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## John Blenkinsopp appointed as Chief Medical Officer of AVIPERO.

EDINBURGH, SCOTLAND-Fri, 18 October, 2013-----The board of AVIPERO (Registered in Scotland SC353945) announced today Dr. John Blenkinsopp has been appointed as Chief Medical Officer. John studied Pharmacy at Bradford University and Medicine at Birmingham University. He has postgraduate qualifications in both management and Pharmaceutical Medicine. John has worked in all phases of drug development. He was a Clinical Research Physician at Hazleton Medical Research Unit (now Covance), Leeds, UK, a Phase 1 clinical research unit with 50 beds and over 40 studies completed each year. He has also worked for AstraZeneca, GlaxoSmithKline and Schering Plough.

The Director and interim CEO of AVIPERO, Prof. Robert J. Naylor, said: "John brings a wealth of experience in clinical drug development to AVIPERO with strong track record in the pharmaceutical industry. The combination of clinical and pharmacy qualifications of John makes his role in early drug development of a first-in-man disease-modifying therapeutic such as that of AVIPERO's ideal".

## About AVIPERO Ltd.

AVIPERO Ltd (Registered in Scotland SC353945) is a private biopharmaceutical company established in 2009. Avipero is focused on the development of novel therapeutics for unmet clinical needs, characterised by a loss of cells and tissues. This includes conditions such as Parkinson's disease (PD), chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), arthritis and age related cell decline. AVIPERO has a proprietary first-in-class therapeutic platform covered by a strong intellectual property portfolio.

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