

### **Evolva's antibiotic GC-072 (EV-035 series) selected for contract negotiations for preclinical funding by US DTRA**

**Reinach, Switzerland, 24 September 2013** – The US Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA) has announced that it has selected Evolva to enter into contract negotiations regarding possible preclinical funding for Evolva's antibiotic compound GC-072 (the lead compound in Evolva's EV-035 series) under the Transformational Medical Technologies Initiative (TMTI). The size of the award could be up to USD 14.7 million.

GC-072 is a broad-spectrum antibiotic that has demonstrated utility in preclinical studies *in vitro* and *in vivo* against a wide range of bacterial pathogens, most notably *Burkholderia pseudomallei*. This bacterium causes the disease melioidosis, and is regarded as a potential biothreat agent.

The contract negotiations are expected to take several months to complete. There is no guarantee of a successful outcome. If successful, Evolva will provide an update that explains the publicly available parameters of this DTRA award in greater detail.

Evolva continues to pursue options to partner its pharmaceutical pipeline in line with its strategy of focusing on high value ingredients for health, wellness and nutrition.

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#### **About Evolva**

Evolva is a pioneer and global leader in sustainable, fermentation-based approaches to ingredients for health, wellness and nutrition. Evolva's products include stevia, vanilla, saffron and resveratrol. As well as developing its own proprietary ingredients, Evolva also deploys its technology for partners, providing them with a competitive edge and sharing in the returns they make. For more information see [www.evolva.com](http://www.evolva.com).

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