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## Diabetes Center Berne is expanding its network by partnering with the Diabetes-Technologie Forschungs- und Entwicklungsgesellschaft mbH at the University of Ulm

**Bern / Ulm, 31 March 2021: Diabetes Center Berne and the Institute for Diabetes-Technology Ulm expand their European diabetes technology networks by signing a framework agreement with each other.**

Diabetes Center Berne (DCB) seeks out research projects and ideas from both researchers and entrepreneurs and helps them grow. These ideas and projects come not only from Switzerland, but from all over the world. The support Diabetes Center Berne gives comes in the form of business expertise, access to clinical research facilities, access to its own laboratory facilities and workspaces, and financial resources. It works in close scientific partnership with the Department of Diabetes, Endocrinology, Clinical Nutrition and Metabolism, Bern University Hospital, University of Bern (UDEM), a university hospital with a stellar international reputation in the field of diabetes technology.

The Institute for Diabetes Technology Ulm (IfDT) is a centre of excellence that enjoys international renown for its work in the field of diabetes technology. The IfDT has over 20 years of experience in the areas of glucose measurement systems, continuous glucose monitoring, insulin pumps and closed-loop applications. This expertise perfectly complements the established partnership between Diabetes Center Berne and UDEM, which is already bearing fruit in the area of closed-loop / artificial pancreas systems.

The goal of this partnership is to grow diabetes technology projects together and drive them forward. That means getting innovative solutions market-ready quickly so that they can improve the daily lives of people with diabetes.

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*"I am delighted that we have been able to get IfDT on board—yet another strong partner that has been active in the field of diabetes technology in Europe for years.*

This partnership will strengthen our international network and help drive the translational development of products and solutions onward," says Derek Brandt, CEO of DCB.

More than thirty years ago, the IfDT set its sights on the simplification and automation of diabetes technology, and since then, it has been instrumental in shaping and driving this trend.

The core skills of the IfDT include the planning, set-up, implementation, evaluation and publication of clinical trials of medical devices, as well as in vitro diagnostics for companies throughout the medical sector, and especially in the MedTech sector.

The IfDT's experienced, interdisciplinary team also has great quality management and regulatory expertise.

Dr. Guido Freckmann, CEO of IfDT said: *"What we care about is making sure that innovative, high-quality medical devices are available to treat diabetes. The ultimate purpose of this is to make treatment better and less burdensome for patients, and to prevent complications. In Diabetes Center Berne, we have found a partner we can stand shoulder to shoulder with, one that has the same values as us. We are looking forward to embarking on a lasting, successful partnership based on mutual trust."*

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