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Contract

Use of PET and MRI imaging facilities, plus [11C] radiopharmaceuticals at Invicro LLC

University of Exeter

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Education

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Use of PET and MRI imaging facilities, plus [11C] radiopharmaceuticals at Invicro LLC

Reference number

UOE/2022/064/SB

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 33692000 - Medical solutions

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

PET and MRI scanning, radioligand production, and biomarker analysis

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: £1,883,380

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 33692000 - Medical solutions

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKK4 - Devon

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

PET and MRI scanning, radioligand production, and biomarker analysis

- Only UK provider of PET tracers [11C]BU90008, [11C]SA4503, and [18F]BCPP-EF, that are currently used for our studies.
- Invicro is located within the Hammersmith Hospital Campus, its location accommodates research participants for image and clinical assessments without increased burden and travel for the participants. While also reducing cost and time to conduct the studies.
- [11C] tracers (with short half-life of about 20 minutes) and of [18F] radiotracers (with half-life of about 120 minutes) are produced in house and the short half-life of the [11C] tracers means Invicro's two in-house cyclotron's must be used. Their radioligand development platform means implementation of new tracers is not available at other facilities.
- Invicro has the equipment and facilities to collect arterial blood samples during the scans and analyze the quantity of the radioactive metabolites on site.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

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

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the cases listed below

- The procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

The research conducted by the Neurodegeneration Imaging Group requires the use of [11C] radiopharmaceutical, as well as an imaging facility that can provide PET-MR scanners with accompanying arterial line capabilities. Due to the very short half-life of the the [11C] tracers, these research studies are limited to facilities that have an in-house cyclotron. Imanova, trading as Invicro, not only has the in-house production of the [11C] tracers, which have a short half-life of approximately 20 minutes and the [18F] radiotracers with a half-life of approximately 120 minutes, they also host two cyclotrons on site. This coupled with the research facility's location in London, where participants who are participating in the study have clinics has resulted in, for technical reasons, only Invicro being able to provide the tracers and in-house service to deliver the research outputs at present.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

Section V. Award of contract

Title

TBC

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

13 October 2022

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Imanova

Invicro LLC

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI - London

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £1,883,380

Total value of the contract/lot: £1,883,380

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Royal Court of Justice

London

Country

United Kingdom