule immunomodulator therapies. Visionary Pharmaceuticals is currently developing first-in-class retinoic acid-related orphan nuclear receptor modulators and Selectin antagonists targeting Th17 cells. To learn more about Visionary Pharmaceuticals, please visit [www.visionarypharmaceuticals.com](http://www.visionarypharmaceuticals.com).

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