

OHSU PURCHASES CAMPUS-WIDE GENESIFTER® LICENSE

Microarray analysis system available through Core Microarray Lab

January 17, 2006 – Seattle – VizX Labs announced today that Oregon Health & Science University has purchased an Academic Core License of GeneSifter, the award-winning online microarray analysis system, and is partnering with VizX to offer GeneSifter to their researchers.

Christopher Dubay, PhD, a bioinformatics specialist at OHSU, uses GeneSifter in his classes. “I’m very pleased to see that the use of GeneSifter in our bioinformatics educational offerings has spread to actual use of the software for research by the rest of the campus,” he said. “GeneSifter is a wonderful and intuitive bioinformatics tool for gene expression analysis, enabling researchers to quickly get to the core of the biology behind their microarray data.”

Last summer, use of GeneSifter spread from Dubay’s classroom to the OHSU Cancer Institute. At the time, Institute director Grover Bagby, MD called GeneSifter “the friendliest and one of the most valuable personal analytical tools I’ve used to date.”

“We’re pleased that GeneSifter has proved valuable to OHSU classrooms and the Cancer Institute,” said VizX CEO Tom Ranken, “and we’re even more pleased that its success there has provided an opportunity for all OHSU researchers to make use of it.”

About GeneSifter

GeneSifter software helps researchers derive biological understanding from gene expression patterns in microarray data. The web-based system was recently honored with the Frost & Sullivan "Best Practices Award for Product Innovation" in the Bioinformatics in Drug Discovery category, and recently received the distinction of “GeneChip-compatible™” from microarray leader Affymetrix. Customer comments are available online at www.genesifter.net/web/labtestimonials.html. Downloadable graphics, including screenshots of the GeneSifter Lab Edition and the new GeneSifter Core Edition, may be viewed online at www.vizxlabs.com/downloadable_images.html.

About VizX Labs

VizX Labs' GeneSifter software helps life scientists *Understand the Biology™* revealed through data from microarray experiments. Featured in **Wired News** and **Nature Methods**, selected as a Northwest Venture All-Star company and named by **Bio-IT World** as one of six “bioinformatics youngbloods” remaking that field, VizX was listed by **Washington CEO** as one of the state's top 25 biotechnology and

biomedical companies. To view the VizX Labs newsroom, please visit www.vizlabs.com/newsroom.html.

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