

Press release

## **Pulmologix raises € 9.6 million to develop a new oral non-steroidal anti-asthmatic drug**

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Pulmologix AB today announced the closing of a series B financing of € 9.6 million to develop a new Oral Non-Steroidal Anti-asthmatic (ONSA) for the treatment of early onset allergic asthma.

Asthma is an inflammatory condition affecting some 300 million people of which about two thirds have early onset allergic asthma. Despite the use of inhaled corticosteroids, only 50% of the patients have adequate asthma control, and the socioeconomic burden of uncontrolled asthma is huge. "Patients and clinicians have a strong preference for oral, safe and effective asthma medicines over inhaled medications. We believe that Pulmologix's lead compound addresses this need and has a great market potential" says Dr Carl-Johan Dalsgaard, CEO and co-founder of Pulmologix.

Pulmologix proprietary lead compound is targeting the allergic reaction triggering human asthma and is scheduled to enter phase I trials later this year and clinical proof of concept trials in 2015.

The financing was led by Novo Seeds, the seed fund of Novo A/S, and Sunstone Capital of Denmark. Previous investors Forbion Capital Partners of the Netherlands and HealthCap participated in the round. "We are pleased to invest in Pulmologix and view this as an exciting opportunity in a common and undertreated disease" says Bobby Soni, Investment Director of Novo Seeds who together with Andreas Segerros of Sunstone now joins the Board of Directors.

### **About Pulmologix AB**

Pulmologix AB is a Swedish private clinical stage company exploring new medical approaches to treat respiratory disease. The major shareholders are HealthCap (co-founder), Forbion Capital Partners of the Netherlands, Novo Seeds and Sunstone of Denmark.

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