

**BioMarker Pharmaceuticals Appointed Paul Watkins Vice
President of Business Development**

Campbell, CA, May 6, 2003 –Paul C. Watkins, an experienced biotech and pharmaceutical executive, has been appointed Vice President of Business Development for BioMarker Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

“Paul Watkins will lead our efforts to position BioMarker as a unique and significant resource for pharmaceutical and biotech companies interested in age-related disease applications for compounds in their portfolio.” said Dr. Xi Zhao-Wilson, Chief Executive Officer, “Paul’s broad background, expertise and scientific knowledge will help the company accelerate the commercialization of our technology.”

Mr. Watkins has over 20 years of experience in biotechnology, life science, genomics and pharmaceutical companies. Prior to BioMarker, he was responsible for business development, scientific affairs, new product identification and intellectual property strategy and portfolio management at Ancile Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Mr. Watkins held senior management positions in business and corporate development at Axys Pharmaceuticals (formerly Sequana Therapeutics) specializing in licensing, technology transfer, strategic alliances and joint ventures. Mr. Watkins directed R&D groups in molecular genetics while at Life Technologies Inc. and Integrated Genetics Inc.

Paul Watkins has been awarded a U.S. patent and is an author on over 80 international scientific publications. Mr. Watkins obtained his B.S. in Microbiology & Public Health at Michigan State University and his S.M. in Interdisciplinary Sciences at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

BioMarker is a Silicon Valley startup focusing on the development of drugs to slow aging, prevent or delay the onset of age-related diseases and to extend maximum lifespan. Many diseases such as diabetes and cancer have age related causes and BioMarker’s technology is based on insight into how gene expression can be manipulated to control the aging process.

BioMarker’s website is found at www.biomarkerinc.com

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