

SMARTER IMAGING FOR PANCREATIC CANCER RISK FARIS

THE PROBLEM

Pancreatic cancer is highly lethal because it is usually diagnosed late. Current surveillance targets high-risk individuals, but more precise risk stratification is needed to identify those requiring closer assessment.

OUR SOLUTION

FARIS combines a fluorescent antibody with endoscopic imaging to highlight malignant cells in vivo. This real-time molecular view could improve risk stratification and guide decisions.

PATENT STATUS

An Invention Disclosure Form (IDF) for FARIS is being prepared for submission to the University of Copenhagen's Technology Transfer Office.

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

FARIS is pre-revenue. Following patent protection, we will advance the product through grants and private investment. The clinical workflow will be co-developed with Danish hospitals, supporting validation, regulatory approval and direct market entry.

MILESTONES

- Received Proof of Concept Pool - To Go funding from KU Lighthouse - 125.000 DKK
- Received Novo Nordisk Foundation Pioneer Innovator Grant – 750.000 DKK
- Established relationships with surgeons and clinicians at Rigshospitalet, Hvidovre and Herlev Hospitals.

TARGET MARKET & CUSTOMERS

Our customers are Danish hospitals and specialist centres monitoring patients at risk of pancreatic cancer. Following validation, FARIS could expand internationally to specialist centres.

THE PROFILE WE ARE LOOKING FOR

Preferred qualifications

- Experience in imaging technologies, medical devices or optical diagnostics.
- Clinical expertise in pancreatic surveillance, endoscopy or pancreatic cancer.
- Entrepreneurial experience relevant to developing and implementing medical innovations.
- Participation may be online or in person.

Personal fit

- Open-minded, Entrepreneurial, proactive and comfortable developing an early-stage healthcare venture.
- Committed to a transparent co-founder partnership.

TASKS & RESPONSIBILITIES (FIRST 3 MONTHS)

- Building and maintaining communication with clinicians and hospitals.
- Developing the business strategy
- Market analysis
- Identifying fundings and partnerships

ACADEMIC & ENTREPRENEURIAL BACKGROUND OF CURRENT CO-FOUNDERS

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