



Twist Bioscience Announces Antibody Optimization Agreement with Pandion Therapeutics

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SAN FRANCISCO--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Apr. 11, 2019-- Twist Bioscience Corporation (NASDAQ: TWST), a company enabling customers to succeed through its offering of high-quality synthetic DNA using its silicon platform, today announced a new collaboration with Pandion Therapeutics, to apply its antibody optimization platform to the targeting arm of a bispecific antibody. Pandion Therapeutics is a biotechnology platform company developing therapeutics to achieve localized immunomodulation to treat autoimmune and inflammatory disease.

"Twist Bioscience, through its Biopharma division, has a highly differentiated capability to optimize antibodies for many attributes including affinity, expression, solubility, half-life, immunogenicity, druggability and processability," said Anthony Coyle, Ph.D., co-founder and CEO of Pandion. "We look forward to this initial project on a key therapeutic target that may offer hope for patients in need of new treatment options."

"By approaching autoimmune and inflammatory disease through antibody therapeutics acting locally at the disease site, Pandion is working to change the trajectory of treatment," commented Emily M. Leproust, Ph.D., CEO and co-founder of Twist Bioscience. "Using our state-of-the-art antibody optimization platform, we look forward to partnering with Pandion to provide enhanced antibodies ideally suited to the human body to potentially improve patient outcomes."

About Pandion Therapeutics

[Pandion Therapeutics](#) is a biotechnology company developing a pipeline of antibody therapeutics to achieve localized immunomodulation for autoimmune and inflammatory diseases and transplantation. The company's proprietary technology platform enables the design of bispecific antibodies with targeting fragments that bind to specific tissues at the local site of inflammatory disease, coupled with effector molecules that modulate immune activity to restore immune homeostasis.

Pandion was founded in 2017 and closed a \$58M Series A financing round in early 2018 with funding from Polaris Partners, Versant Ventures, Roche Venture Fund, SR One and BioInnovation Capital. The company is headquartered in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Please visit www.pandiontx.com.

About [Twist Bioscience Corporation](#)

Twist Bioscience is a leading and rapidly growing synthetic biology company that has developed a disruptive DNA synthesis platform to industrialize the engineering of biology. The core of the platform is a proprietary technology that pioneers a new method of manufacturing synthetic DNA by "writing" DNA on a silicon chip. Twist is leveraging its unique technology to manufacture a broad range of synthetic DNA-based products, including synthetic genes, tools for next-generation sequencing (NGS) preparation, and antibody libraries for drug discovery and development. Twist is also pursuing longer-term opportunities in digital data storage in DNA and biologics drug discovery. Twist makes products for use across many industries including healthcare, industrial chemicals, agriculture and academic research.

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