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Evotec and C4XD enter collaboration to identify pre-clinical development candidates for stress-related addictive disorder programme

- Collaboration leverages the breadth & experience of Evotec's drug discovery infrastructure across chemistry & biology
- Efforts will combine the use of C4XD's proprietary NMR technology to conformational ligand design with Evotec's state-of-the-art biology & computational and medicinal chemistry capabilities

Hamburg, Germany – 19 January 2015: Evotec AG (Frankfurt Stock Exchange: EVT, TecDAX, ISIN: DE0005664809) today announced a research collaboration with C4X Discovery Holdings plc ("C4XD") to optimise Orexin-1 selective inhibitors discovered through C4XD's unique NMR technology. Evotec will apply its drug discovery platform with C4XD to further develop several series of Orexin-1 selective inhibitors.

Activation of the orexin-1 receptor in the brain is associated with stress-related addictive disorders (e.g. for alcohol, nicotine, cocaine and opiates), while the activation of the orexin-2 receptor is associated with biorhythms and wakefulness. Identification and development of selective compounds that inhibit the orexin-1 pathway thus should provide treatments for addiction avoiding the sedative effects associated with inhibition of orexin-2.

"We are delighted to work with C4XD on this strategic collaboration. C4XD has an exciting technology that can really revolutionise how rational drug design is conducted, particularly on targets like Orexin where the conformation of drug-like ligands is particularly important to on-target potency. With Evotec's complementary expertise in computational chemistry, medicinal chemistry and pharmacology we look forward to help drive C4XD's objective to develop compounds to treat addictive disorders", **said Dr Mario Polywka, Chief Operating Officer of Evotec.**

"Through this collaboration with Evotec, we expect our novel biological discoveries and medical insights will be effectively and efficiently progressed into a state-of-the-art drug discovery and development programme. The collaboration is already demonstrating the benefit of

an alliance in accelerating drug discovery projects”, said **Piers Morgan, CEO of C4XD**.

No financial details were disclosed.

ABOUT EVOTEC AG

Evotec is a drug discovery alliance and development partnership company focused on rapidly progressing innovative product approaches with leading pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies. We operate worldwide providing the highest quality stand-alone and integrated drug discovery solutions, covering all activities from target-to-clinic. The Company has established a unique position by assembling top-class scientific experts and integrating state-of-the-art technologies as well as substantial experience and expertise in key therapeutic areas including neuroscience, pain, metabolic diseases as well as oncology, inflammation and infectious diseases. Evotec has long-term discovery alliances with partners including Bayer, Boehringer Ingelheim, CHDI, Genentech, Janssen Pharmaceuticals, MedImmune/AstraZeneca, Roche and UCB. In addition, the Company has existing development partnerships and product candidates both in clinical and pre-clinical development. These include partnerships with Boehringer Ingelheim and MedImmune in the field of diabetes, with Janssen Pharmaceuticals in the field of depression and with Roche in the field of Alzheimer’s disease. For additional information please go to www.evotec.com.

ABOUT C4X DISCOVERY HOLDINGS PLC

C4XD is a Manchester-based company focused on optimising drug discovery and design. It was founded in 2008 as a spin-out from the University of Manchester. The company uses its NMR-based technology to solve the dynamic 3D structures of a broad range of biomolecules, including peptides, cofactors, oligonucleotides and carbohydrates. Since C4XD’s NMR technology shows what shapes active molecules prefer to adopt, it provides high-quality templates for drug discovery and design, and valuable information for drug candidate optimisation. In addition, the data is generated faster and more reliably than standard techniques such as X-ray co-crystallography or molecular modelling. C4XD is using its technology in collaboration with the pharmaceutical industry and to build its own proprietary pipeline of high-value therapeutic candidates. www.c4xdiscovery.com

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