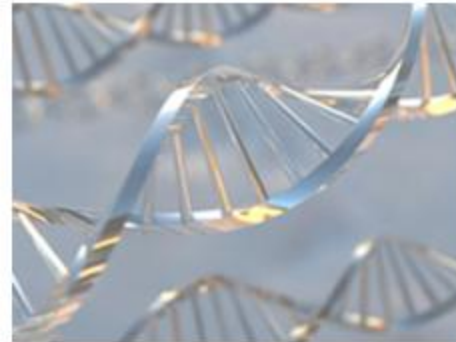




## Life Science Company Due Diligence



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## The Team

### Dr Steve Howell (Founder and Director)

Steve founded Innova Partnerships with the initial aim of supporting Innova Biosciences Ltd. Since then "Partnerships" has built equity stakes in a further two companies and has built a network of partners and individuals all helping grow Life Science businesses. Steve's passion is helping and seeing Life Science businesses grow, flourish and become profitable.

Steve is also the business development director for Stirling Medical which he helped set up almost three years ago. Prior to that he has been involved in a number of acquisitions including:-

- The purchase of Scandinavian MicroBiodevices by Inveness Medical Innovations Inc.
- The sale of Unipath Ltd from Unilever plc to Inveness Medical Innovations Inc.

He has a strong technical background in Medical Devices. Before that he began his career working at the pharmaceutical company Merck, Sharpe and Dohme Inc. In his spare time he enjoys canoeing on Loch Earn with his wife Isobel.

### Dr Andy McNair (Director)

Andy studied Chemistry at Strathclyde University, going on to take a PhD in hydrogel polymers and drug delivery. After undertaking further research, he joined Biocompatibles Ltd in London, working in the Cardiovascular Division, leading the formation of their Drug Delivery Group, later sold as part of a £160m deal with Abbott Laboratories. Andy led the initial product development of what is now Dexamet™, the second commercially available drug-eluting stent launched.

Andy came back to Scotland to work with AorTech on the product development of a synthetic tri-leaflet heart valve, a project that also involved the universities of Leeds and Liverpool, Glasgow Royal Infirmary and CSIRO in Australia.

Andy then moved to Connect Scotland, a business development and technology networking company with affiliations throughout Europe, USA and Asia. He held positions of Regional Director, Director and latterly Managing Director during 9 years with the company and had specific responsibility for Connects work with life science and medtech companies.

Andy joined the Executive Business Development Group at Glasgow Caledonian University 1 August 2007.

### Catherine Feechan (Director)

Catherine is a Partner in Biggart Baillie LLP. She is qualified in both Scots and English law specialising in corporate finance and works on a wide range of corporate transactions. These include venture capital investments, flotations, acquisitions, disposals, reconstructions and general company work.

Catherine also acts as general corporate counsel for a variety of companies large and small including AorTech International plc and Kenmore Property Group.

Recent transactions include acting for:

- Barnett Corporation in relation to its reverse takeover of Freeplay Energy plc;
- Allanwater Development Limited on the sale of Allan Water plc,
- General Practice Group in its joint venture with AWG,
- Kenmore Property Group on its sale of 16 subsidiaries to a listed fund and
- Aortech International plc for its £5million fundraising on AIM.

### Prof Andrew Torrance (Chief Patent Counsel)

Andrew joined the University of Kansas law faculty in 2005. He is a graduate of Harvard Law School, and received his Ph.D. in Biology from Harvard University in 1997.

In 2003, he was the Hrdy Visiting Professor of Conservation Biology at Harvard, and has taught "Biodiversity: Science, Policy, and Law" at Harvard from 1999 to 2005. He practiced biotechnology patent law at Fish and Richardson LLC, the world's largest intellectual property law firm, and, prior to joining the School of Law, he has served as in-house Patent Counsel at Inveness Medical Innovations, a global biotechnology company with headquarters in Boston.

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