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NestlÃ© and Helaina Partner to Advance Science-Based Early-Life Nutrition

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NestlÃ© and the US-based biotech company Helaina have formed a strategic innovation collaboration. It brings together NestlÃ©'s extensive expertise in earlyâ??life nutrition and product development with Helaina's biotechnology capabilities.

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Isabelle Bureauâ??Franz, Head of the NestlÃ© Product Technology Centre for Nutrition & Health, said: "NestlÃ© has always been at the forefront of advancing scientific knowledge on key nutrients and bioactives that are important during early life, including their interactions with the gut microbiome and the immune system. Collaborations with external partners, such as Helaina, form an integral part of our broader open innovation strategy to deepen scientific understanding in this field, while gaining access to emerging technologies."

Laura Katz, Founder and CEO of Helaina, added: "We believe new bioactive proteins present a significant innovation in nutrition right now. At Helaina, we're focused on manufacturing these bioactives at scale with clinical credibility and together with NestlÃ©, we can uncover new developments that advance early-life nutrition."

NestlÃ© is a pioneer in the development of scienceâ??based solutions for earlyâ??life nutrition, including more than 30 years of research in human milk oligosaccharides (HMOs) and bioactives. The company leverages deep scientific expertise and advanced analytics to translate the latest scientific insights into robust, scienceâ??backed nutritional solutions and sustained investment in maternal and infant nutrition research.