



PRESS RELEASE

CARMAT announces the resumption of production of prostheses for the PIVOTAL study

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CARMAT (FR0010907956, ALCAR), the designer and developer of the world's most advanced total artificial heart, aiming to provide a therapeutic alternative for people suffering from end-stage biventricular heart failure, today announces the resumption of the production of prostheses for the PIVOTAL study.

Following the analysis of information gathered from the experience accumulated with the first cohort of its PIVOTAL study and data recorded on test benches, CARMAT has implemented a number of changes to its manufacturing processes, including the transfer of all production activities to the Bois d'Arcy site, mainly to avoid a risk of malfunctions that could affect the electronic module of the prosthesis.

The prostheses that will be used for patients in the second cohort of the PIVOTAL study will come exclusively from the Bois d'Arcy production site where the new procedures are now applied.

Given these changes, CARMAT is planning to resume implants within the framework of the PIVOTAL study by the end of the third quarter of 2019, subject to prior approval from both the appropriate authorities in the 3 countries in which the second part of the PIVOTAL study has been authorized so far (Czech Republic, Denmark and Kazakhstan) and the ethical committees of the hospitals that are participating in the study.

Once the second cohort (10 patients) has been completed, CARMAT will submit its clinical dossier to the DEKRA certification body with a view to obtain CE marking in 2020.

Given the significant positive results obtained from the first cohort of the PIVOTAL study in terms of the benefits for patients, as well as the changes it has made to its manufacturing processes, CARMAT remains determined and confident regarding its ability to provide patients suffering from end-stage biventricular heart failure with a safe and effective therapeutic solution.

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About CARMAT: the world's most advanced total artificial heart project

A credible response to end-stage heart failure: CARMAT aims to eventually provide a response to a major public health issue associated with heart disease, the world's leading cause of death: chronic and acute heart failure. By pursuing the development of its total artificial heart, CARMAT intends to overcome the well-known shortfall in heart transplants for the tens of thousands of people suffering from irreversible end-stage heart failure, the most seriously affected of the 20 million patients with this progressive disease in Europe and the United States.

The result of combining two types of unique expertise: the medical expertise of Professor Carpentier, known throughout the world for inventing Carpentier-Edwards® heart valves, which are the most used in the world, and the technological expertise of Airbus Group, world aerospace leader.

Imitating the natural heart: given its size, the choice of structural materials and its innovative physiological functions, CARMAT's total artificial heart could, assuming the necessary clinical trials are successful, potentially benefit the lives of thousands of patients a year with no risk of rejection and with a good quality of life.

A project leader acknowledged at a European level: with the backing of the European Commission, CARMAT has been granted the largest subsidy ever given to an SME by Bpifrance; a total of €33 million.

Strongly committed, prestigious founders and shareholders: Airbus Group (Matra Défense), Professor Alain Carpentier, the Centre Chirurgical Marie Lannelongue, Truffle Capital, a leading European venture capital firm, ALIAD (Air Liquide's venture capital investor), CorNovum (an investment holding company held 50-50 by Bpifrance and the French State), the family offices of Pierre Bastid (Lohas) and of Dr. Antonino Ligresti (Santé Holdings S.R.L.), Groupe Therabel as well as the thousands of institutional and individual shareholders who have placed their trust in CARMAT.

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