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## **(NU1814) Research Agreement between Newcastle University and Nordic Biosciences**

Newcastle University

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### **Section I: Contracting authority/entity**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

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**Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.ncl.ac.uk>

Buyer's address

<https://www.ncl.ac.uk>

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

Education

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

(NU1814) Research Agreement between Newcastle University and Nordic Biosciences

Reference number

DN632221

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 73111000 - Research laboratory services

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

Newcastle University will enter into a research agreement with Nordic Biosciences. The reason why this opportunity will not be advertised via Find a Tender and Contracts Finder is because Nordic Biosciences will measure a range of blood-based biomarkers in biological samples as part of a natural history study in subjects with liver disease, including biomarker assays that rely on access to Nordic Biosciences proprietary technologies that are not otherwise available. The use of a single laboratory analysis facility for these assays is essential for this work to ensure sample stability by minimising freeze/thaw cycles and to minimise sample wastage as biological sample volumes are limited. In addition, Nordic Biosciences will collaborate as required with the academic investigators to support the downstream analysis of data, sharing know-how of collagen biology.

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

#### **II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)**

Value excluding VAT: £527,354

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 73111000 - Research laboratory services

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

Nordic Biosciences will measure a range of blood-based biomarkers in biological samples as part of a natural history study in subjects with liver disease, including biomarker assays that rely on access to Nordic Biosciences proprietary technologies that are not otherwise available. The use of a single laboratory analysis facility for these assays is essential for this work to ensure sample stability by minimising freeze/thaw cycles and to minimise sample wastage as biological sample volumes are limited. In addition, Nordic Biosciences will collaborate as required with the academic investigators to support the downstream analysis of data, sharing know-how of collagen biology.

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

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## Section IV. Procedure

### IV.1) Description

#### IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Negotiated without a prior call for competition

- The works, supplies or services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
  - absence of competition for technical reasons

Explanation:

The assays used are reliant on the use of proprietary technology developed by Nordic Biosciences A/S. The use of a single laboratory analysis facility for these assays is essential for this work to ensure sample stability by minimising freeze/thaw cycles and to minimise sample wastage as biological sample volumes are limited. In addition, Nordic Biosciences will collaborate as required with the academic investigators to support the downstream analysis of data, sharing know-how of collagen biology.

#### IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

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## Section V. Award of contract/concession

### Contract No

1814

### Lot No

1

### Title

(NU1814) Research Agreement between Newcastle University and Nordic Biosciences

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

## **V.2) Award of contract/concession**

### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

7 September 2022

### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire**

Nordic Biosciences A/S

Herlev Hovedgade 205-207

Herlev

DK-2730

Country

Denmark

NUTS code

- DK - Denmark

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

### **V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot/concession (excluding VAT)**

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £527,354

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

Newcastle University

Newcastle upon Tyne

Country

United Kingdom

#### **VI.4.3) Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

Newcastle University will incorporate a minimum 10 calendar day standstill period at the point information on the award of the contract is communicated to tenderers. This period allows unsuccessful tenderers to seek further debriefing before the contract is entered into. Applicants have 2 working days from notification of the award decision to request additional debriefing and 4 / 4 that information has to be provided a minimum of 3 working days before expiry of the standstill period. Such additional information should be requested from the address referred to in part 1.1 above. If an appeal regarding the award of a contract has not been successfully resolved, the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 provide for aggrieved parties who have been harmed or are at risk of harm by a breach of the rules to take action in the High Court (England, Wales and Northern Ireland). Any such action must be brought promptly. Where a contract has not been entered into the Court may order the setting aside of the award decision or order the authority to amend any document and may award damages. If the contract has been entered into the Court may only award damages