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**Alan Schneyer, Ph.D. joins the Pioneer Valley Life Sciences Institute**

Springfield, MA – Alan Schneyer, Ph.D. has joined the Pioneer Valley Life Sciences Institute (PVLSI) at the rank of distinguished scientist. Dr. Schneyer's research concerns the reproductive and metabolic roles of follistatin (FST) and follistatin like-3 (FSTL3) proteins. He has recently discovered that these proteins influence production of insulin and glucose metabolism, both of which are important considerations for diabetic patients. Thus, his work has both basic science and clinical implications. He has just received a new research grant from the National Institutes of Health to support this work. Dr. Schneyer also co-chairs the Research Affairs Committee of the Endocrine Society and is a member of the NIH Affairs Subcommittee of the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB) Science Policy Committee. Immediately prior to coming to the Institute, Dr. Schneyer was Associate Professor at the Harvard Medical School and a senior researcher in the Reproductive Endocrine Unit at the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston.

"We are excited to welcome Dr. Schneyer to the Institute," says PVLSI science director Lawrence Schwartz. "Alan's research focus will enhance the Institute's emerging diabetes and metabolism research cluster. He is an outstanding researcher, highly regarded for his policy work with scientific societies, and a thoughtful mentor to younger scientists."

**About the Pioneer Valley Life Science Institute (PVLSI)**

PVLSI was created in 2002 as a joint venture of Baystate Medical Center and the University of Massachusetts Amherst with the dual missions of biomedical research and economic development. Drawing on each of the founders as well as its own researchers, the Institute brings together physicians, scientists, and engineers to create interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary teams focused on the molecular mechanisms of disease and the development of new diagnostic and therapeutic tools. For more information, go to [www.pvlsi.org](http://www.pvlsi.org).

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