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## **Scientific Community Loses a Champion in the Fight Against TB**

*Dr. Lowell T. Harmison spent over 45 years at the forefront of medical research*

Rockville, Md. -- Sequella, Inc. announced today that one of its founders, Dr. Lowell T. Harmison, passed away on March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Together with Dr. Carol Nancy, Dr. Leo Einck, and Mr. Bill Rickman, Dr. Harmison founded Sequella in 1997. Dr. Harmison was also, with the others, a founder of the Sequella Global TB Foundation in 1997, a non-profit organization that is now known as Aeras, and was its first Chairman of the Board, a position he held for 6 years.

Dr. Harmison spent over 45 years at the forefront of medical research and public health. During his renowned career, he served as researcher, inventor, author, biotechnologist, U.S. government senior health advisor, executive-level advisor to health related foundations, and corporate executive in private and public companies. Dr. Harmison's pioneering work in HIV/AIDS led to the development of the first HIV/AIDS blood test for the U.S. Public Health Service, approved by the FDA in March 1985 to screen America's blood supply. Dr. Harmison also made history by developing and testing the first completely implantable artificial heart in the world. His was the first U.S. and foreign patent for this device (Patent Number 3,919,722).

During decades of global private foundation and corporation work, Dr. Harmison helped found four biomedical companies and two medical foundations, including Sequella Global TB Foundation. At the time of his passing, Dr. Harmison served on the Board of Directors of five companies: Recon Systems, ProCell, Aavantgarde, pHABioRemediation and IMUH.

Dr. Harmison was an important part of Sequella's start-up and success. It gave him great satisfaction to follow both Sequella's and Aeras' progress. Sequella owes him a debt of gratitude for his vision. The company will miss his intellect and passion. Dr. Harmison is survived by his wife, Sally Sappenfield. He is also survived by his three children from a prior marriage and 7 grandchildren.