



VERAXA Biotech Announces Advancement of Novel Bispecific Antibody Drug Conjugate Program VXA-222 from Joint Discovery Collaboration with OmniAb

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VXA-222 advances into next phase at VERAXA

ZURICH, SWITZERLAND, July 27, 2026 -- [VERAXA Biotech AG](#) (NASDAQ: VRXA; "VERAXA" or the "Company"), an emerging leader in designing novel cancer therapies, today announced the advancement of bispecific ADC (bsADC) program VXA-222, following successful achievement of a key technical milestone in its alliance with [OmniAb, Inc.](#) (NASDAQ: OABI, "OmniAb"). The program is moving into its next collaboration phase with OmniAb's discovery work successfully concluded. VXA-222 utilizes an "AND-gate" logic to address two different target antigens present on solid tumors with one molecule. Established in May 2025, the alliance and joint discovery collaboration brought together OmniAb's cutting-edge suite of transgenic antibody discovery solutions and screening technologies with VERAXA's proprietary antibody drug conjugate (ADC) linker technology and conjugation expertise to support next-generation therapeutic discovery.

"We are pleased to announce this important achievement and the advancement of this program from our alliance with OmniAb for the development of a novel AND-gated bsADC utilizing our conjugation and linker technology," commented Christoph Erkel, Ph.D., Chief Scientific Officer of VERAXA. "This successful partnership has united two highly complementary technologies to establish a new therapeutic candidate in VXA-222, representing a powerful opportunity for a best-in-class bispecific ADC to address solid tumor indications with high unmet medical need. We look forward to advancing this program and acknowledge OmniAb's partnership and contributions in delivering a diverse set of highly promising antibodies."

Under the terms of the May 2025 agreement, VERAXA initiated a novel bsADC program addressing two attractive target molecules in cancer medicine. The Company utilized OmniAb's suite of transgenic antibody discovery solutions, including OmniClic™, a common light-chain transgenic chicken developed to facilitate the generation of bispecific antibodies, to source high-quality human antibody leads, which are naturally optimized through *in vivo* affinity maturation. VERAXA will subsequently establish the bsADC lead candidate by applying its proprietary linker technology and conjugation routine and will be responsible for *in vitro* and *in vivo* validation. VERAXA holds exclusive rights to develop and commercialize products incorporating the OmniAb-derived antibodies under the collaboration, with OmniAb entitled to a share of specified revenue generated from those products.

"We're delighted to see this bispecific ADC program cross this important threshold," said Bill Harriman, Ph.D., Senior Vice President of Discovery Partnership Management and Technology Development and Operations at OmniAb. "Continuation of the discovery phase at VERAXA underscores the productive collaboration and alliance between our scientific and business teams, and highlights the complementary strengths of OmniAb's technologies and VERAXA's expertise in ADC conjugation and development. We look forward to seeing our partners at VERAXA advance this exciting program."

About VERAXA Biotech AG (NASDAQ: VRXA)

At VERAXA, we are building a premier engine for the discovery and development of next-generation antibody-based therapeutics, including bispecific T cell engagers, bispecific ADCs and other innovative formats. Powered by a suite of transformative technologies and guided by rigorous quality-by-design principles, we are rapidly advancing our pipeline of ADCs and proprietary BiTAC formats into clinical development and beyond. VERAXA was founded on scientific breakthroughs made at the European Molecular Biology Laboratory (EMBL), a world-renowned institution known for pioneering life science research and cutting-edge technology.

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