

## **Galapagos and Blood Centers of America announce strategic collaboration to accelerate Galapagos' decentralized CAR-T manufacturing network in the U.S.**

- **BCA's national network of blood centers will provide decentralized manufacturing services for Galapagos' CAR-T product candidates, close to cancer treatment centers**
- **Collaboration enables rapid deployment of Galapagos' decentralized CAR-T platform across the U.S., improving patient access to potentially life-saving CAR-T treatments**
- **Important milestone for Galapagos' U.S. expansion strategy, supporting upcoming pivotal trials and potential future commercial manufacturing of CAR-T therapies**
- **Complements existing collaborations with Galapagos' other manufacturing partners**

**Mechelen, Belgium; 15 May 2024, 22:01 CET; Galapagos NV (Euronext & NASDAQ: GLPG) and Blood Centers of America (BCA) today announced that they have entered into a strategic collaboration for the decentralized manufacturing of Galapagos' CAR-T cell therapies through BCA's network in the U.S.**

Under the terms of the collaboration agreement, BCA will provide access to its extensive network of over 50 community blood centers in 43 states for Good Manufacturing Practice compliant manufacturing for Galapagos' CAR-T hemato-oncology clinical program. This agreement complements existing collaborations between Galapagos and Landmark Bio and Thermo Fisher Scientific.

Galapagos will leverage BCA's network to initiate technology transfer to multiple sites in parallel for the decentralized manufacturing of its CAR-T product candidates, close to cancer treatment centers, while also accessing apheresis capacity at BCA sites when required. In addition, BCA will play a crucial coordinating role by supporting site initiation and onboarding to accelerate Galapagos' efforts and ensure consistent quality.

Galapagos' innovative, decentralized manufacturing platform could address many of the limitations that currently available CAR-T production is facing. It has the potential to offer greater speed and scalability, with the delivery of fresh, fit cells with a vein-to-vein time of seven days and the possibility for greater physician control and improved patient experience.

"Our collaboration with Blood Centers of America marks a major milestone for Galapagos' U.S. expansion by establishing centers for support of our pivotal studies, with the potential to be used for commercial introduction. Working with BCA's extensive nationwide network allows us to efficiently scale up decentralized CAR-T therapy manufacturing across the U.S., while their established infrastructure helps us harmonize operations and access apheresis capacity," said Dr. Paul Stoffels<sup>1</sup>, CEO and Chairman of the Board of Directors of Galapagos. "This agreement complements the existing collaborations between Galapagos and Landmark Bio and Thermo Fisher Scientific and translates to a significant step forward in our aspiration to bring CAR-T therapies to more patients with a vein-to-vein time of just seven days."

"We are very pleased to partner with Galapagos in expanding their nationwide CAR-T manufacturing network," said Delisa English, BCA Board Chair. "Our decades of experience and advanced capabilities in regulatory compliant biologic processing across the U.S. will facilitate seamless technology transfer across multiple sites. We strongly believe that the combination of Galapagos' decentralized manufacturing platform and our national cell therapy manufacturing footprint will ultimately benefit patients by providing convenient access to our local facilities for apheresis and local healthcare providers within their communities."

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<sup>1</sup> Throughout this press release, 'Dr. Paul Stoffels' should be read as 'Dr. Paul Stoffels, acting via Stoffels IMC BV'

## About Galapagos' decentralized CAR-T manufacturing platform

Galapagos' decentralized, innovative CAR-T manufacturing platform has the potential for the administration of fresh, fit cells within a median vein-to-vein time of seven days, greater physician control and improved patient experience. The platform consists of an end-to-end xCellit™ workflow management and monitoring software system, a decentralized, functionally closed, automated manufacturing platform for cell therapies (using Lonza's Cocoon®) and a proprietary quality control testing and release strategy.

## About Galapagos

We are a biotechnology company with operations in Europe and the U.S. dedicated to developing transformational medicines for more years of life and quality of life. Focusing on high unmet medical needs, we synergize compelling science, technology, and collaborative approaches to create a deep pipeline of best-in-class small molecules, CAR-T therapies, and biologics in oncology and immunology. With capabilities from lab to patient, including a decentralized CAR-T manufacturing network, we are committed to challenging the status quo and delivering results for our patients, employees and shareholders. For additional information, please visit [www.glp.com](http://www.glp.com) or follow us on [LinkedIn](#) or [X \(formerly Twitter\)](#).

## About BCA Cell Therapies Network

Blood Centers of America (BCA) is the largest blood supply network in the United States. The BCA Advanced Therapies Network is a diverse, integrated portfolio offering a full spectrum of support for the development and delivery of advanced therapies. With the largest network of facilities in advanced therapies, our network brings unparalleled and coordinated access to a vast array of members and clients with a variety of service offerings related to starting material, testing, quality control, cryopreservation, manufacturing and clinical applications. To learn more, visit: [bcaadvancedtherapies.com](http://bcaadvancedtherapies.com).

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