



**Hookipa Biotech to Present at  
36th Annual J.P. Morgan Healthcare Conference 2018**

**Vienna, Austria, 21 December 2017** - Hookipa Biotech AG ("Hookipa"), a clinical stage biotech company pioneering an innovative class of immune activation therapies for oncology and infectious diseases, today announced that CEO Joern Aldag will be presenting at the 36th Annual J.P. Morgan Healthcare Conference that is being held in San Francisco, CA from January 8-11, 2018. The Company's presentation is scheduled for Wednesday, January 10 at 04:30 PM Pacific Standard Time.

Mr. Aldag will provide an overview of the Company's strategy as well as an update on its development programs, including its progress on two proof-of concept clinical trials and its plan to expand its technology platform into other disease areas.

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## **About Hookipa Biotech**

Hookipa Biotech is a clinical stage company developing next-generation immunotherapies for infectious diseases and cancer using novel proprietary arenavirus vector platforms.

Hookipa's Vaxwave<sup>®</sup> technology presents a completely new replication-defective viral vector platform designed to overcome the limitations of current technologies. Vaxwave<sup>®</sup> is based on lymphocytic choriomeningitis virus (LCMV). In this vector the gene encoding the LCMV envelope protein, normally responsible for virus entry into target cells, has been deleted and replaced with an antigen of interest. The resulting vectors infect dendritic cells and stimulate very potent and long-lasting immune response, however they cannot replicate and are therefore non-pathogenic and inherently safe.

Hookipa's TheraT<sup>®</sup> platform is based on an attenuated replicating arenavirus and is capable of eliciting the most potent T cell responses - a crucial step in treating patients with aggressive cancers. Significant pre-clinical data demonstrates that TheraT<sup>®</sup> is a powerful modality capable of turning "cold tumors hot" which should result in an additional layer of efficacy in the fight against solid tumors. Specifically, TheraT<sup>®</sup> has proven to be safe in animals as well as capable of eliciting uniquely potent antigen-specific CD8+ cytotoxic T cell responses and strong tumor control in mice. The first clinical trial with HB-201 targeting human papilloma virus-induced head and neck cancer is currently being prepared. This immuno-oncology technology is further being leveraged to target tumor self-antigens or shared neoantigens.

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