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## Health research in Québec receives major support

*Merck Canada will pay \$20 million to support patient-centred research projects*

**MONTRÉAL, QC, October 4, 2013.** Montréal InVivo, the life sciences and health technologies (LSHT) cluster of the Montréal metropolitan area acknowledges Merck Canada's major contribution to Québec health research. Following the announcements made recently at the Sherbrooke International Life Sciences Summit and at BioContact Québec 2013, a total of \$20 million was added to support academic research in human health.

The Fonds de recherche du Québec - Santé and the Université de Montréal, Université de Sherbrooke, Université Laval and McGill University teaching hospitals will each receive \$4 million.

These funds will give institutions the means to finance research projects focused on patient and population health and to better train the next generation of researchers and attract new leading researchers to Québec.

Merck Canada's commitment to Québec research institutions demonstrates the excellence of such institutions and the quality of the healthcare research being conducted in the province. The funding paid to the institutions will strengthen and develop the critical mass in terms of expertise and excellence in Québec.

### About Montréal InVivo

Montréal InVivo is the brand name for the life sciences and health technologies (LSHT) cluster of the Montréal metropolitan area. The cluster comprises almost 620 organizations, including more than 150 research centres, 80 subsidiaries of world-class companies, and 41,000 people employed in the sector. A wellspring of great ideas, the cluster includes four universities and ranks first in Canada for the number of research centres.

The secretariat of Montréal InVivo is a non-profit economic development organization dedicated to the creation of wealth. By mobilizing the relevant actors in order to meet crucial challenges

such as innovation, and through the actions it undertakes and the implementation of its strategic plan, Montréal InVivo aims to ensure the sustainable development, long-term survival and international renown of the LSHT sector in Greater Montréal.

Its activities are supported by funding from the MFE, MAMROT, CMM, DEC and private and institutional sector.

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