



Additional Keynote Presentation

Dr Jamie Thomson

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“Current State of Induced Pluripotent Stem cells as compared to Embryonic Stem cells and their role in creating terminal tissue models”

Dr Thomson is a world-leader in Stem cell Biology. His laboratory is dedicated to developing methods to allow the in vitro differentiation of human Embryonic Stem cells to key lineages of clinical importance including hematopoietic, neural, cardiac, and placental tissues. More recently, he published a pioneering paper describing the derivation of human induced pluripotent stem (iPS) cells from somatic tissue. This is a rare opportunity for UK and European scientists to hear Dr Thomson describe the potential impact of his studies on the field of biomedical research

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‘The future of Drug Discovery: Small Molecules and Biopharmaceuticals’

Advocating for Small Molecules - Chris Lipinski, Melior Discovery

Advocating for Biopharmaceuticals - Kevin Johnson, Index Ventures

Dr Lipinski is best known for his work on developing the Rule of Five guidelines of molecular properties. As Research Director of Cambridge Antibody Technology, Dr Johnson led the development of the then largest portfolio of antibody drugs in the industry including Humira, the first such drug to reach market.

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