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## **BPH: Melanoma Drug Discovery Program**

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BPH Corporate Limited (BPH) is pleased to announce that Principal Researcher Dr Robin Scaife has been awarded funding from the Scott Kirkbride Melanoma Research Centre (SKMRC) to spearhead a melanoma drug discovery programme at the Western Australian Institute for Medical Research (WAIMR).

The one year discovery grant was presented to Dr Scaife at the annual SKMRC fundraising luncheon. The SKMRC supports research that is aimed at providing crucial breakthroughs for improved diagnosis and treatment of melanomas and was established in 2005 in memory of Perth golfer, Scott Kirkbride, who lost his battle with this disease in 2004 at the age of 27.

Although melanomas have a reputation for being particularly refractory to therapeutic intervention, some types of melanoma have recently been shown to respond well to a new class of customized cancer drugs. Dr Scaife and his collaborators at WAIMR and the University of Western Australia, will use the high-content imaging and analysis platform at Molecular Discovery Systems to screen an arsenal of new drug-like molecules for inhibitors of melanoma cell survival and proliferation.

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