



Aegirbio's Eurostar application concerning "COVID-19 detection" ranked 27th among 550 applicants

Aegirbio's application for financial aid from Eurostar concerning the project "A cost-effective and broadly applicable mimotope based diagnostic platform for high-impact pandemics" was ranked 27th among 550 applications. Aegirbio has, together with its German partner, submitted an application for part-financing of its precise COVID-19 antibody test to Eurostar. The decision whether to grant financing will be taken later.

The project aims to develop a new platform for point-of-care (POC) serology tests, with COVID-19 as the first application. Aegirbio's veritope molecules can be used to react with patients' antibodies against, for example, virus and bacteria with high precision. The molecules are relatively easy to develop and much more cost-efficient to produce in the required volumes compared with the products currently in use. Aegirbio will thus be able to adapt the fully developed platform promptly to new virus variants.

"This is conclusive evidence of our technology's performance. To be ranked 27th among 550 applications irrefutably demonstrates the strength of our technology. In this project, we see a possibility to emerge as a leader in POC testing. The precision offered by our veritope technology in combination with the superior sensitivity of the MagniaReader allows us to develop tests with high accuracy and monitor the formation of antibodies – rapidly and at affordable production costs," says Martin Linde, CEO of Aegirbio.

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About Aegirbio

Aegirbio is a Swedish diagnostics company offering tests to monitor and optimize the dosing of biological drugs by means of a unique, patented technology platform. Biological therapies is the fastest growing segment of the pharmaceutical industry; a quarter of all drugs are projected to be biological in 2020. At the same time, drug concentrations vary tremendously (up to 100 times) in patients that receive biological drugs in standard doses.

The result of this one size fits all-approach is that patients with low drug concentrations do not respond to treatment, while excessive drug concentrations increase the risk of adverse effects in others. The uncertainty surrounding dosing results in overdosing or underdosing in about 55 percent of the cases, which causes unnecessary costs and suboptimal clinical outcomes.

The Company's tests for optimal dosing of biological drugs will be focused on neurological disorders, autoimmune diseases and cancer. In the first quarter of 2020, Aegirbio initiated sales in the U.S. of the MbNATor test for the drug Tysabri, which is used for treatment of the neurological disorder Multiple Sclerosis (MS). Aegirbio's goal is to launch a total of four tests before 2023. Diagnostics will be offered through laboratory testing as well as in the form of a P.O.C. (Point of Care) test for use in hospitals and health centres. The plan further includes P.O.N. (Point of Need) tests for use at home.

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