



PRESS RELEASE

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THREE IDYLLA™ TEST PERFORMANCE STUDIES TO BE PRESENTED AT ESMO ONCOLOGY CONFERENCE

Mechelen, Belgium, 7 October 2016 - Biocartis Group NV ('Biocartis'), an innovative molecular diagnostics company (Euronext Brussels: BCART), today announces that three studies on the performance of its Idylla™ based molecular diagnostic tests will be presented at the renowned annual conference of the European Society for Medical Oncology (ESMO), to be held from 7-11 October 2016 in Copenhagen (Denmark).

The ESMO conference is a major scientific oncology conference, attracting an international community of experts across various disciplines, all focused on finding the most effective cancer treatment solutions available today. With approximately 20,000 attendees from all over the world, it offers a key platform for academic groups and companies to present their latest advances in oncology research.

Below is a summary of the performance studies presented at ESMO for three different Idylla™ tests:

- **AstraZeneca KRAS Comparison Study**¹: concerns a comparison study² organised by AstraZeneca, a global biopharmaceutical company, which assessed KRAS mutation detection and functional characteristics such as time-to-result and sensitivity across 12 different KRAS diagnostics technologies commonly used in clinical practice, including the Idylla™ KRAS Mutation Test³.
- **Idylla™ NRAS-BRAF-EGFRS492R Mutation Assay Comparison Study**⁴: discloses results of a comparison of the Idylla™ NRAS-BRAF-EGFRS492R Mutation Assay⁵ with routine sequencing technologies at five European centers.
- **Idylla™ EGFR Mutation Assay Performance Study**⁶: concerns a study on the Idylla™ EGFR Mutation Assay (Research Use Only), assessed on so-called cell line derived materials⁷ and on formalin-fixed paraffin-embedded (FFPE) tissue slices from 141 non-small-cell lung cancer samples.

Biocartis can be visited at booth number 428 at ESMO.

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About Biocartis

Biocartis (Euronext Brussels: BCART) is an innovative molecular diagnostics (MDx) company providing next generation diagnostic solutions aimed at improving clinical practice for the benefit of patients, clinicians, payers and industry. Biocartis' proprietary MDx Idylla™ platform is a fully automated sample-to-result, real-time PCR (Polymerase Chain Reaction) system that offers accurate, highly reliable molecular information from virtually any biological sample in virtually any setting. Biocartis launched the Idylla™ platform in September 2014. Biocartis is developing and marketing a rapidly expanding test menu addressing key unmet clinical needs in oncology and infectious diseases. These areas represent respectively the fastest growing and largest segments of the MDx market worldwide. Today, Biocartis has five oncology tests and two infectious disease tests. More information: www.biocartis.com. Press Photo Library available [here](#). Follow us on [Twitter](#): @Biocartis_.

¹ J.L. Sherwood et al., KRAS – ESMO Abstract 91 P: "Implications of key differences across 12 KRAS mutation detection technologies and their relevance in clinical practice", publically available on <https://cslide.ctimeetingtech.com/library/esmo/browse/itinerary/5286/2016-10-10#2z95w>.

² Performed on 56 DNA samples derived from well-characterized cell lines (no FFPE samples). A cell line is a clone of cultured cells derived from an original patient sample.

³ Now available as CE-marked IVD test.

⁴ Ellen Vercauteren et al., NRAS – ESMO Abstract 1175P: "Ultra-rapid, sensitive, and fully automated extended RAS testing for metastatic colorectal cancer – evaluation of an NRAS/BRAF/EGFR492 module", publically available on <https://cslide.ctimeetingtech.com/library/esmo/browse/itinerary/5286/2016-10-10#2z95w>.

⁵ Research Use Only.

⁶ Preliminary Performance Study based on Research data. Martin Reijns et al., EGFR – ESMO Abstract 1173P: "Fully automated and sensitive detection of EGFR exon 18, 19, 20 and 21 mutational status in less than 2.5 hours from a single FFPE slice", publically available on <https://cslide.ctimeetingtech.com/library/esmo/browse/itinerary/5286/2016-10-10#2z95w>.

⁷ Cytological specimens.

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