

## Media Release

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### **HBM Healthcare Investments announces investment of USD 30 million in Harmony Biosciences**

Harmony Biosciences, a privately held US-biopharmaceutical company, announced yesterday that it raised USD 270 million from a syndicate of investors. HBM Healthcare Investments participated with USD 30 million in this financing. Dr Andreas Wicki, Chief Executive Officer of HBM Healthcare Investments, will join the Board of Harmony.

Harmony will use the proceeds of this financing to acquire the exclusive right to develop, register and market pitolisant in the United States (US) from French company Bioprojet SCR. Pitolisant is a selective histamine H3-receptor antagonist/inverse agonist which is approved in the European Union (EU) and distributed under the tradename WAKIX® for the treatment of narcolepsy in adult patients with and without cataplexy. Currently, there are no US Food & Drug Administration (FDA) approved H3-receptor antagonist/inverse agonist.

Harmony intends to establish an expanded access program (EAP) for pitolisant in the US in early 2018 and expects to submit a new drug application for the treatment of narcolepsy in adult patients during the first half of 2018.

Narcolepsy is a rare, chronic, debilitating neurological disorder characterized by excessive daytime sleepiness, cataplexy, a sudden loss of muscle control triggered by emotions, and hallucinations among other symptoms. Two types of narcolepsy are currently recognized according to the ICSD3 diagnostic criteria, Type 1 and 2. Type 1 is associated with cataplexy and a reduction in of hypocretin-1 levels, while Type 2 is not associated with cataplexy.

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### About Harmony Biosciences

Harmony is a biopharmaceutical company focused on developing novel treatments for orphan and rare conditions, with an emphasis on CNS disorders. Harmony is focused on providing new treatment options to patients with unmet medical need. Harmony is headquartered in Plymouth Meeting, PA and also has offices in the Chicago, Illinois area. For more information visit: [www.harmonybiosciences.com](http://www.harmonybiosciences.com)

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