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TRAC and MedGenome announces a Cancer Immunotherapy solution to India

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Toronto Recombinant Antibody Centre (TRAC) from the University of Toronto, Canada have agreed to license MedGenome's patented cancer immunotherapy solution OncoPept for the development of biomarkers for their drug candidates against immune modulators to treat cancer.

The licensing will form the basis of a larger partnership between the two organizations that can be leveraged to bring novel antibody drugs to the Indian market.

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This provides a great opportunity for the Indian pharma companies to take advantage from the partnership between MedGenome and TRAC to bring new cancer immunotherapy drugs to the Indian market at affordable prices and further enhance the effectiveness of therapy by using the OncoPept platform to identify patients who will benefit maximally from the treatment.

Sam Santhosh, Founder of MedGenome, said "TRAC has the best platform in the world for producing novel biologics. We are proud to partner with them by providing our OncoPept solution which can also help Pharmaceutical companies select the

right patients for their clinical trials.”

Dr. Sachdev Sidhu, Professor at University of Toronto said, “MedGenome’s pipeline to dissect the tumor microenvironment at a molecular level will help in identifying new targets for which novel antibodies can be made. MedGenome’s unique knowledge in analyzing diseases at a population level through its research arm in India provides an unprecedented opportunity to create drugs that can be more effective in certain population groups.”