



Press release
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Korian and the Korian Foundation for Ageing Well are participating in the funding of three research projects supported by the Foundation for Medical Research (FRM) on Covid-19 and Alzheimer's disease

The Korian Foundation for Ageing Well has signed two sponsorship agreements with the Foundation for Medical Research (FRM) to support two research projects to fight against Covid-19 and a fundamental research project to better understand and diagnose Alzheimer's disease.

The total contributions made to the FRM amount to €360,000, of which €210,000 is provided by the Korian Group out of the solidarity fund created in April 2020. This fund is intended to finance research projects in the fight against Covid-19 and actions to support caregivers and their families. The €1 million endowment fund is constituted with the allocation of 25% of the total 2020 remuneration of Sophie Boissard, Chief Executive Officer, and 25% of the remuneration of the Chairman of the Board and directors.

- **Two research projects to fight Covid-19**

- 1) **ANTI-CoV : to identify effective antiviral molecules for the management of the disease**

The objective of this project is to identify molecules that are effective against the SARS-CoV-2 virus from among antiviral components that have had or have marketing authorisation for the treatment of pathologies other than respiratory viral infections and thus reposition the molecules that show the highest antiviral activity against the SARS-CoV-2 virus. The project is led by Jean Dubuisson, Centre for Infection and Immunity of the Pasteur Institute of Lille.

Financing: 50 000 Euros

- 2) **Coriplasm & Seroprevalence studies: to test the effectiveness of administering plasma from patients cured of Covid-19 to hospitalised patients**

This plasma could confer immunity to hospitalised patients with a mild to moderate expression of Covid-19 and help them to fight against this virus.

The project is led by Pr Karine Lacombe (AP-HP St Antoine, Sorbonne University, Paris) and Pr Pierre Tiberghien (Etablissement Français du Sang, La Plaine St Denis/ UMR1098 INSERM/ Université de Franche Comté).

Financing: 160 000 Euros

- **A fundamental research project to better understand and diagnose Alzheimer's disease**

3) Towards the development of new biomarkers of Alzheimer's disease

The teams led by Elsa Suberbielle, Nicolas Blanchard and Nicolas Fazilleau, at the Toulouse-Purpan Physiopathology Centre are looking for new Alzheimer's disease biomarkers in order to take action well before the onset of the symptoms of the disease. The researchers believe that inflammatory phenomena and infections by pathogens are elements that could modulate the course of this neuro-degeneration. The molecular characteristics of white blood cells could therefore be used as biomarkers to predict cognitive decline in patients.

Financing: 150 000 Euros over three years (2020-2022)

"The Korian Foundation was already very active in the field of clinical research, but this is the first time that, thanks to the partnership with the Foundation for Medical Research, we can support fundamental research projects conducted by leading, internationally-recognised researchers. Through this action, Korian wishes to contribute to the discovery of treatments to treat or prevent two diseases that are particularly threatening for the elderly, Covid-19 and Alzheimer's disease" says Sophie Boissard, Managing Director of Korian and President of the Korian Foundation.

"In the context of the current pandemic, researchers are more than ever on the front line in finding answers to health issues. Committed for more than 70 years to supporting French public medical research, the Foundation for Medical Research has responded to the emergency caused by the pandemic, while maintaining a course that is rooted in its DNA: supporting the best researchers committed to the fight against all pathologies. We are therefore proud and honoured by this meaningful partnership with Korian and the Korian Foundation. By joining forces, we are building a long-term collaboration to support research projects on major public health issues," underlines Denis Duverne, Chairman of the Supervisory Board of the Foundation for Medical Research.

About Korian

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About the Korian Foundation for Ageing Well

The Korian Foundation for Ageing Well has set itself the mission of promoting a change of perspective on age and the elderly. The Foundation develops federative projects contributing to the social inclusion of the elderly and supporting the social link between seniors, caregivers and support professionals. By bringing together researchers in health and human sciences, professionals in the field of support for the elderly and geriatricians, as well as journalists, designers and leaders of the associative world, the Korian Foundation for Ageing Well conducts societal studies and applied research in order to contribute to the recognition of all people, regardless of their age, family situation or state of health, as actors in society and at the territorial level.

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About the Foundation for Medical Research

The Foundation for Medical Research (FRM) is the largest charitable funder of biomedical research in France as a whole. Every year it funds more than 400 new research projects on all diseases. Its objective: To contribute to the development of innovative and pioneering research, bringing medical progress for all. Independent, FRM's action is made possible solely through the generosity of its donors, testers and partners. More information: FRM.ORG

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