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## *MEDIA RELEASE*

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### **Managing director for Diabetes Center Berne**

Berne, 30th August 2017, 7.00 a.m. – Work on setting up the Diabetes Center Berne (DCB) diabetes research centre has commenced. The DCB Research AG, which is to coordinate the research work and projects, was established in mid-August. Lukas Frösch was appointed as managing director. He will take up his position on 01st December 2017. Prof. Dr. med. Christoph Stettler was appointed as chairman of the DCB Scientific Advisory Board.

Lukas Frösch was appointed as managing director of the DCB Research AG as per 01st December 2017. Mr Frösch has over ten years of experience in corporate and business development. After 5 years at SBB, where he set up business development in sales among other things, he now returns to the field of medical technology. Between 2006 and 2012 he was responsible at Ypsomed for establishing subsidiaries and examining strategic developments and acquisitions in the field of diabetes. The focus of his activities during the first year will be on the definition of major topics and setting up of the core team.

Prof. Dr. med. Christoph Stettler, Clinic Director and Chief Physician at the University Clinic for Diabetology, Endocrinology, Nutritional Medicine & Metabolism (UDEM), will act as chairman of the DCB Scientific Advisory Board. Together with the board and executive management of the DCB Research AG, Prof. Stettler will set up the Scientific Advisory Board over the coming twelve months. Its tasks include the assessment of research and development approaches as well as the recommendation of projects for support or rejection by the Diabetes Center Berne Foundation.

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#### **About the Diabetes Centre Berne**

The focus of the Diabetes Center Berne (DCB) is to solve the unmet needs in the therapy and treatment of diabetes mellitus. The Center will cooperate closely with the University Clinic for Diabetology, Endocrinology, Nutritional Medicine & Metabolism (UDEM) of the Insel hospital. The DCB will move into the new building on the premises of the Insel hospital after opening of the sitem-insel translation centre. Dr. h.c. Willy Michel, Chairman of the Board at the Ypsomed Group, will provide the sum of 50 million Swiss francs for this venture from private means.