

Protagen and Charles River form strategic partnership

Dortmund, Germany, October 28, 2011. Protagen AG, Dortmund, a GMP-certified specialist in the characterization of protein drugs and Charles River Laboratories International, Inc., one of the world leading companies in high-quality research models and preclinical and clinical support services, are pleased to announce a strategic Marketing & Sales alliance.

For Charles River Biopharmaceutical Services (BPS) the fast-growing demand for biopharmaceuticals testing requires an expert partner with a broad range of services. Charles River BPS delivers client-focused solutions tailored to the specific testing and manufacturing requirements of biologics. Partnering with Protagen AG, an international leading specialist in the fields of in-vitro diagnostics and GMP-compliant protein analysis, will provide clients with services covering the entire range of protein analytics from detailed protein characterization to stability and lot release testing.

Working together, Charles River and Protagen can offer analytical experience and superior services through a single point of contact, providing more efficient project work and study design.

"The technology portfolio and the exceptional expertise of Charles River in the area of certified bioservices will synergistically complement the experience and competences of Protagen in the field of biotherapeutics and biosimilars. The customers in the pharmaceutical and biotech sector will profit from this alliance through the direct access to a comprehensive service portfolio", comments Dr. Stefan Müllner, CEO of Protagen AG.

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About Protagen AG

Protagen AG (www.protagen.de) is an international leading specialist in the fields of *in-vitro* diagnostics and GMP-compliant protein analysis. The innovations of Protagen are UNIarray[®], a technology platform for the development of novel serum based diagnostics, as well as UNIchip[®], a versatile product family of protein microarrays for faster development of antibodies.

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