



NanoString Technologies Signs Second Early-Access Agreement for the nCounter™ Analysis System

Genome Sequencing Center at Washington University School of Medicine to Receive System

SEATTLE, WA—January 8th, 2008 (BUSINESS WIRE) – NanoString Technologies today announced the signing of the second Early-Access Agreement for the nCounter Analysis System for digital gene expression with the Genome Sequencing Center at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis.

The nCounter Analysis System uses a novel digital technology that enables direct multiplexed measurement of gene expression and offers high levels of sensitivity and precision, including detection of fractional fold change differences, a feature unique to this platform. The technology uses molecular barcodes and single molecule imaging to detect and count hundreds of unique transcripts in a single reaction. The fully automated system is easy to use and is ideally suited for researchers seeking to validate gene expression signatures, working with small amounts of starting material or studying defined gene sets.

The nCounter Analysis System at Washington University will be utilized first for a large scale diabetes study by Dr. James Cheverud to validate the expression of over 50 genes across 15 tissues in over 900 samples.

The system will be placed in the technology development laboratory led by Dr. Elaine Mardis, Co-Director of the Genome Sequencing Center at Washington University School of Medicine. Dr. Seth Crosby, Director of Translational Research at the Center, spear-headed the placement.

The nCounter Analysis System is comprised of a fully automated sample prep station, a digital analyzer, the CodeSet (molecular barcodes) and all other reagents needed to perform the analysis. The CodeSets can assay hundreds of gene transcripts per reaction. The system has been designed to be easy-to-use and features a step-by-step guide to perform the analysis on a touch screen.

The nCounter Analysis System is available today via an Early-Access Program. Orders are currently being accepted for future delivery of the commercial units.

About NanoString Technologies, Inc.

NanoString Technologies is a life sciences tool company that has developed a novel technology for creating molecular barcodes for tagging individual molecules in a biological sample. NanoString is headquartered in Seattle, Washington. For more information, please visit us at www.NanoString.com.

About Washington University School of Medicine

Washington University School of Medicine is one of the leading medical research, teaching and patient care institutions in the nation. Its Genome Sequencing Center was a leader in the worldwide scientific collaboration that produced the first human genome sequence. The Center's efforts are now focused on improving scientists' understanding of the human genome, sequencing the genomes of animals, plants and microbes, and sequencing genes involved in genetic diseases, including cancer. Washington University is a not-for-profit institution and does not endorse products.

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