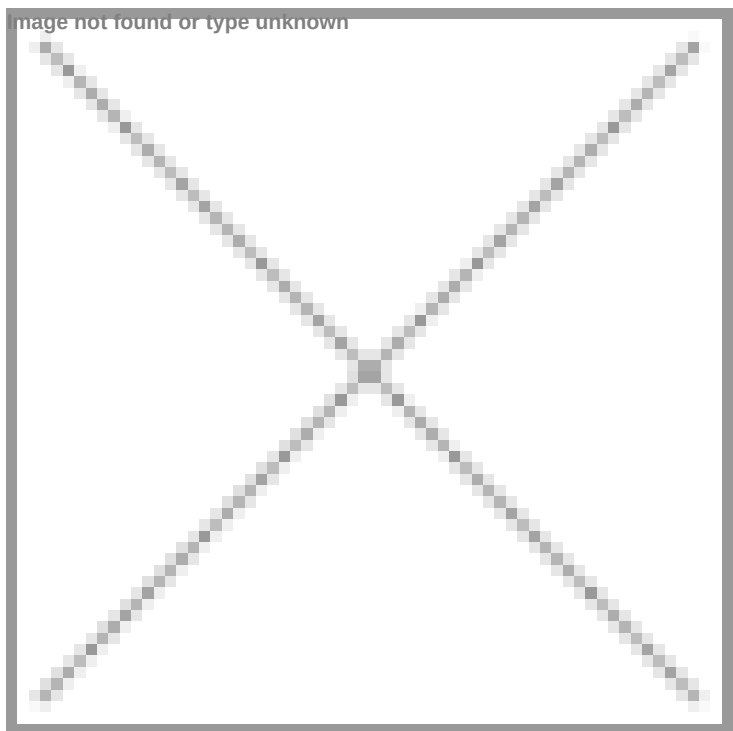


Korean startup Rznomics partners with Eli Lilly to commercialise RNA-editing therapeutics

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Co-development of precision RNA therapeutics for inherited hearing loss treatment



Rznomics Inc., a South Korea-based biopharmaceutical startup specialising in RNA-based therapeutics, has entered into a strategic global research collaboration and licensing agreement with Eli Lilly and Company to develop and commercialise novel RNA-editing therapies using Rznomics' proprietary trans-splicing ribozyme platform.

The collaboration focuses on the discovery and development of RNA-editing therapeutics for sensorineural hearing loss. Rznomics will conduct early-stage research according to the jointly approved research plans, while Lilly will assume responsibility for further development and commercialization.

If Lilly exercises all available options under the agreement, the total deal value could reach more than \$1.3 billion, as well as separate royalties on product sales. In line with the mutual understanding between the two companies, the upfront payment was not disclosed.

Dr Seong-Wook Lee, CEO of Rznomics said, "This partnership validates our trans-splicing ribozyme platform and opens the door to treating previously intractable diseases with precision RNA therapeutics. Together with Lilly, we aim to accelerate the development of transformative therapies for patients around the world."

This partnership marks a significant milestone for Rznomics as it seeks to expand its presence in the global biotech arena.

For Lilly, the deal aligns with its broader strategy to build a leading RNA therapeutics pipeline and address high unmet needs in hearing loss and other therapeutic areas.