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Interview of the EuCARE partners

Q01

Interviewer: So, you are the Principal Investigator (PI) of the Karolinska Institutet (KI). Tell us a little about yourself, why are you involved with the KI and why is the KI involved in this project.

Anders Sönnernborg: I am specialist in **infectious diseases** and **clinical virology**. My employment is a combination of being **senior consultant** at **Karolinska University Hospital** and **professor** at **Karolinska Institutet** where I am **head** of the **Division of Infectious Diseases**. I have done **clinical work** and **research on HIV** since **1983** but also other viral infections. I am the **founder** of the **Swedish Reference Group of Antiviral Therapy** and was **member** of the **Scientific Advisory Committee** in **Antivirals/HIV** to the **European Medicines Agency 1996-2021**. During the **COVID epidemic** I was a **member** of the **COVID research committee** at **Karolinska** and also **consultant** to **Public Health Sweden**. **Karolinska Institutet** tasks in the **EuCARE project** include **laboratory work** in **WP2**, especially **CMI (Cell-Mediated Immunity)**, and to be **responsible** as **leader** for the cohort **WP3**.



Q02

Interviewer: Besides yourself, who else participates in this project from Karolinska Institutet?

Anders Sönnernborg: There are **three** further **researchers** from KI **involved**. **Associate professor Pontus Nauc ler** MD, PhD who has **outstanding knowledge** and **experience** in **collecting** and **analysing data** from **different large databases**. **Pontus N** has **done** and is **still doing research** on **different research projects** including **respiratory infections**. He is also **senior consultant** at the **ID clinic** (Infectious Diseases). **Dr Pontus Hedberg** MD, PhD has very **good skills** in **database-handling** and **biostatistics**. He **defended** his **thesis** on **COVID** in **November 2022** and is now **putting all efforts** on **COVID** and **EuCARE**. **Associate professor Marcus Buggert** is a **world-leading expert** on **cellular immunity**. Being a **former PhD-student** of mine, he has also his **scientific roots** in **HIV research** but has the **recent years expanded** his interest to **several infections** including **COVID**. Marcus is **responsible** for the **CMI-task** in **WP2**.

Q03

Interviewer: The final question, the EuCARE project is divided into eight workpackages (WP), right? In which ones is the Karolinska Institutet involved and what has been done already?

Anders Sönnernborg: Our **focus** is on **WP2** and **WP3**. In **WP2**, **Marcus** has **established CMI** for **SARS-CoV-2** and is now **ready** to **analyse samples** from the **different partners**. **KI** is the **leader** of **WP3** where **especially Pontus** has put a **lot of efforts** on the **hospitalized cohort database**. We have done the **analysis** of our **first deliverable** and we are **now finalizing** the **analysis** for the **first manuscript** on the **hospitalized cohort**.

Interviewer: Thank you, Anders.

Anders Sönnernborg: Thank you very much!



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