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**Beremans Ltd Announces Publication of Cardiotoxicity Report in Collaboration with Insight Pharma Reports (Cambridge Healthtech Institute).**

Beremans Ltd ([www.beremans.com](http://www.beremans.com)), a Cambridge (UK)-based company that provides business intelligence services for the Life Sciences sector, announced today the publication of a report covering issues related to cardiotoxicity and drug development. The report discusses methods, products and services designed to identify cardiotoxic compounds before they reach the market; discusses the current and possible future regulatory environment; outlines main commercial competitors; and suggests broad types of commercial opportunity in this subsector. The primary focus is on identification of drug-induced proarrhythmia, but some discussion is provided on identification of other forms of cardiotoxicity.

In particular, the report compares various recommended and proposed surrogates for torsades de pointes (TdP) risk. Preclinical and clinical proarrhythmia screens are discussed, including *in silico* methods, *in vitro* single cell / multicellular methods, *in vivo* methods and early clinical trial methods. Some discussion also is provided on mechanisms of screening for 'direct' (non-proarrhythmic) cardiotoxicity. In addition, the report contains the results of an industry survey undertaken by online questionnaire and by one-to-one interviews with key experts. An overview of 50 commercial entities offering cardiotoxicity screening products / services is provided. Further analysis is included regarding the competitive positioning and ownership of 29 companies that have some clear cardiotoxicity screening focus. Broad consolidation / M&A opportunities are outlined in general terms. Finally, the report provides a subjective opinion on the future of cardiotoxicity screening, suggests how regulatory guidelines might change in the future, and outlines some commercial opportunities that might be associated with the current / future cardiotoxicity screening environment.

Dr. Nicholas Miller, MD of Beremans Ltd, said "CHI / Insight Pharma were aware of work previously carried out by Beremans in the field of cardiotoxicity screening, and contacted us to discuss collaborating on an up-to-date analysis of the technical state of the art and the commercial / regulatory environment pertinent to this complex field. We were delighted to participate, as this is the type of analysis at which Beremans excels. Furthermore, it speaks to some of the core areas of focus in Beremans, including high-throughput screening."

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