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**Beacon Biotechnology awarded top honors at the daVinci Institute's 2008 Inventor Showcase**

AURORA, CO (November 17, 2008) – Beacon Biotechnology participated in Denver's DaVinci Institute 2008 Inventor's Showcase and was awarded top honors, 2008 Inventor of the Year, for their BrightSPOT Platform. Imagine going to your local drug store, pricking your finger for a drop of blood, and receiving a full panel of test results before you finish shopping. You leave the store with the right medication for your illness. This new technology will change the way diagnostic testing and detection is performed and healthcare is delivered.

This technology, currently under development by Beacon Biotechnology, will provide rapid diagnostic testing for over 100 different tests on a drop of blood, simultaneously, in about 10 minutes, and is disposable. It does not require an instrument in the traditional sense as the “disposable” is the instrument. Imagine a cell phone sized data gathering device and a USB memory stick sized disposable containing all materials. Their goal is to enable multiple disease detection and diagnosis in real-time and in any location, allowing for immediate treatment.

Beacon's scientists have been developing an immunoassay-based rapid test for HIV for low resource settings. Recently, they were able to demonstrate simultaneous detection of multiple antibodies to HIV; anti-p24 and anti-p51, in a human sample from the NIH. The BrightSPOT technology is at least as sensitive as the current method used at NIH and may be more sensitive.

Fred Mitchell, Beacon Biotechnology's CEO, responds: “The BrightSPOT Reader is a significant departure from the traditional testing paradigm. It's quick, disposable, and provides multiple results. Our recent data highlights the capability of the platform and large biotech companies are starting to take notice. We are excited with the progress we're making.”

**About Beacon Biotechnology**

Beacon Biotechnology LLC is a privately held start-up company located in the Colorado Science+Technology Park at Fitzsimons in Aurora, Colorado. Beacon Biotechnology is currently raising funds for continued development for their BrightSPOT technology.

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