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ASIT biotech appoints Prof. Mohamed Shamji, an internationally recognized expert on allergy immunotherapy, as Scientific Advisor for the discovery of new drug candidates and for pre-clinical activities

Brussels, Belgium, 26 July 2016 – ASIT biotech (ASIT - BE0974289218), a Belgian clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company focused on the research, development and future commercialization of breakthrough immunotherapy products for the treatment of allergies, today announces the appointment of Prof. Mohamed Shamji as Scientific Advisor for the development of new drug candidates.

Prof. Shamji will provide ASIT biotech's pre-clinical research teams with his support and expertise in immunology with the principal objective of characterizing the immunological properties of new drug candidates.

"I am honored to have this opportunity to advise ASIT biotech, which implements an innovative approach in the field of allergen immunotherapy. Based on fragments of highly-purified natural allergens of an optimal size, the peptides used by ASIT biotech elicit protective B cell responses by inducing antibodies capable of blocking allergic reactions. This property represents a major point of differentiation vis-à-vis current allergy immunotherapy strategies based on peptide use. I am eager to explore the potential of ASIT biotech's technological platform in the treatment of new allergies", says Prof. Shamji.

Prof. Shamji completed his clinical scientist fellowship training in clinical immunology at the Chelsea & Westminster Hospital NHS Foundation Trust in London, United Kingdom, in 2004. He then pursued his interest in translational research and completed PhD studies in allergy and clinical immunology at the National Heart & Lung Institute, Imperial College London in 2010. Prof. Shamji has recently established his research group (Immunomodulation and Tolerance group) within the Allergy and Clinical Immunology Section at Imperial College London led by Professor Stephen Durham. In recognition of his research and academic achievements, he was awarded the Imperial College President's Award for outstanding Early Career Researcher in 2015.

Prof. Shamji has over 40 peer-reviewed publications in high impact journals and his two recent publications in the Journal of Allergy and Clinical Immunology were selected as editor's choice. For his complete scientific biography, please click [here](#).

Thierry Legon, CEO of ASIT biotech, concludes: *"As we continue to structure our team, we are delighted to henceforth be able to collaborate more closely with Prof. Shamji, an acknowledged expert in the field of allergen immunotherapy. His expertise in immunological tolerance induction mechanisms represents a real asset for identifying new routes of development for ASIT biotech, which already has two innovative product candidates targeting grass pollen and house dust mites."*

About ASIT biotech

ASIT biotech is a Belgian clinical stage biopharmaceutical company focused on the development and future commercialisation of a range of breakthrough immunotherapy products for the treatment of allergies. Thanks to its innovative ASIT+™ technology platform, ASIT biotech is currently the only developer of AIT product candidates consisting of a unique mixture of highly purified natural allergen fragments in an optimal size selection. This innovation results in a short treatment, expected to improve patient compliance and real-life effectiveness. ASIT biotech's product pipeline entails two

novel ASIT+™ product candidates targeting respiratory allergy with the highest prevalence (i.e. grass pollen: gp-ASIT+™ and house dust mite: hdm-ASIT+™), that could significantly expand the current immunotherapy market. The Company believes that its innovative ASIT+™ platform is flexible and would be applicable across a range of allergies.

ASIT biotech has a headcount of 22 staff members, at its headquarters in Brussels and a laboratory in Liège, Belgium.

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