



## **Emeritus Professor Maree Smith**

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Emeritus Professor Smith is co-founder of the CIPDD, School of Biomedical Sciences, recognized as a unique GLP-accredited biomedical discovery/translation research Centre in Australia. Internationally, Prof Smith is a leading researcher in biomedical discovery/translation with particular expertise in the pain therapeutics field. She is inventor on several patented novel analgesics technologies, with one licensed in mid-2005 to the UQ spin-out company, Spinifex Pharmaceuticals, for commercialization. Spinifex was acquired by Novartis in mid-2015 in a deal reported as the largest yet in Australia comprising an up-front payment of USD\$200m and a total deal value of USD\$725m. To date, CIPDD personnel have completed  $\geq 700$  contract R&D studies (TetraQ branded) in collaboration with  $>200$  industry and academic collaborators in the global biopharmaceutical sector. In the past 5 yrs, Prof Smith has received multiple awards including the 2016 Bowl of Hygeia (Pharmaceutical Society of Australia) and the 2016 Clunies Ross Knowledge Commercialisation Award (ATSE).