

For immediate release

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New development AAC-Software for ALS affected persons*

Communication solutions for Macintosh computer users

- **BeneGrid Mac+PC** **Grid based Talker System**
- **VirtuSwitch Mac** **Switch based Talker System (virtual/physical)**
- **TalkTable Mac** **Switch based Talker System (physical)**

Berlin, 15. April 2019: With the three software packages the company APB Tools closes a gap in the AAC field for macOS users. Until now, with reduced mobility and communication skills, most of the "digital life" had to be moved from the Macintosh computer to a PC system. In many cases this involves a considerable amount of work, and in some cases (for example for programmers, Audio/Video artists), this is not completely possible.

The combination of the software with the meanwhile improved macOS system-internal „accessibility“ aids allows further autonomous working and a seamless integration into the previous workflow of the person concerned. The software packages are therefore optimized for different severe impairments.

- **BeneGrid** addresses users who can work independently with text and computer, and still have good (head) coordination skills to control the mouse cursor.
- **VirtuSwitch** is used with only very limited movement ability of a single body part. Here, the macOS switch control is controlled by means of head / eye or gyroscope control (iOS gyroscope).
- **TalkTable** is an effective tool for communication when at least one or two physical buttons can be operated via switch control.

A listing in the german „Hilfsmittelverzeichnis GKV“ under #16.99.05.3 is aimed at.

The company APB Tools works since 1994 mainly in the audio / video software development and its implementation especially in the theater and event area. The ALS disease of a related party created the need to develop the most streamlined and effective communication solutions on macOS systems.

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* The software packages also can be used for similar severe physical disabilities like i.e. stroke, accidents with skull-/brain injuries, spastics, multiple sclerosis, tumor etc.