



BIG
DATA

Dear all,

An update on the evolving formation of PERSIMUNE (PM):

Enrollement of patients

First patients are now enrolled in the prospective PM cohort – credit goes to department of nephrology that included the first. Many clinical departments are working intensively to sort through the logistics of how to capture patients belonging to the various groups – most of this is now sorted so expect to see major upswing in recruitment over next month. PM CORE will start to circulate updated statistics on recruitment. Thanks to all for your hard work, dedication and engagement.

Special acknowledgement goes to the biobank group (lead: Henrik Ullum & Ruth Frikke-Schmidt) that made this possible.

PM Dataware house

Feasibility testings to ensure capture of national wide lab data has now also been successfully completed by PM CORE (one small caveat still pending namely access to RegionH Labka data before sept 2014 – expected to be resolved soon). This means that the PM dataware house will shortly have nation-wide complete data on any patients enrolled in the PM dataware house – both into the prospective cohort and the retrospective (i.e. any patients referred to RH in last 5 years belonging to either of the patient groups that a given "hosting department" is interested to enrol) cohort.

Application to allow extraction of data from the dataware house is currently being formulated for submission to Danish Health Authority (Sundhedsstyrelsen). A SOP will be formulated to ease this application process for any future project. No data will be released from the PM datawarehouse before Sundhedsstyrelsen has approved the specific project (as per Danish law).

VIP's hired

Proud to announce:

- Prof Lars Fugger, Oxford University, will start in a part-time position on 1st May – work scope to be announced. Lars was heavily involved in the successful application to the Danish National Research Foundation, and brings substantial novel insights and expertise to PM. Look forward to further see his work unfolds to support the PM mission.
- Prof Lone Simonsen (George Washington University). In collaboration with NIAID, NIH, Lone will be affiliated PM officially starting on 1st October. Lone is globally recognised for her work on quantitative research regarding pandemics/seasonal influenza – incl. surveillance methodology, modelling burden, and study of signature patterns. Lone will be working on the influenza studies that the INSIGHT network is sponsoring.

Expect to announce several additional VIP's affiliated PM – as guest professors.

Please send suggestions if you have potential candidates.

Governance

The governance working group decided on its meeting on 14th April, that the **Membership of the executive**

committee for the next 2 years are:

- Amanda Mocroft, Magnus Fontes, Søren Schwartz Sørensen, Henrik Sengeløv, Gedske Daugaard, Finn Cilius Nielsen, Andreas Kjær, Peter Garred & Jens Lundgren
- "Centre-leadership management group" is in formation and will be announced later.

Expect that the executive committee will shortly announce membership of the scientific advisory committee, as well as the leadership of the central "Scientific Interest Groups (SIG's)". *Suggestions are still welcome.*

The executive committee will also shortly deliberate on several proposals requesting funding from the DNRF award. Project that PM will hire several post docs and subsequently ph.d. students over next few months to implement these projects.

A note of clarification (as some misunderstandings may still exist): A PM project is defined as a project that involves patient groups from two or more clinical department; ***a clinical departments can hence continue to do research on its own patient group(s) if the department so desire without discussing it first with the PM structure.*** As mentioned, the executive committee makes ultimate decision on projects requesting funding from the DNRF award. The science of other projects that takes advantage of the PM dataware/biobank, but not requesting direct funding from the DNRF, will be reviewed by the executive committee, but the executive committee does not have ultimate decision making power for such projects. Projects that use funds from DNRF directly or indirectly are requested to acknowledge the DNRF funding source.

Please submit proposals as detailed on the [PM website](#)

Dr Kit Lund will be junior leader of the PM Immunology SIG – meetings are planned to define PM LABKA packages levels 2-3 (i.e. the PM samples focusing on prospectively immunologically characterisation).

Communication

Project to shortly announce the program for the first ***"RH Immunology colloquium"*** – i.e. the monthly PM investigator meeting. All are encouraged to see proposal for content to: persimune.rigshospitalet@regionh.dk. Content can be ideas, clinically challenging situation where PM may possibly serve a role, or relate to PM projects in development or being implemented. These meetings will be a good place to stay updated on science related to the PM mission ***(research related to the discovery or validated of risk factors for infectious complications in the immunocompromised host + better defining the nature of these complications, with the ultimate aim to improve evidence based for individualised care).***

Social Media

Please spread the word to all interested. Link up with PM using: [Twitter](#) or [Facebook](#)

This is the best way to ensure you are updated on what happens. Will still also announce activities via e-mails to those that have acknowledged their interest to PM CORE but e-mail roster may not always be fully updated.

Please contact me if you have questions or comments to anything related to PM.

Thanks,
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