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Roche has announced the acquisition of Bina Technologies. Bina provides a big data platform for centralised management and processing of next generation sequencing (NGS) data.

"The acquisition of Bina is a significant step for Roche to enable the promise of personalised healthcare by delivering the highest quality genomic data possible. Informatics and data management are critical to providing a seamless, end-to-end sequencing solution. Bina's products are designed to improve the efficiency and value of genomic analysis, and the company continues to develop new methodologies and algorithms that link NGS data to disease-relevant genetic markers," said Mr Dan Zabrowski, head of Roche Sequencing.

The acquisition by Roche will enable Bina to accelerate product development and global commercialisation of the Bina-GMS as an enterprise software system supporting multiple sequencing technologies while developing a solution for Roche sequencing systems. Roche will also continue to grow Bina's unique interdisciplinary team of bioinformatics scientists, computer scientists and software engineers.

"Roche's acquisition of Bina is a great validation of our work and technology. It is also an indication of how informatics and data science are going to play a major role in the future of medicine," said Ms Narges Bani Asadi, founder and CEO of Bina. She added, "We found great alignment between our company's vision and values, and we are very excited about the possibilities of working with Roche's global team and serving academic, translational and clinical research markets together in the future."

Bina will be integrated into Roche Sequencing Unit in Q1 2015 and will continue to focus on expanding its innovative genomic analysis solutions portfolio.

