

Dear all,

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The formation of PERSIMUNE continues to take form:

1. **The negotiations regarding co-financing for the first 6 years by the host institution (Rigshospitalet) has now been completed** and Jannik Hilsted signed the contract yesterday! The Danish National Research Foundation will now also sign the contract next week. Additional co-financing has also been secured; we are pending 10 million Dkr that will be raised in competitive processes from other sources over the six years.
2. Clinical working group decided on **three levels of packaged analyses to be collected in PERSIMUNE cohort participants**. Details on frequency and type to be determined when department commitment has been clarified. The composition of the package of the various levels is as follows:
 - a. level 1 PERSIMUNE package: Level 1 PERSIMUNE package (B-Hæmoglobin, B-Leucocyttter, B-Leucocyt differentialtælling – beregnet, B-thrombocyttter, P-CRP, P-Glucose, P-Karbamid, P-kreatinin, P-Kalium, P-Natrium, P-Albumin, P-LDH, P-ALAT, P-Basisk phosphatase, P-Bilirubiner, P-Koagulationsfaktorer/INR). This package will also contain sampling of whole blood and plasma for the PERSIMUNE biobank.
 - b. Level 2: same as level 1 + quantification of B, T and NK numbers.
 - c. Level 3: Same as 2 but also storage of PBMC's in PERSIMUNE biobank.Price for level 1 remains to be exactly determined; the 2014 price for the quantification of these three cell type is according to department of Immunology Dkr 676 in house. Departments will be charged for this cost – but not the samples stored in the PERSIMUNE biobank.
Process ensuring informed consent is being further refined and discussed in the biobank working group.
3. The clinical working group further developing a research agenda relating to neutropenic fever. The MATCH steering committee is considering expanding its research focus on herpes viruses to also include the polyoma virus "BK".
4. **The agenda for the scientific retreat on 3rd (noon to 18.00) and 4th (08.00-14.00) is further developing. All are invited to participate; please send an e-mail if you are available by end of business 22nd January to persimune.rigshospitalet@regionh.dk. Further details to be circulated.**
5. **The official opening on 4th February (14.30-17.00 at PERSIMUNE HQ, Øster alle 56, 5th floor) is confirmed; please confirm your participation by sending mail to paforprofessorlundgren.rigshospitalet@regionh.dk**
6. **Meetings in next week:**
 - a. *Biobank working group*: Wednesday 21st January, 08.00-09.00 at Øster alle 56, 6th floor
 - b. *Introduction to three intensive care department leaderships*: Wednesday 21st January, 13.00-13.45, section 8632
 - c. *Governance working group*: Friday 23rd January, 14.30-16.30, section 8632
7. The PERSIMUNE website (www.PERSIMUNE.org) is under construction; PERSIMUNE is now active on social media (link up on twitter: @PERSIMUNE and/or facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Persimune>).

More in a week – thanks to all for making this happening,

Jens