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2017 Rare Disease Day: LFB's Commitment in the Field of Rare Diseases

Each year on the last day of February, "Rare Disease Day" reminds the general public and decision-makers of the reality of rare diseases and the impact these diseases have on patients' lives.

The tenth international Rare Disease Day takes place on 28th February 2017, coordinated by the European organization EURORDIS. According to this organization, 30 million people in the EU may be affected by one of over 6,000 existing rare diseases, and several awareness-raising events are taking place across the UK. For details, please see the Rare Disease UK website, www.raredisease.org.uk.

Committed to the field of rare diseases, in which over 60% of its medicinal products are indicated, the LFB group has, for several years, been a supporter of both EURORDIS and ORPHANET, the reference portal for information on rare diseases and orphan drugs. The LFB group has also been a long-term partner of international organizations such as WFH (patients with haemophilia / rare coagulation disorders) and IPOPI (patients with Primary Immune Deficiencies). In the UK, LFB currently provides support for patients with bleeding disorders through the UK Haemophilia Society.

Today, more than half of LFB's R&D investments are targeted at rare disease projects in LFB's core areas of expertise: Immunology, Haemostasis and Intensive Care.

For more information about rare diseases and patients associations:

www.eurordis.org

www.orpha.net

www.wfh.org

www.ipopi.org

www.raredisease.org.uk

www.haemophilia.org.uk