



CENTOGENE Initiates EFRONT Study to Identify Patients With Genetic Forms of Frontotemporal Dementia

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Observational Study to Advance Genetic Understanding of FTD Being Conducted With Support From Alector

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. and ROSTOCK, Germany and BERLIN, June 02, 2021 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Centogene N.V. (Nasdaq: CNTG), a commercial-stage company focused on generating data-driven insights to diagnose, understand, and treat rare diseases, today announced a new observational study to understand the prevalence of genetic mutations in patients with frontotemporal dementia (FTD). The observational EFRONT Study is being conducted with support from Alector, Inc. (Nasdaq: ALEC), a clinical-stage biotechnology company pioneering immuno-neurology, under a commercial agreement, the financial details of which were undisclosed.

Leveraging CENTOGENE's proprietary Bio/Databank, the observational EFRONT Study aims to enroll and genetically test more than 3,000 FTD patients at participating centers in Belgium, Germany, Greece, Italy, Portugal, Spain, and Turkey.

Andrin Oswald, M.D., Chief Executive Officer at CENTOGENE, said, "Over the past 15 years, CENTOGENE's genetic expertise and multiomic approach has brought diverse insights into rare neurodegenerative diseases. I am excited to be teaming up with Alector for the EFRONT Study, which will accelerate the understanding of FTD significantly. The study will take full advantage of the power of CENTOGENE's unique Bio/Databank, expertise in neuroscience, and extensive network of neurologists – increasing the body of degenerative neuroscience data available, and further expanding CENTOGENE's Bio/Databank for discovering the breakthroughs of tomorrow."

Alector is a clinical-stage biotechnology company pioneering immuno-neurology, a novel therapeutic approach for the treatment of neurodegenerative diseases. Alector is developing a broad portfolio of innate immune system programs, designed to functionally repair genetic mutations that cause dysfunction of the brain's immune system and enable the rejuvenated immune cells to counteract emerging brain pathologies.

"Frontotemporal dementia is a devastating disease for which new treatment options are urgently needed," said Robert Paul, M.D., Ph.D., Chief Medical Officer of Alector. "In line with our commitment to improving the lives of patients with frontotemporal dementia, we are pleased to support CENTOGENE's efforts to advance a better and more comprehensive understanding of the genetic underpinnings of FTD through the observational EFRONT Study."

About Frontotemporal Dementia

Frontotemporal Dementia (FTD) is a rapidly progressing and severe form of dementia found most frequently in patients under the age of 65 at the time of diagnosis. It affects approximately 110,000 patients in the European Union and more than 50,000 in the United States. Patients with a mutation in the progranulin gene represent 5% to 10% of FTD patients, with many others having a genetic cause of this disease. There are currently no approved treatment options available for FTD patients.

About CENTOGENE

CENTOGENE engages in diagnosis and research around rare diseases transforming real-world clinical, genetic, and multiomic data to diagnose, understand, and treat rare diseases. Our goal is to bring rationality to treatment decisions and to accelerate the development of new orphan drugs by using our extensive rare disease knowledge and data. CENTOGENE has developed a global proprietary rare disease platform based on our real-world data repository with over 3.9 billion weighted data points from approximately 600,000 patients representing over 120 different countries as of December 31, 2020.

The Company's platform includes epidemiologic, phenotypic, and genetic data that reflects a global population, as well as a biobank of patients' blood samples and cell cultures. CENTOGENE believes this represents the only platform focused on comprehensive analysis of multi-level data to improve the understanding of rare hereditary diseases. It allows for better identification and stratification of patients and their underlying diseases to enable and accelerate discovery, development, and access to orphan drugs. As of December 31, 2020, the Company collaborated with over 30 pharmaceutical partners.

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