

## Clanotech granted Orphan Drug Designation by the U.S. FDA

STOCKHOLM - March 27, 2015. Karolinska Development AB (STO: KDEV), a leading Nordic investor in life sciences, today notes that the portfolio company Clanotech AB has received Orphan Drug Designation by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for its candidate drug CLT-288643 for the use as adjuvant treatment to surgery in glaucoma patients.

Clanotech's lead compound CLT-28643, an  $\alpha 5\beta 1$ -integrin antagonist, has anti-angiogenic, anti-fibrotic and anti-inflammatory properties. Based on promising preclinical data in animal models for glaucoma, CLT-28643 has the potential to regulate wound healing processes following glaucoma surgery.

"Clanotech is focused on an important therapeutic area as incorrect healing after surgical intervention of glaucoma often is detrimental to maintaining vision. Karolinska Development is a dedicated investor that is focused on innovative treatments that address unmet medical needs and the received orphan drug designation confirms Clanotech's strategically fit in our portfolio", says Jim Van heusden, CEO of Karolinska Development.

For more information on the Orphan Drug Designation and Clanotech please visit: www.clanotech.se

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