

# Poster illustrating latest promising TNFα Kinoid clinical data to be presented at DDW 2010 in New Orleans

**Paris, April 21 2010** – Neovacs (Alternext Paris: ALNEV) announced today that a poster sharing the latest clinical results achieved with its TNF $\alpha$  Kinoid immunotherapy in patients with Crohn's Disease will be presented at Digestive Disease Week. <u>DDW 2010</u> will take place from May 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> in New Orleans.

The poster presentation is part of the Tuesday May 4<sup>th</sup> session, with the theme of "IBD: Controlled Clinical Trials in Humans", in Hall F of the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center. The poster is titled "Active therapeutic immunization against TNF with a TNF Kinoid in Crohn's disease patients: A Phase 1-2 Study." The lead author of the poster is Professor Gerhard Rogler, of the Department of Gastroenterology and Hepatology of the University Hospital, Zurich, and one of the clinical investigators on the trial.

Neovacs' TNF $\alpha$  Kinoid is in clinical development for Crohn's disease and rheumatoid arthritis indications.

## **About Neovacs**

Neovacs is a biotechnology company focused on an active immunotherapy technology platform with applications in autoimmune diseases and other chronic conditions. It was founded as a spin-off from Pierre & Marie Curie University in Paris by Professor Daniel Zagury, MD, one of the world's leading immunologists.

Neovacs' portfolio currently consists of drug 3 candidates:  $TNF\alpha$ -K,  $IFN\alpha$ -K and VEGF-K. The company's lead immunotherapy program,  $TNF\alpha$ -K targets TNFa-mediated chronic inflammatory diseases. It is in a Phase I/II clinical trial in Crohn's Disease patients, and a Phase II trial in rheumatoid arthritis patients. This clinical study is also the focus of a collaboration with the diagnostics company BMD, with the goal of developing theranostic tools for personalized care. At the end of 2008, TNF-K was selected by Thomson Reuters as the most promising drug to be entering Phase II clinical trials.

The company second product candidate, IFN $\alpha$  K, an immunotherapy targeting interferon alpha (IFN $\alpha$ ), in lupus patients is entering Phase I/II for lupus.

The company's R&D has generated a broad patent estate.

For more information, visit the Neovacs web site at www.neovacs.com.

# **About DDW**

DDW is the largest international gathering of physicians, researchers and academics in the fields of gastroenterology, hepatology, endoscopy and gastrointestinal surgery. It is jointly sponsored by the American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases, the AGA Institute, the American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy and the Society for Surgery of the Alimentary Tract. For more information, visit <a href="https://www.ddw.org">www.ddw.org</a>.

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