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Illumina invests $5M into genomics lab in Australia

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New laboratory opens in Melbourne Biomedical Precinct to accelerate the adoption of genomics in healthcare



US-based Illumina, Inc. has announced the opening of a new, fully equipped laboratory to help Australian researchers and entrepreneurs make significant scientific breakthroughs in areas such as infectious disease, oncology, genetic disease and agriculture.

Known as of the Illumina Innovation Collective, the lab will make available the latest in DNA sequencing, array platforms and data analysis tools, all supported by specialist scientific expertise to enable clinicians and researchers, to not only understand the genome, but also fully tap into its power.

Gretchen Weightman, Illumina Vice President and General Manager of Asia Pacific and Japan said, "Genomic discoveries offer new treatments and fresh hope to the patients of tomorrow as well as novel solutions for our farming communities."

It is the first genomics lab in Australia where Illumina's training specialists, lab scientists, clinical liaison officers and medical affairs teams are working shoulder to shoulder with genomics leaders, healthcare professionals, and patient communities, to fully realise the potential of genomics.