Declaration of Compliance with the German Corporate Governance Code for the year 2022

The German Corporate Governance Code in its current version as of 28 April 2022 (the ‘Code’) contains principles, recommendations and suggestions for the Management Board and the Supervisory Board that are intended to ensure that the company is managed in its best interests. The Code highlights the obligation of Management Boards and Supervisory Boards – in line with the principles of the social market economy – to take into account the interests of the shareholders, the enterprise’s workforce and the other groups related to the enterprise (stakeholders) to ensure the continued existence of the enterprise and its sustainable value creation (the enterprise’s best interests).

With the following exceptions, Evotec complies with all recommendations of the Code and the majority of the Code’s suggestions. In December 2022, Evotec’s Management Board and Supervisory Board declared in accordance with Section 161 of the German Stock Corporation Act (AktG):

“Evotec SE has complied in 2022 with the recommendations of the Governmental Commission on the German Corporate Governance Code (the “Code”) as published in the official section of the Federal Gazette and intends to comply in the future with the recommendations of the Code, with the following exception:

Notwithstanding Section C.5 of the Code, Prof. Dr. med. Löw-Friedrich, Chief Medical Officer of UCB SA and Chairperson of Evotec's Supervisory Board, has also a seat in the Supervisory Board of Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA. In exercising her mandate as Chairperson of the Supervisory Board of Evotec SE, Prof. Dr. med. Iris Löw-Friedrich always had devoted sufficient time to perform her function to the extent required. Prof. Dr. med. Löw-Friedrich has plausibly demonstrated that this will also be the case in the future.”

Hamburg, December 2022

Management Board Supervisory Board