

Clinical Partnership Announcement

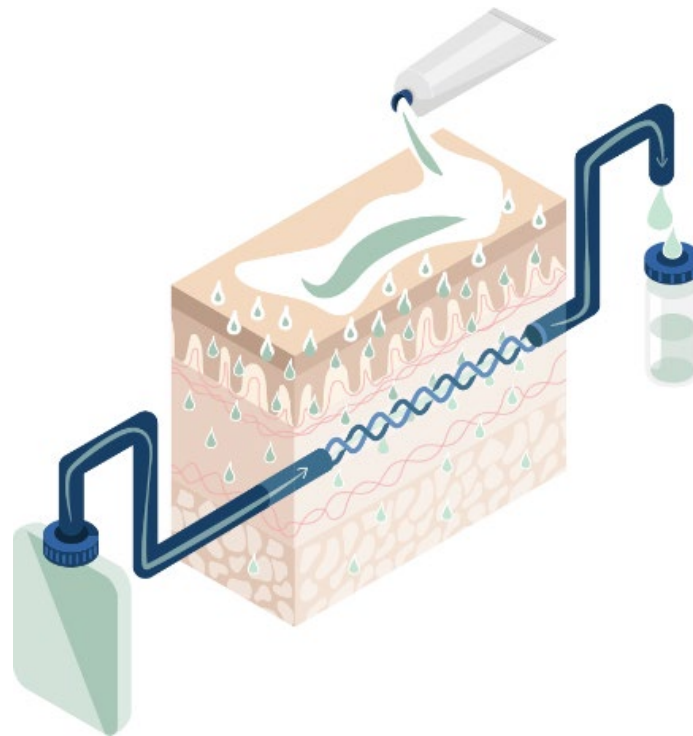
AXIS Clinicals LLC and Joanneum Research Forschungsgesellschaft mbH are excited to announce the first ever partnership for the clinical applications of dermal open flow microperfusion (dOFM™) technology.

Combining the scientific innovations from Joanneum Research and the comprehensive capability of [AXIS Clinicals](#) to support clinical development, we believe that this partnership is a crucial milestone to establish dOFM™ as a translational approach that provides unique cutaneous pharmacokinetic data with a proven potential in guiding the development of dermatological drug products toward clinical stage success.



Background

dOFM™ is a proprietary continuous sampling technology in dermal tissue that was developed at HEALTH – Institute for Biomedical Research and Technologies, a research institute at Joanneum Research Forschungsgesellschaft mbH. HEALTH has a demonstrated track record in supporting drug development and adding asset values for pharma companies (more than 19 clinical and 100 preclinical trials conducted to date). Specifically, clinical dOFM™ studies have been conducted to determine PK-PD correlations at or near the site of action to de-risk and endorse later-stage clinical trials and further development decision.



[Joanneum Research Forschungsgesellschaft mbH](#) (Joanneum Research) is a successful nationally and internationally active research institution owned by the Austrian federal states of Styria, Carinthia, and Burgenland. It is linked to a worldwide network and has been providing leading research according to the highest international standard since the 1960s. [The Institute for Biomedical Research and Technologies](#) (HEALTH) develops comprehensive, interdisciplinary solutions to problems encountered in the fields of medicine, pharmacy, medical technology, and healthcare research. [Frank Sinner](#) (VP – Joanneum Research HEALTH) states: “Joanneum Research is looking forward to the close collaboration with AXIS Clinicals US, which will allow expanding the portfolio of unique clinical dOFM services at the highest quality standards.

[AXIS Clinicals LLC](#) (AXIS) is a privately held contract research organization, established for 20 years, that specializes in topical products’ clinical research. As a global operation with comprehensive clinics and bioanalytical laboratories in United States, India, and Mexico AXIS has been successfully audited by FDA, WHO, and various countries’ regulatory agencies. Dinkar Sindhu (CEO – AXIS Clinicals US) states “AXIS is pleased to be partner with Joanneum Research and include dOFM™ expertise to assist in establishing solid clinical knowledge for all phases of dermal products’ research programs”.



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