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**JenaValve™ appoints Katrin Leadley, M.D.,
as its Chief Medical Officer (CMO)**

**Dr. Leadley has been with Boston Scientific
Corporation since 2003, most recently as
Global Senior Medical Director, Clinical Sciences**

**“The appointment of Dr. Leadley is a crucial milestone
in JenaValve’s strategy to commercialize its
second-generation transapical TAVI therapy.”
Helmut J. Straubinger, CEO**

WILMINGTON, Del., USA, and MUNICH, Germany, March 7, 2011 — [JenaValve™ Technology, Inc.](#), a medical device company specializing in developing transcatheter aortic valve implantation ([TAVI systems](#)), announced today that it has appointed **Dr. Katrin Leadley** as the Company’s first Chief Medical Officer (CMO), effective immediately.

For the past seven years, Dr. Leadley has been employed by Boston Scientific Corp., most recently as Global Senior Medical Director, Clinical Sciences, since 2009. In 2008, Dr. Leadley received Boston Scientific’s “Clinical Sciences Impact Award.”

“Dr. Leadley has attained great success in the execution of clinical development plans and regulatory strategies that achieve product approval and market introduction of new medical therapies.” said [Helmut J. Straubinger](#), CEO. “Her appointment underscores our conviction that JenaValve will begin commercialization of its second-generation TAVI system, designed to provide greater safety and improved outcomes for heart valve patients who are unsuitable for conventional open-heart surgery.”

Prior to Boston Scientific, Dr. Leadley held positions at Advanced Stent Technologies (Director, Clinical Affairs) and Pulmonx (Director, Clinical Research). She received her Medical Doctor degree from Ludwig-Maximilian University Medical School (Munich, Germany) in 1989. She is fluent in English and German.

JenaValve is in the midst of a multicenter CE-mark pivotal trial to evaluate the safety and efficacy of its transapical TAVI system for teams of cardiac surgeons and interventional cardiologists. Aortic stenosis, the most prevalent heart valve disease in Western countries, is increasing steadily with an aging population. The decision to surgically replace a diseased aortic valve is problematic in some elderly patients due to associated high mortality and morbidity risks. In fact, elderly patients with severe aortic disease symptoms are not often considered candidates for surgery. JenaValve’s advanced TAVI systems are designed for this cohort of patients. JenaValve’s **second-generation transapical TAVI system** is designed to enable correct positioning, re-positioning and retrieving to ensure patient safety and procedural efficacy. In addition, the company’s TAVI system is designed to reduce the long learning curve associated with TAVI devices now used by physicians.

[About JenaValve Technology](#)

JenaValve Technology is a medical device company focused on developing transcatheter valve implantation systems to treat patients suffering from aortic valve disease. The company has transcatheter aortic valve implantation (TAVI) systems for both **transapical** and **transfemoral** approaches to address the needs of the cardiac surgeon and cardiologist, respectively.

JenaValve's investors include: Atlas Venture, Edmond de Rothschild Investment Partners (EdRIP), NeoMed Management, VI Partners, Sunstone Capital and Gimv NV.

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