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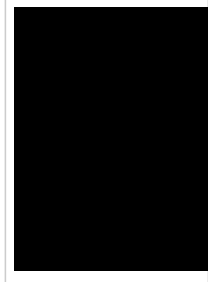
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## Ecron Acunova Launches Direct Operation in Russia

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Ecron Acunova, a clinical research organization with offices across Europe, in India and the US, has strengthened its Eastern European presence further by opening a new office in Moscow, Russia in October 2009. Mrs Galyna Andriyko has been named as General Manager. She will lead the development of the Russian office operations.

"Russia has substantial unexplored capabilities. With its 141 million population and well recognized experience in clinical trials, Russia allows high recruitment rates, low drop-out rates and high quality data, to be obtained by dedicated medical professionals. With Mrs Andriyko's expertise, we look forward to strengthening clinical trials in this region," said Dr. Antal K. Hajos, Managing Director & CEO, Ecron Acunova, Europe said

Mrs Andriyko has successfully set up operations in Ukraine. The clinical team will be headed by Dr. Vlad Linievych, a physician, who has over 13 years of experience in industry. Ecron Acunova has been active in Russia for several years via collaborations and has 23 years of clinical expertise. Across Europe alone, Ecron Acunova covers 14 countries.

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