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Lymphoma Research Foundation Funds More Than \$2.1 Million in Blood Cancer Research *Grants to Support Research of Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia/Small Lymphocytic Lymphoma, Follicular Lymphoma and Mantle Cell Lymphoma*

New York, NY –The Lymphoma Research Foundation (LRF) – the nation’s largest non-profit organization devoted to funding innovative lymphoma research – is pleased to announce that it has awarded \$2.15 million dollars in grants to seven scientists investigating the biology of or new therapies for lymphoma. The grants provide support for projects aimed at gaining a better understanding of chronic lymphocytic leukemia/small lymphocytic lymphoma, follicular lymphoma and mantle cell lymphoma.

“As evident in our recent funding of more than \$2 million in research, the Lymphoma Research Foundation is dedicated to finding a cure for lymphoma through an aggressively funded research program,” said Diane Blum, LRF Chief Executive Officer. “We remain grateful to our supporters whose generosity enables the Foundation to work toward its mission of eradicating lymphoma through innovative research.”

Recommendations for research funding were made by the LRF Scientific Advisory Board, which is comprised of the world’s leading lymphoma researchers and oncologists. The award recommendations were then approved by the LRF Board of Directors. Grantees include:

Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia/Small Lymphocytic Lymphoma Grant (\$250,000 per award for two years)

Januario Castro, MD

The Regents of the University of California, San Diego

Development of spliceosome inhibitors for the treatment of chronic lymphocytic leukemia/small lymphocytic lymphoma

Nicholas Chiorazzi, MD

The Feinstein Institute for Medical Research

Gene expression and DNA methylation signatures linked to in vivo chronic lymphocytic leukemia/small lymphocytic lymphoma B-cell kinetics and outcome

Follicular Pathways Grant (\$450,000 per award for three years)

Steven Bernstein, MD

University of Rochester

Host-tumor interactions in follicular lymphoma; how tumor infiltrating T-cells modulate follicular lymphoma biology in vivo

Todd Fehniger, MD, PhD

Washington University in St. Louis

Clinical and pathogenic impact of gene mutations in follicular lymphoma

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Mantle Cell Lymphoma Exploratory/Developmental Grants (\$250,000 per award for two years)

Selina Chen-Kiang, PhD

Joan & Sanford I. Weill Medical College of Cornell University

Reprogramming mantle cell lymphoma for BTK inhibition by targeting CDK4/CDK6

Christoph Rader, PhD

The Scripps Research Institute

Targeting ROR1 in mantle cell lymphoma with novel antibody-drug conjugates

Mariusz Wasik, MD

The Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania

Kinase inhibitor/CAR19 T-cell combined therapy for mantle cell lymphoma

“These research projects aim to enhance our understanding of lymphoma at the molecular level, identify therapeutic targets and test potential new therapies,” said Dr. John P. Leonard, Chair of LRF’s Scientific Advisory Board, the Richard T. Silver Distinguished Professor of Hematology and Medical Oncology and Associate Dean for Clinical Research at Weill Cornell Medical College. “Grants – like those funded by LRF – have the potential to increase the medical community’s understanding of this disease and accelerate the discovery of ways to treat the many subtypes of lymphoma.”

For more information about lymphoma or the Foundation’s research portfolio, visit the LRF website: lymphoma.org.

About the Lymphoma Research Foundation

The Lymphoma Research Foundation (LRF) is the nation’s largest non-profit organization devoted to funding innovative research and serving the lymphoma community through a comprehensive series of education programs, outreach initiatives and patient services. To date, LRF has awarded more than \$54 million in lymphoma-specific research.

For additional information on LRF’s research, education and services, please visit lymphoma.org.

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