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Harris & Harris Group Portfolio Company, ORIG3N, Closes \$12.5 Million in Funding

NEW YORK, Dec. 16, 2015 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- [Harris & Harris Group, Inc.](#) (Nasdaq:TINY), an investor in transformative companies enabled by disruptive science, notes the announcement by its precision health portfolio company, ORIG3N, Inc., that it has closed a \$12.5 million Series A financing. Participating in this round in addition to Harris & Harris Group, Inc., are new investors Syno Capital and DEFTA Partners and existing investors Hatteras Venture Partners, LabCorp, MGC Venture Partners, and KTB-KORUS Fund. The funding will be used to support the launch of LifeSystems™ cellular models created from ORIG3N's LifeCapsule™ bio-repository, a living database of humanity, which launched earlier this year.

"ORIG3N has made great progress in 2015 by creating one of the largest banks of induced pluripotent stem cells in the world, in engaging the customer around their genetic health, and in developing models of rare genetic diseases," said Douglas W. Jamison, Chief Executive Officer of Harris & Harris Group. "We believe ORIG3N is charting an exciting path in the emerging precision health marketplace by providing both the consumer and the pharmaceutical industry with important phenotypic information as well as genotypic information at an individualized level."

ORIG3N's press release may be viewed at [http://www.streetinsider.com/Press+Releases/ORIG3N%E2%84%A2+Closes+\\$12.5+Million+i](http://www.streetinsider.com/Press+Releases/ORIG3N%E2%84%A2+Closes+$12.5+Million+i)

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