Abbott And Sanofi Partner To Integrate Glucose Sensing And Insulin Delivery Technologies To Help Change The Way Diabetes Is Managed

- Collaboration aims to provide a connected device experience for millions of people living with diabetes using insulin

- Two world leaders in diabetes work together to drive meaningful change in care

ABBOTT PARK, Ill. and PARIS, Sept. 16, 2019 /PRNewswire/ -- Abbott (NYSE: ABT) and Sanofi are partnering to integrate glucose sensing and insulin delivery technologies that would help to further simplify how people with diabetes manage their condition. The two companies will take an innovative approach to connected care by developing tools that combine the revolutionary FreeStyle Libre technology with Sanofi's insulin dosing information for future smart pens, insulin titration apps and cloud software.

"As the global leader in continuous glucose monitoring, we see a significant opportunity to impact the health of millions of people living with diabetes by developing new tools and connectivity with Sanofi, a leader in the insulin space," said Jared Watkin, senior vice president, Diabetes Care, Abbott. "Diabetes can be overwhelming as it is an information-rich condition with various streams of data from multiple devices. Building a digital ecosystem around FreeStyle Libre simplifies the user experience by consolidating how people get their data – both through offering Abbott's digital health tools and by working with other diabetes and technology leaders."

The non-exclusive collaboration will initially enable data sharing, at the consent of the user, between Abbott's FreeStyle Libre mobile app and cloud software and Sanofi's connected insulin pens, apps and cloud software that are currently in development. This data sharing will enable both people with diabetes and their doctors to make better informed treatment decisions around medication, nutrition and lifestyle.

"For close to a century, Sanofi has been supporting those living with diabetes through our robust portfolio of medicines. This strategic relationship with Abbott is representative of the next evolution of our commitment for better diabetes care by incorporating digital tools into the daily life of people living with diabetes," said Gustavo Pesquin, senior vice president of Global Diabetes and Cardiovascular Franchise at Sanofi. "By partnering with Abbott, we are a step closer to realizing our connected ecosystem, which would help improve control and the quality of life decision cycle for patients through individualized glycemic management of diabetes."

Sanofi is currently working to provide connected pens, apps and cloud software that will be compatible with the FreeStyle Libre system and its compatible digital health tools. The two companies aim to bring this to people with diabetes within the next few years, pending local regulatory approvals.

About Sanofi
Sanofi is dedicated to supporting people through their health challenges. We are a global biopharmaceutical company focused on human health. We prevent illness with vaccines, provide innovative treatments to fight pain and ease suffering. We stand by the few who suffer from rare diseases and the millions with long-term chronic conditions.

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About the FreeStyle Libre System

Abbott's FreeStyle Libre, the #1 sensor-based glucose monitoring system used worldwide,[i] reads glucose levels through a sensor that can be worn on the back of the upper arm eliminating the need for fingersticks[ii]. FreeStyle Libre has changed the lives of more than 1.5 million people across 46 countries[iii], and has secured partial or full reimbursement in 33 countries, including Canada, France, Ireland, Japan, the United Kingdom, and the U.S.

Abbott's FreeStyle LibreLink[iv] app enables users to capture and view their real-time glucose levels, their eight-hour glucose history, and how their glucose is currently changing on their smartphone. LibreView[v] is a secure cloud-based diabetes management system that gives people with diabetes and healthcare professionals clear, easy-to-understand reports from the FreeStyle Libre system. LibreLinkUp[vi] is an app that enables caregivers of people living with diabetes to remotely monitor their loved ones' glucose readings. For more information, please visit www.freestylelibre.us.

Important safety information: https://www.freestylelibre.us/safety-information.html

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[i] Data on file, Abbott Diabetes Care. Data based on the number of users worldwide for the FreeStyle Libre system compared to the number of users for other leading personal use, sensor-based glucose monitoring systems.

[ii] A finger prick test using a blood glucose meter is required during times of rapidly changing glucose levels when interstitial fluid glucose levels may not accurately reflect blood levels or if hypoglycaemia is reported by the system or when symptoms do not match the systems readings.

[iii] Data on file, Abbott Diabetes Care

[iv] The FreeStyle LibreLink app is compatible with NFC enabled phones running Android OS 5.0 or higher and with iPhone 7 and higher running OS 11 and higher.

[v] LibreView is developed and distributed by Newyu, Inc.

[vi] LibreLinkUp is a mobile application, developed and provided by Newyu, Inc. Use of LibreLinkUp requires registration with LibreView, a service provided by Abbott and Newyu, Inc.

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