



BG Medicine, Inc. Announces Peer-Reviewed Publication on High-Risk Plaque (HRP) Initiative and Biolmage Study

WALTHAM, Mass., Aug. 1, 2011 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- BG Medicine, Inc. (Nasdaq:BGMD), a company focused on the development and commercialization of novel, biomarker-based diagnostics, announced today the publication of a peer-reviewed review article on the High-Risk Plaque (HRP) Initiative in *Current Atherosclerosis Reports*. The publication, which appeared in the July 29, 2011 issue, is titled, "The High-Risk Plaque Initiative: Primary Prevention of Atherothrombotic Events in the Asymptomatic Population," Falk E, Sillesen H, Muntendam P, Fuster V. DOI 10.1007/s11883-011-0193-0. The full article is available at: <http://www.springerlink.com/content/a0710x052483m27v/fulltext.pdf>.

The HRP Initiative is a multi-party research and development collaboration initiated by BG Medicine in 2006 to advance the understanding, recognition and management of asymptomatic individuals at risk for a near-term atherothrombotic event such as myocardial infarction or stroke.

"Acute thrombosis after rupture of an atherosclerotic plaque is responsible for the majority of heart attacks and many strokes," said Erling Falk, MD, Professor and Director, Cardiovascular Pathology, Aarhus University Hospital, Aarhus, Denmark, and the lead author of this paper. "Although new treatment options have emerged in recent years for those at the highest risk of these devastating events, widespread clinical use will not become a reality until we have improved means to identify those at highest risk. The HRP initiative, through its lead study, the Biolmage Study, has the potential to make important contributions towards this goal."

"Most medical innovation and advances over the past five decades have resulted from the development and introduction of new commercial products," said Pieter Muntendam, MD, President and CEO of BG Medicine. "The HRP Initiative and the Biolmage Study represent a new model of collaboration, allying some of the most pre-eminent academic and clinical experts, payors such as Humana Inc. and the medical product industry. Collaborative models such as this align the interests and objectives of all parties and create opportunity and momentum for healthcare transformation in a way not possible by any one of the parties acting alone."

About BG Medicine, Inc.

BG Medicine, Inc. (Nasdaq:BGMD) is a life sciences company focused on the discovery, development, and commercialization of novel, biomarker-based diagnostics to improve patient outcomes and contain healthcare costs. The Company recently launched the BGM Galectin-3TM test for use in patients with heart failure, the first novel blood test for cardiac disease cleared by the U.S. F.D.A. in five years. BG Medicine also has products in development to aid in the diagnosis and management of acute atherothrombosis and lipid disorders. For additional information about BG Medicine, heart failure and galectin-3 testing, please visit www.bg-medicine.com and www.galectin-3.com.

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