



New needle-free blood-sampling technology

Cerba HealthCare (Issy Les Moulineaux – France) and Loop Medical (Lausanne – Switzerland) can now confirm their partnership following the approval of a needle-free blood-sampling technology.

Issy Les Moulineaux (France) and Lausanne (Switzerland), 19 February 2018

Loop Medical is developing a needle-free blood-sampling technology that will make the process of blood sampling painless and more simple as the analysis is carried out in centralised technical platforms. On top of all this, it is compatible with the pre-existing analytical equipment in medical analysis laboratories. A connectivity system also ensures the traceability of the sample from when it is taken until the results are given.

As part of this partnership, Loop Medical will benefit from Cerba HealthCare's technical, scientific and medical support to finalise the development and refine the market-access strategy and the commercialisation of this revolutionary product.

"We are thrilled to announce this strategic partnership that is proof of Loop Medical's potential to revolutionise blood sampling by finding a solution that will not only improve the patient's experience, but the samplers' safety and the traceability of samples. This support from one of the world leaders in clinical pathology represents a major boost for our development, in a similar way to the support we receive from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation" stated Arthur Queval, Loop Medical founder and CEO.

"This partnership with Loop Medical shows we are following through with our open-innovation strategy that involves identifying early on innovative start-ups, and supporting them in their development to improve our patients' experiences, while offering access to the most innovative tests" explained Jérôme Sallette, Innovation and Development Director of Cerba HealthCare.

About Cerba Healthcare

A European leader in clinical pathology, the group is also involved in three complementary segments:

- local clinical pathology—mainly in France, Belgium, Luxembourg, Italy, and the United Arab Emirates, through a network of 300 laboratories, 150 sampling centres, and 50 technical facilities;
- specialised clinical pathology—through Laboratoire Cerba, its original laboratory, serving more than 50 countries in Europe, Africa, and Asia;
- central lab testing for clinical trials—essential to the development of new molecules by the pharmaceutical and biotechnology industry—through its subsidiaries set up across the 5 continents.

The group recently diversified through the creation of Cerba Vet, securing a position on the market of veterinary clinical pathology and genetics.

Cerba HealthCare has over 4,500 employees, including 430 medical pathologists.

<http://www.cerbahealthcare.com>

About Loop Medical

Loop Medical is a fledgling healthcare start-up based in Lausanne. Launched in 2016, we develop innovative painless and needle-free blood-sampling technology to simplify taking clinical quality laboratory samples. Our company is supported by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to overcome the global problem of infectious diseases.

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