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Consulting Agreement with Dr. Rajendra Apte of Washington University for Clinical Trials of RBM-007 for Treating Age-Related Macular Degeneration

We are pleased to announce that we have entered into consulting agreement with Dr. Rajendra S Apte, the Paul A. Cibis Distinguished Professor of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis and the Director of Translational Research and Jeffrey Fort Innovation Fund. As scientific consultant, he will provide RIBOMIC with professional expertise for the design and evaluation of our lead compound RBM-007 for treating Age-Related Macular Degeneration.

Yoshikazu Nakamura, President and CEO of RIBOMIC Inc., commented: *"Professor Raj Apte is a prestigious physician scientist focused not only on the treatment of retina disease patients but also on the discovery of immune effector mechanisms in the retina. We are very excited at his joining our RIBOMIC team since Dr. Apte has recently found the involvement of FGF2 in retinal disorders, which gives us a great opportunity to work on the common scientific basis."*

On his appointment, Dr. Apte added: *"I am delighted and honored to advise the outstanding scientific group at RIBOMIC to develop novel therapeutic approaches in retinal diseases that complement the current strategies in order to enhance our ability to restore vision in blinding eye diseases such as AMD"*

Profile of Rajendra S. Apte, MD., PhD.



Rajendra S. Apte, M.D., Ph.D., is the Paul A. Cibis Distinguished Professor of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis. His expertise includes age-related macular degeneration, retinal vascular diseases and vitreoretinal surgery.

He obtained his medical degree from University of Bombay, India. Dr. Apte joined

Washington University School of Medicine after obtaining a Ph.D. in Immunology at University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas, Texas; residency training in Ophthalmology at UT Southwestern Medical Center and post completion of a fellowship in Vitreoretinal Surgery at Wilmer Ophthalmological Institute at Johns Hopkins, Baltimore, Maryland.

Dr. Apte has won numerous awards, honors, and educational scholarships. Dr. Apte was the inaugural recipient of the Presidents' Young Investigator Award from the American Society of Retina Specialists (ASRS). Other recent highlights include: European Vision and Eye Research Certificate of Honor and Keynote Lecture, J. Wayne Streilein Distinguished Alumnus Award Lecture in Immunology, Macula Society W. Richard Green Award, Glenn Award for Research in Biological Mechanisms of Aging, RPB Nelson Trust Award, Sybil B. Harrington RPB Physician-Scientist Award, Carl Camras ARVO Translational Research Award, the Macula Society Young Investigator Award, AFAR Julie Martin Mid-Career Award in Aging Research, the Macula Society Retina Research Foundation Cox Research Award, the American Retina Foundation Research Award, and the Research to Prevent Blindness Career Development Award. These awards accompany his 120+ peer-reviewed publications.