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Julian Adams, PhD, has more than 30 years of experience in drug discovery and development with a strong focus on cancer research. In 2018 Adams joined Gamida Cell as CEO and Chairman, and serves Clal Biotechnology Industries as its Scientific Advisor. He was previously Chief Scientific Officer and President of Research and Development at Infinity Pharmaceuticals. Prior to joining Infinity in 2003, Adams was the senior vice president of drug discovery and development at Millennium Pharmaceuticals, where he headed multiple global drug discovery and development programs, including the successful Velcade® (bortezomib) program. Adams also held senior positions in research and development at LeukoSite (acquired by Millennium) and at ProScript, as well as in medicinal chemistry at Boehringer Ingelheim, where he is credited with discovering Viramune® (nevirapine) for HIV.

Julian has received many awards, including the 2012 Warren Alpert Foundation Prize for his role in the discovery and development of bortezomib, the 2012 C. Chester Stock Award Lectureship from Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, and the 2001 Ribbon of Hope Award for Velcade® from the International Myeloma Foundation. He is an inventor on more than 40 patents and has authored over 100 papers and book chapters in peer-reviewed journals.

Adams received his B.S. from McGill University and his PhD from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He also received a Doctor of Science, honoris causa, from McGill University in 2012.