

Press Release

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Biolin Medical and Investor AB invests in the newly formed company AlcoDia

Biolin Medical and Investor AB, through the wholly owned subsidiary Investor Growth Capital, invests in a new method aimed at detecting and measuring use of alcohol. Together with the diagnostics companies Axis Shield and Mercodia and a group of leading scientists at the unit for problems related to drug abuse at the Karolinska Institute in Stockholm, the company AlcoDia has been started.

The company is based on a new and patented test for detecting and measuring use of alcohol. The test measures the occurrence of the substance 5HTOL that increases in connection with the combustion of alcohol in the human body. The substance is segregated in a different form in urine and can be detected a prolonged period after the intake of alcohol compared to what can be measured in blood or breathe.

The test has a large potential in circumstances where todays methods give inadequate information. New possibilities to measure the intake of alcohol, by individuals or occupational groups, within areas that put high demands on safety are created. There is also potential for new applications within the area of treatment of drugabuse.

The leading scientists behind the method has previous experience from developing a test for excess consumption of alcohol, CDT, together with Pharmacia Diagnostics. This test is today produced and marketed by Axis Shield.

"We believe that a test like this is of great importance. Firstly testing will become simpler and it also increases the probability for accurate measurement a prolonged time after the intake of alcohol", says Staffan Josphson, Senior Investment Manager, Investor Growth Capital.

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“AlcoDia is an attractive investment for Biolin. This is a combination of a new and innovative method, with great potential within an important area and in addition to that experienced partners that are involved with the project”, says Per Spångberg, CEO of Biolin Medical AB.

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Biolin Medical increases engagement in Cavid Tech

Biolin Medical has subscribed to additional shares in Cavid Tech based in Uppsala, north of Stockholm. The business of Cavid Tech involves research, production and marketing of *in vitro* tests within virology. Biolin is already a shareholder of Cavid Tech and the increased holding is accomplished through subscription to a new share issue directed towards Biolin Medical AB and the, by Investor AB, wholly owned subsidiary Investor Growth Capital.

"We increase our commitment in Cavid Tech based on the fact that the company develops according to plan. The test developed by Cavid Tech to measure viral load, among other things in people infected by HIV, has created a large interest by potential partners", says Per Spångberg, CEO of Biolin Medical. He continues, "The company also posts an impressive research in the area of retrovirus and we believe there is potential for a further number of interesting products in the future".

Cavid Tech already posts sales of several products for measuring so called RT activity. The products offer high sensitivity, which creates a number of possible areas of application, mainly in the field of retrovirus research.

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