

knowing⁰¹ Raises Oversubscribed Pre-Seed Funding to Accelerate Their Biotech Software and Commercialization to Innovate and De-Risk Early-Phase Drug Discoveries

Munich, Germany, September 25, 2024

Munich-based Biotech SaaS startup knowing01 GmbH has successfully closed an oversubscribed six-figure pre-seed funding round. Led by Backbone Ventures and supported by notable DACH business angels, including Dr. Julia Ju, Veronika Chrestin, Björn W. Schäfer and Johannes Stiber. This funding will enable knowing⁰¹ to accelerate the development of its Alpowered software for contextualizing molecular data, innovating the process and reducing risks in early-phase drug discovery.

Reimagining Drug Discovery at the Intersection of DeepTech, Biotech and SaaS

knowing⁰¹ is uniquely positioned at the crossroads of DeepTech, Biotech and SaaS. By combining advanced AI with the power of biomedical data, the company is transforming how researchers unlock insights from complex datasets. This integrated approach helps biotech and pharmaceutical companies make smarter decisions, reducing the costs and risks of drug discovery in ways traditional methods cannot achieve.

Since its inception, knowing⁰¹ has been dedicated to building a fast, user-friendly software solution designed to make biomedical data analysis accessible to scientists. Last year, the company achieved a promising launch of its first product in the European Biotech market. The new funding will be used to further expand the software's capabilities, accelerate commercial activities in biotech and pharmaceutical sector, and grow the team.

Innovate to De-Risk Early-Phase Drug Discoveries for Better Health

The early-phase decisions in drug development are pivotal, risky and ultimately contribute to clinical success or failure. Validating the true disease-modulating effects on targets, understanding the mode of action, and selecting the most promising indication for a drug remain major challenges, often leading to wrong candidate selection and unbalanced clinical results.

knowing⁰¹'s proprietary <u>AI-powered Multiomics</u> <u>platform</u> allows researchers to extract insights from existing data in a scalable, *in silico-first* approach. Multiomics refers to the integration of various biological data types, such as genomics, proteomics and transcriptomics, to provide a comprehensive view of biological processes. By breaking down traditional technology-inherent silos of Multiomics data, the platform empowers scientists to start smart, leveraging all relevant data to drive better research outcomes with fewer errors.





Unlocking the Untapped Potential of Complex Molecular Data

"With our solution, we're empowering scientists to leverage untapped data sources and make more informed decisions in the drug development pipeline," said Dr. Nikola Müller, Founder and CEO of knowing⁰¹. Research by knowing⁰¹ reveals that only 5-20% of biomedical data is typically used in earlyphase drug discovery, leaving most valuable insights untapped. knowing⁰¹'s platform is designed to unlock the remaining 80-95% of data context, helping researchers identify crucial patterns, refine hypotheses and accelerate the development of novel therapies.

"By ensuring all relevant and available data is utilized to develop new treatments, we aim to contribute to better research and less error-prone developments. With a scalable, platform-like solution, we have the potential to impact the entire field," added Dr. Nikola Müller.

A Strong Partnership with Backbone Ventures

Backbone Ventures, a German-Swiss VC firm, led the pre-seed funding round through its 5502 Fund. The fund is known for supporting underrepresented founders in Germany and Switzerland, and Backbone Ventures is excited about the potential knowing⁰¹ holds.

"We feel incredibly honoured to be able to support one of Germany's leading computational biologists in building a product that not only has huge monetary value for the pharmaceutical industry but that also helps develop drugs that can change the life of millions of millions of patients faster and with more and better data." said Dr. Jan Claudio Muñoz, Partner at Backbone Ventures

About knowing01 GmbH

knowing⁰¹ is a biotech SaaS company specializing in unlocking the full potential of biomedical data to transform early-phase drug discovery. Founded in 2020, the company uses its proprietary Multiomics software platform to enable researchers to extract insights from complex datasets. knowing⁰¹'s mission is to redesign drug development process by reducing the risks and costs associated with early-stage research. For more information, visit knowing01.com.

About Backbone Ventures AG

Backbone Ventures is an early-stage venture capital firm based in Zurich and Frankfurt am Main. Founded in 2018, Backbone has a track record of 41 investments with already two successful exits so far. The firm currently invests out of its EUR20m "5502 Fund", which aims to support the best underrepresented founders in Germany and Switzerland at the start of their entrepreneurial journey. Learn more at backbone.vc.

Website & Social Media

www.knowing01.com | LinkedIn | YouTube

Press Contact

Dr. Nikola Müller, CEO & Founder Knowing01 GmbH Phone: +49 89 74678081 E-Mail: hello@knowing01.com

Address: Am Stadtpark 66 | 81243 Munich | Germany

© 2024 knowing⁰¹ GmbH. All rights reserved.

