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Award InflaMab Project MOA Studies

University of Ulster

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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Region code

UKN - Northern Ireland

National registration number

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Main address

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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

InflaMab Project MOA Studies

Reference number

Project_27311

II.1.2) Main CPV code

• 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Provision of testing services on research projects

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: £200,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

• UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Various works testing on the efficacy of a novel therapeutic drug.

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

It is anticipated the contract will be for 3 years initially with an option to extend for any period up to and including 24 months.

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

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

II.2.14) Additional information

The estimated total value stated in Section II.1.7 includes the 3 year contract period and will include the option to extend for any period up to and including 24 months.

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 Direct Award complies with PCR Regs:

• 32(5)a where the supplies can be supplied only by an economic operator for the purpose of research, study, and development.

Medicine Discovery Catapult are the only supplier who can carry out all of the necessary testing required on this drug. Consistency is vital for this research and it is necessary that one company handles all of the testing. Much of the work can often be subjective and user dependent. To be confident in the results yielded, one supplier who offers all techniques would be scientifically merited and most economically viable

A contract will not be entered into before 05 January 2023.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

Section V. Award of contract/concession

Contract No

27311

Title

InflaMab Project_MoA studies

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

14 December 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

Medicine Discovery Catapult

Block 35, Mereside, Alderley Park, Alderley Edge,

Macclesfield

SK10 4ZF

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

• UK - United Kingdom

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: £200,000

V.2.5) Information about subcontracting

The contract/lot/concession is likely to be subcontracted

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court of Justice in Northern Ireland

Royal Courts of Justice, Chichester Street

Belfast

BT1 3JY

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

Any proceedings alleging that the University is in breach of its duties under the Public Contract Regulations 2015 must be started in the High Court of Northern Ireland, in accordance with the time limits set out in those Regulations. The University will not enter into the contract before the end of a period of at least 10 days beginning with the day after the date on which this voluntary transparency notice is published in the Official Journal.