



PRESS RELEASE

AVESTHAGEN announces the clinical trial results of Teestar™

Bangalore: April 23, 2008: AVESTHAGEN LIMITED, India's leading knowledge based Life Sciences Company, today announced the launch of clinically validated bioactive Teestar™ aimed to promote wellness through better blood sugar management. Teestar™, which is made from 100% natural ingredients, will be available as dietary supplements as well as in cracker categories in third week of May this year.



Avesthagen used two of its patented technologies to develop the Teestar™ - ADePt™, a comprehensive database, that brings together traditional medicine with modern systems biology, created under World Bank's funding (SPREAD project); and MetaGrid™, a unique algorithm that enables comprehensive constituent profiling of the plant extracts and thereby helps to maintain batch-to-batch reproducibility of the bioactive.

The research and development strategy of Teestar™ closely resembles that of pharmaceutical actives, wherein the bioactivity and safety are proven at different levels. Teestar™ was prepared from a single Indian plant mentioned in ayurveda using AVESTHAGEN's patented technologies. Teestar™ administration significantly reduced the glycemic load of the food compared to the control both in pre-clinical and clinical studies carried out by independent Clinical Research Organizations INTOX, Pune and Manipal AcuNova Limited, Bangalore, respectively. Teestar™ is proven to be safe in both studies and no adverse reactions were noticed during the studies.



Speaking on the launch, Dr Villoo Morawala Patell, Founder, Chairperson and Managing Director of Avesthagen Limited said, “ In the field of functional foods, we made next level achievement by introducing Teestar™, the product evaluated after understanding science behind activity and designing the clinical studies to prove the concept keeping all parental variables in check using AVESTHAGEN technology”. This is the first one of the seven bioActives and will be followed by many more in the pipeline. Avesthagen’s goal is to incorporate great-tasting, life-enhancing natural ingredients into the world's lifestyle.

About Avesthagen Limited

Avesthagen Limited (www.avesthagen.com) is India’s leading integrated systems biology platform company that focuses on achieving convergence of food, pharma and population genetics leading to predictive preventive and personalized healthcare. It employs 600 people worldwide and is headquartered in Bangalore. Avesthagen Limited has established world class, state-of-the-art laboratory facilities in Bangalore. It began business operations in 2001. Since its inception Avesthagen has grown into one of India's leading healthcare technology group in India, and its activities include, in addition to its agri-biotechnologies product pipeline, development of clinically validated botanical bioactives, derived from Indian medicinal plants, as well as the development of a pipeline of bio-similar drugs. Avesthagen Limited has four strategic business units: bioPharmaceuticals, bioNutrition, bioAgriculture and Science & Innovation. It's partners include multiple top 10 global companies in each of its fields of research. Avesthagen Limited collaborates at every stage in the value chain with appropriate partners, both public and private, for access to and exchange of technology and overall commercial expertise to leverage the ‘India advantage.’

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