



**Summit Therapeutics plc**  
(‘Summit’ or the ‘Company’)

**Summit Appoints Robert W. Duggan as Executive Chairman**

**Oxford, UK, and Cambridge, MA, US, 26 February 2020** – Summit Therapeutics plc (NASDAQ: SMMT) today announces it has appointed Robert W. Duggan as Executive Chairman of the Board of Directors with immediate effect. Glyn Edwards will continue as an Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer.

*“Mr Duggan has a track record of building successful commercial organisations aimed at bettering people’s lives,” said Mr Glyn Edwards, Chief Executive Officer of Summit. “We believe his guidance will help us ensure our targeted antibiotic product candidate ridinilazole has the best opportunity to reach patients with C. difficile infection who desperately need novel treatment options.”*

*“Targeted antibiotics have the potential to improve the way infectious diseases are treated by targeting the infectious bacteria and minimising the damage of the healthy and protective microbiome. In C. difficile infection, the selective targeting of the infectious bacteria has significant potential to reduce recurrence and improve patient outcomes,” commented Mr Robert W. Duggan. “I look forward to being part of the Summit team to realise the full potential of these medicines in bettering patients’ lives.”*

**About Robert W. Duggan**

Mr Robert W. Duggan is a serial US based entrepreneur who has built several successful companies across different industries, including biotechnology. Mr Duggan is currently the Chief Executive Officer of Duggan Investment Inc., a private US investment firm, and a member of the board of directors of Summit. Mr Duggan has served on the boards of a number of US public and private companies and he is currently chairman of the board of the Nasdaq listed company, Pulse Biosciences, Inc. He was previously a substantial shareholder in and the Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of Pharmacyclics, Inc., which was sold to AbbVie Inc. in 2015. Previously, he was the Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of Computer Motion, Inc., which later merged with Intuitive Surgical, Inc.

**About Summit Therapeutics**

Summit Therapeutics is a leader in antibiotic innovation. Our new mechanism antibiotics are designed to become the new standards of care for the benefit of patients and create value for payors and healthcare providers. We are currently developing new mechanism antibiotics for infections caused by *C. difficile*, Enterobacteriaceae and *N. gonorrhoeae* and are using our proprietary Discuva Platform to expand our pipeline. For more information, visit [www.summitplc.com](http://www.summitplc.com) and follow us on Twitter @summitplc.

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