Exagen Announces Acceptance of Six Abstracts at 2025 American College of Rheumatology Convergence

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CARLSBAD, Calif., Oct. 23, 2025 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Exagen Inc. (Nasdaq: XGN), a leading provider of autoimmune testing, announced today the acceptance of six abstracts at the 2025 American College of Rheumatology's (ACR) annual meeting, ACR Convergence 2025, being held October 24-29, 2025, at the McCormick Place Convention Center in Chicago, Illinois.

Exagen's featured plenary presentation, in collaboration with Johns Hopkins University, will highlight a urinary biomarker panel that holds the potential to guide precision management of Lupus Nephritis, addressing a critical need for rheumatologists. Additional abstracts highlight Exagen's innovative research on harnessing anti-RA33, anti-PAD4, and traditional biomarkers to enhance RA diagnostic accuracy, and T Cell biomarkers to differentiate systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE) from other conditions, both of which will elevate AVISE® CTD's overall diagnostic precision.

"I'm excited to share and discuss our latest data on novel approaches to improve patient care in autoimmunity during this year's ACR meeting. Alongside our expansion of precision medicine solutions in SLE, more specifically for patients suffering from lupus nephritis, we'll highlight our progress in rheumatoid arthritis, which aligns with the recent launch of anti-PAD4 antibodies, as the first and only laboratory offering this innovative biomarker," said Michael Mahler, PhD, Chief Scientific Officer of Exagen. "For the first time, we'll also present preliminary data on a novel kidney damage biomarker panel that has the potential to transform how early kidney disease is managed."

On Monday, Oct 27, 2025 from 2:30-3:15pm CDT, Exagen will be hosting an Innovation Theater featuring both Alvin Wells, MD, PhD, FACP, FACR and Vasileios Kyttaris, MD, PhD, FACR on AVISE CTD: A Decade of Validation Driving Lupus Diagnostic Accuracy, Seronegative RA Biomarker Innovation, and Novel T Cell Biomarkers for Lupus. Exagen will be at booth #1228 for follow-up questions and continued conversation.

Below is the list of accepted abstracts, with links to each:

Plenary Talk: Monday, October 27, 2025

Plenary Presentation | Presented by Andrea Fava | Abstract #2129388
Title: Urinary Tenascin C Predicts Kidney Function Loss in Lupus Nephritis
Session: Plenary II
Session Time: 8:30am – 8:45am CT

Sunday, October 26, 2025

Poster Presentation | Presented by Vasileios Kyttaris | Abstract #2128441
Title: A Machine Learning Classifier Leveraging Anti-RA33, Anti-PAD4, and Conventional Biomarkers Enhances Diagnostic Performance Characteristics for RA
Session: Rheumatoid Arthritis – Diagnosis, Manifestations, and Outcomes Poster I
Session Time: 10:30am – 12:30pm CT

Poster Presentation | Presented by Sepehr Taghavi | Abstract #2128477
Title: A Novel Kidney-Specific Biomarker Panel Accurately Differentiates Lupus Nephritis from Diabetic Kidney Disease through Distinct Molecular Pathways
Session: Systemic Lupus Erythematosus–Diagnosis, Manifestations, & Outcomes Poster I
Session Time: 10:30am – 12:30pm CT

Tuesday, October 28, 2025

Poster Presentation | Presented by Sepehr Taghavi | Abstract #2128438
Title: Kidney-Specific Four-Protein Index Outperforms Conventional Measures for Detecting Early Kidney Damage in Lupus Nephritis and Diabetic Kidney Disease
Session: Systemic Lupus Erythematosus – Diagnosis, Manifestations, & Outcomes Poster III
Session Time: 10:30am – 12:30pm CT

Poster Presentation | Presented by Vasileios Kyttaris | Abstract #2128433
Title: Specificity of Cell-bound T Cell Biomarkers (TC4d, TIgG, TIgM) in Differentiating SLE from ANA-Associated Rheumatic Diseases
Session: Systemic Lupus Erythematosus – Diagnosis, Manifestations, & Outcomes Poster III
Session Time: 10:30am – 12:30pm CT

Poster Presentation | Presented by Vasileios Kyttaris | Abstract #2128444
Title: The Clinical Utility of a Multianalyte Lupus Risk Score Incorporating Cell-bound Complement Activation Products: A Systematic Evaluation
Session: Systemic Lupus Erythematosus – Diagnosis, Manifestations, & Outcomes Poster III
Session Time: 10:30am – 12:30pm CT

About Exagen Inc.

Exagen Inc. (Nasdaq: XGN) is a leading provider of autoimmune diagnostics, committed to transforming care for patients with chronic and debilitating autoimmune conditions. Based in San Diego County, California, Exagen's mission is to provide clarity in autoimmune disease decision-making and

improve clinical outcomes through its innovative testing portfolio. The company's flagship product, AVISE ® CTD, enables clinicians to more effectively diagnose complex autoimmune conditions such as lupus, rheumatoid arthritis, and Sjögren's disease earlier and with greater accuracy. Exagen's CLIA-certified, CAP-accredited laboratory specializes in the testing of rheumatic diseases, delivering precise and timely results, supported by a suite of AVISE-branded tests for disease diagnosis, prognosis, and monitoring. With a focus on research, innovation, education, and patient-centered care, Exagen is dedicated to addressing the ongoing challenges of autoimmune disease management.

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