

NOVACARDIA RAISES \$48 MILLION IN SERIES B- DAVID G. LOWE, PH.D. AND NINA KJELLSON JOIN NOVACARDIA'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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NovaCardia, a product-focused pharmaceutical company developing small molecule drugs for the treatment of cardiovascular diseases, announced that it has closed a \$48 million Series B financing. The capital raised will support continued clinical development of KW-3902 and other cardiovascular compounds in NovaCardia's pipeline. KW-3902 is a small molecule adenosine A1 receptor antagonist currently in Phase III clinical trials in patients with congestive heart failure (CHF) undergoing diuresis.

The Series B financing was led by Skyline Ventures and joined by InterWest Partners. Previous investors Domain Associates, Forward Ventures, Montreux Equity Partners, and Versant Ventures also participated in the financing. As part of the financing, NovaCardia also announced the addition of David G. Lowe, Ph.D., Partner of Skyline Ventures, and Nina Kjellson, Partner of InterWest Partners, to its board of directors.

"NovaCardia possesses a strong management team and a compelling drug portfolio with the potential to be a leader in the cardiovascular care arena," said Dr. Lowe. "Their success thus far in advancing KW-3902 for CHF makes this an exciting time for the company. I look forward to working with the NovaCardia team to continue the momentum through Phase III trials."

"This financing underscores the excitement around KW-3902 as a promising treatment for patients with CHF," added Randall E. Woods, President and CEO of NovaCardia. "We are pleased that we continue to attract top-tier investors to provide the significant resources that will enable NovaCardia to proceed rapidly with further development of this and other compounds."

Data from two separate randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled dose-ranging Phase II studies conducted by NovaCardia were presented earlier this month at the Heart Failure Society of America's 10th Annual Scientific Meeting. The data demonstrated that KW-3902 has significant diuretic activity over a six hour period, may allow for preservation of kidney function in patients on diuretic therapy, and may enable earlier discontinuation of intravenous diuretic therapy. Findings also suggest that KW-3902 may prove beneficial in facilitating diuresis in patients refractory to standard diuretic therapy while simultaneously protecting kidney function.