



Strategic partnership between AaviGen and the German Primate Center (DPZ) enabled development of heart-specific adeno-associated viral (AAV) capsids in human-relevant models

Heidelberg, Germany – January 24, 2023 – AaviGen, a preclinical stage biotechnology company focused on the development of curative gene therapies for cardiovascular and cardiopulmonary diseases, announced that the strategic partnership with the German Primate Center (DPZ) successfully enabled the development of heart-specific adeno-associated viral (AAV) capsids in non-human primates via AaviGen’s next-generation Cardiac AAV Platform (next-CAP).

“We are excited to work side-by-side with our internationally renowned partner and expert in cardiovascular gene therapy development Prof. Dr. Rabea Hinkel and her experienced team at the DPZ to develop therapeutic solutions for yet incurable rare and common cardiac diseases” explains Prof. Dr. Patrick Most, AaviGen’s CEO. “Working with AaviGen at the forefront of heart-directed gene therapy concepts in human-relevant model systems advances our translational capabilities with access to a novel class of engineered therapeutic vector systems that are key for future effective, safe and easy to administer precision gene therapies against cardiac disorders” replied Prof. Dr. Rabea Hinkel, Director of the DPZ Laboratory Animal Science Unit.

AaviGen and the DPZ will continue their innovative collaborative work on next-generation cardiac gene therapy medicinal product development in human-relevant model systems and accelerate the path to clinical solutions by the creation of synergies.

About AaviGen

AaviGen was founded in 2019 on the understanding that successful gene therapy requires optimized delivery of therapeutic targets to the diseased heart. AaviGen’s scientific approach is documented in numerous peer-reviewed scientific publications and validated by its founders’ track record in scientific innovations for the diagnosis and treatment of cardiac diseases, including gene therapy medicinal products. For more information, please see: www.aavigen.com

About DPZ

The German Primate Center GmbH (DPZ) – Leibniz Institute for Primate Research conducts biological and biomedical research on and with primates in the fields of infection research, neuroscience and primate biology. The DPZ also maintains four field stations in the tropics and is a reference and service center for all aspects of primate research. The DPZ is one of the 97 research and infrastructure facilities of the Leibniz Association.



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