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Roche introduces new cobas p 630 Instrument and AMPLILINK 3.3 Series Software with CE Mark

New pre-analytical solution that integrates automated primary tube handling

PLEASANTON, California – Roche Molecular Diagnostics (SIX: RO, ROG; OTCQX: RHHBY) announced today the availability of the **cobas p 630 Instrument** with CE Mark and the **AMPLILINK 3.3 Series Software**. The **cobas p 630 Instrument** and the **AMPLILINK 3.3 Series Software** is intended for the E.U. and countries outside the United States that accept products with the CE Mark. With this introduction, Roche has the only pre-analytical instrument that unites primary tube handling with fully automated sample preparation, amplification and detection for molecular diagnostics. The **AMPLILINK 3.3 Series Software** is the latest version of the widely adopted software that integrates the **cobas p 630 Instrument** with the market leading **COBAS® AmpliPrep Instruments** and **COBAS® TaqMan® Analyzers**.

Jeff Heimburger, International Business Leader of Virology at Roche Molecular Diagnostics said, “The complete system provides our customers in the E.U. and countries outside the U.S. that accept CE Marked products with a flexible and integrated solution with automated pre-analytics and real-time PCR diagnostic testing for a broad menu of important molecular tests (HIV, HCV, and HBV).”

The **cobas p 630 Instrument** provides a state-of-the art, automated pre-analytical solution for primary tube handling and features full sample traceability and process surveillance. These features effectively eliminate manual steps, pipetting errors, and the associated risks of repetitive stress injuries.

“We are excited by the addition of the **cobas p 630 Instrument** to our portfolio. Combined with **AMPLILINK 3.3 Series Software**, the **cobas p 630 Instrument** specifically addresses the throughput needs of a key customer segment while at the same time reduces hands-on time, a critical measure for lab efficiency,” said Neil Gunn, Head of Global Business at Roche Molecular Diagnostics.

About the cobas p 630 Instrument and AMPLILINK 3.3 Series Software

The Roche **cobas p 630 Instrument** is an automated pre-analytical instrument for primary tube handling. The automation features include: de-capping and capping of the sample tube; pipetting Roche controls from control tubes to sample tubes; pipetting samples from primary tubes to multiple sample tubes. The **cobas p 630 Instrument** is compatible with a variety of standard primary tubes. Bar-code tracking from primary tube to result ensures full sample traceability. Maximum sample throughput is 154 samples per hour.

The AMPLILINK Software, a Windows® operating system-based application, is designed to deliver maximum flexibility, efficiency, and integrity to the laboratory's workflow – from sample input through results output. AMPLILINK 3.3 Series Software manages the operation of the connected COBAS® Instruments and Analyzers. One AMPLILINK data station is capable of supporting up to 3 COBAS® AmpliPrep Instruments and 3 Analyzers (combination of COBAS® AMPLICOR®, COBAS® TaqMan® and COBAS® TaqMan® 48 Analyzers), together with the **cobas p 630** Instrument for pre-analytics.

About Roche

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In 2008, Roche had over 80,000 employees worldwide and invested almost 9 billion Swiss francs in R&D. The Group posted sales of 45.6 billion Swiss francs. Genentech, United States, is a wholly owned member of the Roche Group. Roche has a majority stake in Chugai Pharmaceutical, Japan.

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