



Press Release

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## **Award: MLL Munich Leukemia Laboratory now one of the TOP 100**

***Munich, 6/29/2019*** – At the 26th TOP 100 innovation competition, MLL Munich Leukemia Laboratory managed to secure a place among the 100 top companies. For this reason, the company was given an award by competition mentor Ranga Yogeshwar, scientific director for the comparison Prof. Dr. Nikolaus Franke, and compamedia on June 28 in the Frankfurt Jahrhunderthalle. TOP 100 assesses the innovation management of medium-sized companies based on a systematic scientific method. In particular, Munich Leukemia Laboratory with its 199 employees did impressively in the independent selection process thanks to its innovative successes.

This diagnostics laboratory conducts tests for around 60 percent of all leukemia patients in Germany and will have analyzed a total of more than 90,000 samples this year. Even though all of these analyses are currently state of the art, Managing Director Prof. Dr. Dr. Torsten Haferlach is confident that completely new diagnostic methods will come to the fore in the near future. “We are on the verge of a technological leap that will be of a magnitude similar to the jump from a rotary-dial phone to a smartphone.” The key driver behind this technological leap is the progress in decoding the human genome. “Back when we started, it was common for us to test 40 different genes for leukemia diagnoses. Today, there are more than 250,” explains Managing Director Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Kern.

However, the top innovator in Bavaria is not content with merely going along with technological progress – instead, it wants to be a frontrunner and a pioneer. That is why the Managing Directors have built one of the largest gene sequencing instruments in all of Europe and now have already analyzed the complete genome of 4,500 leukemia patients in the course of a research project. “The more precisely we can identify and describe the individual leukemia subgroups, the more accurately we will be able to treat them,” says Managing Director Prof. Dr. Claudia Haferlach. Alongside her fellow Managing Directors, she works in routine clinical diagnostics while regularly publishing the results of scientific research.

“We are very pleased with the award. After all, it shows that we are able to make an important contribution to medical progress using our approaches and our work,” adds Prof. Dr. Dr. Haferlach. With artificial intelligence, algorithms programmed in-house, and intensive research, it will be possible in the future to provide even more accurate diagnoses and employ therapies tailor-made for individual patients.

### **MLL Munich Leukemia Laboratory**

MLL Munich Leukemia Laboratory is a nationally as well as internationally active laboratory working to diagnose cases of leukemia and lymphoma. The expertise embedded within the

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company along with its excellent quality assurance and turnaround times guarantee optimal test procedures for suspected diagnoses of leukemia or lymphoma. In addition, modern equipment and state-of-the-art analysis methods lead to optimal diagnostics for patients. Munich Leukemia Laboratory is one of the world's leading companies when it comes to the wide range of its diagnostics portfolio. The combination of interconnected methods of cytomorphology, chromosome analysis, FISH, immunophenotyping, and a large number of molecular genetic test procedures makes it possible to gain a comprehensive picture of the existing illness in order to subsequently ensure optimal, customized medical treatment for patients.

#### **TOP 100: the Competition**

Since 1993, compamedia has been awarding medium-sized companies the TOP 100 Seal for distinguished innovative strength and outstanding innovation success. The scientific direction has been in the hands of Prof. Dr. Nikolaus Franke since 2002. Dr. Franke is the founder and CEO of the Institute of Entrepreneurship and Innovation at the Vienna University of Economics and Business. The mentor at TOP 100 is scientific journalist Ranga Yogeshwar. Project partners are the Fraunhofer Society for the Promotion of Applied Research and BVMW. Media partners helping with the comparison of companies are manager magazin, impulse, and W&V. For more information, please visit [www.top100.de](http://www.top100.de).

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