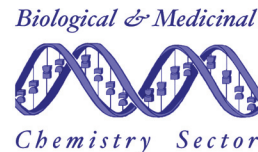


Malcolm Campbell Memorial Prize 2023 Announcement of Winners



The Royal Society of Chemistry's Biological and Medicinal Chemistry Sector (BMCS) is proud to announce the winners of the Malcolm J. Campbell Memorial Prize for 2023. The prize has been awarded to **Professors Anthony G.M. Barrett, Matthew J. Fuchter, R. Charles Coomers** and **Simak Ali** of Imperial College, London, for the discovery and early development of first-in-class cyclin-dependent kinase (CDK7) inhibitor, Samuraciclib for breast cancer.

Based on novel insights of the role of CDK7 in breast cancer pathology developed within the Imperial College team, Samuraciclib was the product of an intensive academic medicinal chemistry and drug discovery programme. The Prize Committee were particularly impressed by the success of the team in raising over £5m from Cancer Research UK and EPSRC to fund the discovery programme. Furthermore, based on the IP generated, the team successfully secured a licensing deal with Carrick Therapeutics to progress Samuraciclib into early clinical studies. To date Phase 1/2 clinical studies have established maximum tolerated dose and early indications of patient benefit.

BMCS congratulates the team on their success in an academic setting of translating early preclinical research into promising clinical benefit for breast cancer patients.

The Malcolm Campbell Memorial Prize is awarded biennially by the Biological and Medicinal Chemistry Sector of the Royal Society of Chemistry to commemorate Professor Campbell's outstanding contributions in a broad range of chemistry and their applications to biomedical science. **The 2023 Prize will be presented at the 2023 SCI/RSC 22nd Cambridge Medicinal Chemistry Symposium, 10th – 13th September 2023.**

