



## **SQZ Biotech Named One of “Fierce 15” Biotech Companies of 2015** Transformative Cellsqueeze Platform Recognized as Most Promising in Industry

Cambridge, MA – September 30, 2015 – SQZ Biotech today announced that it has been named by *FierceBiotech* as one of 2015’s Fierce 15 biotechnology companies, designating it as one of the most promising private biotechnology companies in the industry. Based on science discovered by Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) professors Drs. Klavs Jensen, Robert Langer, and Armon Sharei, the pioneering company has developed the Cellsqueeze platform that enables a variety of materials to enter almost any cell type, including primary human derived cells, with unprecedented efficacy. The platform addresses one of the major barriers to cell engineering and has the potential to revolutionize future therapies.

SQZ co-founder and chief executive officer, Dr. Sharei expressed gratitude for the recognition and enthusiasm for the future impact of the company’s groundbreaking science:

“We are thrilled to be recognized alongside such a distinguished cadre of companies all seeking to make a meaningful impact in our respective fields of science,” said Dr. Sharei. “Our momentum continues towards developing the foundational delivery platform for the next generation of cell therapies and we anticipate an extremely exciting year ahead.”

The Fierce 15 celebrates the spirit of being “fierce” – championing innovation and creativity, even in the face of intense competition. This is *FierceBiotech*’s thirteenth annual Fierce 15 selection. A complete list of “Fierce 15” companies can be found online at [www.fiercebiotech.com/fierce15](http://www.fiercebiotech.com/fierce15).

An internationally recognized daily report reaching a network of over 275,000 biotech and pharma industry professionals, *FierceBiotech* provides subscribers with an authoritative analysis of the day’s top stories. Every year *FierceBiotech* evaluates hundreds of private companies from around the world for its annual Fierce 15 list, which is based on a variety of factors such as the strength of its technology, partnerships, venture backers and a competitive market position.

### **About SQZ Biotech**

Many promising therapeutic modalities have limited clinical efficacy due to the challenges of delivering molecules into cells. SQZ Biotech seeks to address this fundamental problem by developing its Cellsqueeze platform for use in drug discovery and clinical applications. SQZ’s technology seeks to overcome longstanding barriers in the field by facilitating more effective access to the intracellular space. Through internal research programs and external partnerships, SQZ is leading a revolution in scientists’ approach to disease research and clinical therapies, developing novel methods to engineer

cell function and harness the power of a patient's own cells to combat disease more effectively across a broad range of indications.

**About *FierceBiotech***

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