

DiaGen Al Inc. and Metanova Labs Announce Joint Venture LOI to Develop Hit Picking Tool for Automating Drug Discovery

Powered by the Bittensor \$TAO Network, DiaGen Ai and Metanova Labs will Leverage Collective Intelligence to Accelerate R&D Toward Faster Commercialization

VANCOUVER, NEW YORK, CANADA, November 18, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- <u>DiaGen</u> Al Inc. ("DiaGen", or the Company) founded in 2021, established to advance a diverse pipeline of Al drug discovery tools to scale its asset development and provide solutions through its Ai aS A Partner offering to impact traditional drug discovery, is pleased to announce a milestone driven joint venture LOI (the "JV") with <u>Metanova</u> Labs ("Metanova"), pioneers of crypto-native drug discovery with the world's first decentralized virtual drug screening platform, NOVA, built on the <u>Bittensor</u> network.

Initial workflows have begun between both teams with the goal to leverage unique data sets to build screening tools for real world drug discovery to score objectives and evaluate AI driven asset development.

The collaboration will integrate DiaGen's bioinformatic/Al expertise with Metanova's collective intelligence platform for virtual drug screening. Together, the teams will build a multi-objective hit-picker capable of evaluating small molecules for novelty, affinity, and target specificity across multi-million and billion size libraries, advancing the shared goal of faster, more efficient drug discovery.

"NOVA's libraries already include over 10 million molecules," said Micaela Bazo, CEO of Metanova Labs. "This collaboration allows us to automate and scale the way we — and our partners — identify and prioritize the most promising candidates for validation, accelerating the translation of virtual discoveries into real therapeutics."

Brian D. Keane, Chairman & CEO of DiaGen Al, concurred, "Team DiaGen is excited to work with Micaela and team Metanova, on our continued and now collective goal to leverage novel, decentralized data and intelligence to drive development of Al driven tools for better, faster drug discovery for biologists, chemists and traditional biotech companies. Our initial picking tool is one of many development projects we will tackle together as we scale our JV, so all are incentivized toward real world impact."

Joint Venture Overview
Initial LOI terms for the joint venture include:

· Co-Development:

The companies will jointly develop a target-interaction-based hit-picker tool, integrating experimental data for continuous optimization.

Shared IP & Revenue Model:

The tool and its derivatives will be co-owned. When used for external applications, such as generating token-gated compound libraries for external biotech and pharmaceutical clients, revenues will be shared in agreed proportions reflecting each party's contribution.

Governance & Next Steps

Both parties agree to form a joint working group to define project milestones, governance structure, and revenue allocation. A formal, definitive JV, co-development agreement will follow successful completion of the prototype and technical validation phase.

For more information, please reach out to us at IR@diagen.ai or contact@metanova-labs.com to set up a meeting.

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About Metanova Labs:

Metanova Labs is a crypto-native biotech company at the forefront of Al-driven drug discovery. Built on the Bittensor (\$TAO) network, Metanova created NOVA, the first decentralized virtual screening platform that harnesses global compute and collective intelligence to explore vast, uncharted chemical spaces.

The company's R&D centers on next-generation therapeutics designed to regulate mental states and restore core biological functions. Metanova's decentralized approach not only accelerates its own research but also opens access to scalable, collaborative innovation for the broader scientific community.

Learn more at <u>www.metanova-labs.ai</u> or follow @metanova_labs.

About DiaGen AI:

Headquartered in Vancouver, DiaGen Al Inc. is developing a diverse pipeline of Al-powered tools for small molecule and peptide discovery, diagnostics, and delivery. Using its proprietary Al engine, DiaGen aims to de-risk, accelerate, and create value across the global traditional drug discovery sector — advancing precision medicine and impacting global human longevity. Learn more at www.diagen.ai.

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continued growth of the Company; the viability of the Company's DIA technology; the continued applicability of AI technology within the healthcare sector, particularly drug discovery, diagnostics, and vaccines; the ability of the Company to find strategic acquisitions and consummate transactions to acquire such entities; the ability of the Company to successfully complete a go-public transaction in the near future; and the ability of the Company to use its technology to make a meaningful impact on the healthcare industry.

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