

MEDIA RELEASE

Chimera Biotec Partners with AvTech Laboratories to Provide Ultra-High Sensitive Immunoassay Technology to U.S.

KALAMAZOO, Michigan (September, 2006) – AvTech Laboratories, a division of Eurofins Scientific, and Chimera Biotec GmbH of Dortmund, Germany have signed a cooperation agreement that combines Chimera's ultra-high sensitive immunoassay technology, Imperacer™, with AvTech's expertise in state-of-the-art analytical services. Under the agreement, AvTech will serve as the primary provider of Imperacer™ in the United States.

The Imperacer™ technology produces a 100 to 10,000-fold gain in immunoassay sensitivity by combining well-established enzyme-linked immuno-sorbent assay (ELISA) methodology with the signal amplification power of the Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR), a molecular biology technique for the enzymatic replication of DNA without using a living organism.

Additionally, the partnership allows AvTech to provide clients worldwide with access to a leading analytical contract research organization (CRO) for routine analysis of clinical and non-clinical samples using the Imperacer™ technology under good laboratory/manufacturing practice conditions.

"AvTech is a great organization with a commitment to scientific excellence and regulatory compliance. We are excited to work with such an institution," says Ron Wacker, product and service manager at Chimera Biotec.

This innovative technology provides an open technology platform applicable to a broad field of applications and industries including biomarkers, immunogenicity, support for clinical trials, pharmacokinetics and microdosing studies. Imperacer™ is recommended if highly sensitive assays, low sample volumes and excellent matrix tolerance are required.

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For more information on Chimera Biotec and Imperacer™, please visit www.chimera-biotec.com

About Chimera Biotec GmbH

Chimera Biotec GmbH develops and markets ultra sensitive immunoassays based on the company's proprietary Imperacer™ technology. Founded in 2000, Chimera Biotec supplies ultra sensitive assays to biopharmaceutical companies in Europe and the U.S. Additionally, the company customizes assays for a variety of applications such as biomarker analytics, human and veterinarian diagnostics and agriculture, and cosmetics industries. Being the only provider of immunoassays that are 100-10,000 fold higher in sensitivity than conventional ELISA, Chimera Biotec focuses on ambitious analytics like pharmacokinetics, virus detection, quality assurance, doping testing and ultra sensitive detection of CNS markers. In addition to its services, Chimera Biotec offers standard detection reagents and secondary assays compatible to commercially available ELISA kits.

About AvTech Laboratories:

AvTech Laboratories is a full-service analytical contract research organization serving the pharmaceutical industry since 1990 without a single FDA "483" citation. AvTech's services span the entire drug discovery and development continuum and include R&D discovery support, immunoassays & biomarkers, bioanalytical services, method development, and finished pharmaceutical testing.

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