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- Fragment-based drug discovery program yields results and leads to  
expansion of collaboration****Hamburg, Germany | Oxford, UK**– Evotec AG (Frankfurt Stock Exchange: EVT) today announced that InterMune, Inc., has signed a second drug discovery contract with Evotec.

Evotec will support InterMune's research efforts using their medicinal chemistry know-how. In addition, they will utilize their expertise and technologies in computational chemistry, protein production, X-Ray crystallography and ADMET to further characterize active compounds and optimize their potency and selectivity to generate lead molecules for subsequent progression into clinical trials.

This contract expands Evotec's existing collaboration with InterMune which was initiated in early 2007. This collaboration applies Evotec's fragment-based drug discovery platform, EVOLution™, in combination with their ultra-high-throughput screening (uHTS) technologies to InterMune's targets. To date new lead series have been identified for further optimization. Evotec also provides medicinal chemistry, secondary screening, protein production, X-ray crystallography and ADMET. The financial terms include a technology access fee for access to Evotec's fragment-based drug discovery platform, EVOLution™, plus ongoing research funding.

"With the support of Evotec, InterMune has made considerable progress in their Hepatitis C drug discovery and development program. We are pleased that InterMune saw the value in our proprietary fragment-based drug discovery technology and that it has contributed to the success to their research efforts," **said Dr Mark Ashton, Executive Vice President Business Development Services at Evotec.**

**Notes to the editor****About Evotec AG**

Evotec is a leader in the discovery and development of novel small molecule drugs. Both through its own discovery programmes and through research collaborations, the Company is generating the highest quality research results to its partners in the pharmaceutical and biotechnology industries.

In proprietary projects, Evotec specialises in finding new treatments for diseases of the Central Nervous System. Evotec has three programmes in clinical development: EVT 201, a partial positive allosteric modulator (pPAM) of the GABA<sub>A</sub> receptor complex for the treatment of insomnia, EVT 101, a subtype selective NMDA receptor antagonist for the treatment of Alzheimer's disease and/or pain, and EVT 302, a MAO-B inhibitor in development for smoking cessation.

On 19 September 2007, Evotec announced that it has entered into a definitive agreement to acquire Renovis, a biopharmaceutical company focused on the discovery and development of drugs for major medical needs in the areas of pain and inflammatory diseases. The acquisition is subject to Renovis' stockholder vote, anti-trust clearance and other customary closing conditions.  
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**Forward looking statements**

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