

Catalan government allocates 4M€ to COVID-19 research



Catalan Minister of Health, Alba Vergés:

"We're taking advantage of the networks and synergies of Catalan R&D centres that focus on health while also helping to make translational and clinical research carried out in the Catalan health system more competitive"

THE GOAL



Provide an urgent response to the needs of the Catalan health system and to the pandemic



Allocate €4M from the Directorate-General for Health Research and Innovation of the Ministry of Health



Carry out projects that produce results within a year, most of which can already be applied in clinical practice

THE PROJECTS

The assessment and selection process has been led by experts from the Catalan Ministry of Health and the Agency for Health Quality and Assessment of Catalonia (AQuAS), with the support of BIOCAT and international consultants.

Selection of **19 research and innovation projects** for the prevention and treatment of COVID-19 **from a total of 42 proposals.**

THE RESEARCH



New therapies to combat COVID-19



Vaccines and preventive treatments



Genetic and predictive studies



Biomarkers

PROJECT LEADERSHIP

The research will be led by researchers based at IRISCAT centres (Health Research and Innovation Institutes of Catalonia)

Projects selected:

Pere Virgili Health Research Institute (IISPV)

Biomedical Research Institute of Lleida (IRBLleida)

Hospital de la Santa Creu i Sant Pau Research Institute (IR Sant Pau)

IrsiCaixa AIDS Research Institute

Bellvitge Biomedical Research Institute (IDIBELL)

Germans Trias i Pujol Health Sciences Research Institute (IGTP)

August Pi i Sunyer Biomedical Research Institute (IDIBAPS)

Jordi Gol University Institute for Primary Care Research (IDIAPJGo)

Vall d'Hebron Institute of Oncology (VHIO)

Vall d'Hebron Research Institute (VHIR)

Hospital del Mar Medical Research Institute (IMIM)

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