Relay Therapeutics Strengthens Computational Leadership Team with Addition of Patrick Riley, Ph.D.

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Dr. Riley brings extensive experience in artificial intelligence with a focus on drug discovery

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., May 10, 2021 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Relay Therapeutics, Inc. (Nasdaq: RLAY), a clinical-stage precision medicine company transforming the drug discovery process by combining leading edge computational and experimental technologies, today announced the appointment of Patrick Riley, Ph.D., as senior vice president of artificial intelligence. Dr. Riley is an industry expert in artificial intelligence and machine learning, bringing 15 years of experience from Google and extensive knowledge in applying these technologies to drug discovery. Dr. Riley will lead a computational team and report to group head, Pat Walters.

“We are excited to welcome Patrick to our computational organization at Relay Therapeutics,” said Sanjiv Patel, M.D., president and chief executive officer of Relay Therapeutics. “We’re constantly seeking new ways to augment our capabilities and push the boundaries of what’s possible in drug discovery, most recently with the acquisition of ZebiAI and now, with the addition of Patrick. All our recent activities on the computational front will help further our expertise in machine learning to help us continue finding novel medicines against intractable targets.”

Dr. Riley has over a decade of data science and machine learning experience from Google, initially in web search and user behavior analysis, and later as a principal engineer and senior researcher on the Google Accelerated Science team. There he collaborated with external scientists to apply Google’s knowledge and experience in machine learning to important scientific problems. Dr. Riley has authored multiple publications on machine learning applications in quantum chemistry, protein design, materials science and nuclear fusion, including foundational work on graph neural networks and their application to DNA encoded small molecule library screening. He holds a Ph.D., M.S., and B.S. in computer science from Carnegie Mellon University.

“I’m thrilled to join Relay Therapeutics and work alongside Pat and some of the best computational talent in the industry. The application of artificial intelligence for drug discovery has incredible potential to transform the way new therapies are developed and I’m honored to be a part of a company that is at the forefront of this innovation,” said Dr. Riley.

About Relay Therapeutics

Relay Therapeutics (Nasdaq: RLAY) is a clinical-stage precision medicines company transforming the drug discovery process with the goal of bringing life-changing therapies to patients. Relay Therapeutics is the first of a new breed of biotech created at the intersection of disparate technologies. The company’s Dynamo™ platform integrates an array of leading-edge computational and experimental approaches to effectively drug protein targets that have previously been intractable. The initial focus is on enhancing small molecule therapeutic discovery in targeted oncology and genetic disease. For more information, please visit www.relaytx.com or follow us on Twitter.

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