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Organobalance Nominated for the German Business Innovation Award Bacteria-based alternative to conventional treatment with antibiotics developed

Organobalance GmbH in Berlin has reached the final round of the German Business Innovation Award. The biotechnology company was one of four candidates picked by a scientific committee for the shortlist in the "Small and Medium-sized Enterprises" category. The final winner of the Innovation Award will be announced during a gala event on April 16th.

Organobalance was honoured on the strength of its R&D work in the area of healthy bacteria. Based on a natural lactic acid bacterium, the company developed an alternative to the conventional antibiotic treatment of *Helicobacter pylori*. Clinical studies have demonstrated the effectiveness and tolerability of the bioactive. Globally, some three billion people are infected with *Helicobacter pylori*, a stomach bacterium.

The German Business Innovation Award marks its 35th anniversary this year. It was initiated to recognise, as its founders state, "the most important technical, scientific and intellectual achievements in the German economy".

About Organobalance GmbH:

ORGANOBALANCE is a biotechnology research and development company. Founded in 2001, the firm develops and sells products based on probiotic bacteria cultures and yeast production strains for use in industrial biotechnology. The company owns a unique strain collection of yeast and lactobacillus cultures, some of which date back to the 1920s. At its offices in Berlin and Flensburg, some 35 employees work for multinational clients from the food, cosmetics, feed, agriculture and pharmaceutical industries. Christine Lang, the company's Managing Director, is also a Professor of Microbiology and Molecular Genetics at the TU Berlin and have already received several business awards.

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