



Mural Oncology Strengthens Board of Directors with the Appointment of Sachiyo Minegishi

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WALTHAM, Mass and DUBLIN, Sept. 23, 2024 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- [Mural Oncology plc](https://www.muraloncology.com) (Nasdaq: MURA), a clinical-stage immuno-oncology company developing novel, investigational engineered cytokine therapies designed to address areas of unmet need for patients with a variety of cancers, today announced the appointment of Sachiyo Minegishi to its board of directors, effective September 20. Ms. Minegishi will serve as Chair of the Audit Committee and will also be joining the company's Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee.

"With over 20 years of industry experience, Sachiyo brings a successful record of helping companies navigate through important clinical, financial, and corporate milestones," said Caroline Loew, Ph.D., CEO of Mural Oncology. "Her diverse expertise will be invaluable as we look to propel Mural through the next stage of growth, with several key milestones including candidate nominations for our IL-18 and IL-12 programs this year and key readouts in our two potentially registrational studies of nemvaleukin in the first half of 2025."

Sachiyo brings over two decades of biopharma experience, with a focus on corporate strategy, finance, development, and commercialization. She is currently the Chief Operating Officer at Rectify Pharmaceuticals, driving corporate and financing strategy to advance its lead program from discovery to clinical stage. Prior to Rectify, Sachiyo was Chief Financial Officer at Akouos, Inc., where she led corporate finance and business development strategy and played a key role in the acquisition of the company by Eli Lilly. Before that, she was a Global Program Lead at bluebird bio, where she led a team to execute global development and commercialization strategy for a portfolio of gene therapies for sickle cell disease. Sachiyo has also held leadership roles that helped accelerate corporate growth at Human Genome Sciences, Genzyme, and Amgen.

"Mural is entering an exciting time of growth, as it leverages its unique protein engineering skills to develop novel and highly differentiated immunotherapies for patients with high unmet need," said Sachiyo. "I look forward to contributing my corporate and financing strategy expertise to help position the company for potential commercialization of its lead program and advancement of its early-stage pipeline to the clinic."

About Mural Oncology

Mural Oncology is leveraging its novel protein engineering platform to develop cytokine-based immunotherapies for the treatment of cancer. By combining our expertise in cytokine biology and immune cell modulation and our protein engineering platform, we are developing medicines to deliver meaningful and clinical benefits to people living with cancer. Our mission is to broaden the potential, and reach, of cytokine-based immunotherapies to improve the lives of patients. Our lead candidate, nemvaleukin, is currently in potentially registrational trials in mucosal melanoma and platinum-resistant ovarian cancer reading out in the first half of 2025. Mural Oncology has its registered office in Dublin, Ireland, and its primary facilities in Waltham, Mass. For more information, visit Mural Oncology's website at www.muraloncology.com and follow us on [LinkedIn](https://www.linkedin.com/company/muraloncology) and [X](https://twitter.com/muraloncology).

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