

**RESOLUTION OF WITHDRAWAL OF THE TENDERING OF A CRO SPECIALIZED IN THE MANAGEMENT OF PHASE I-IV CLINICAL TRIALS WHO IS IN CHARGE OF DATA MANAGEMENT, MEDICAL WRITING AND BIOSTATISCAL SERVICESFOR THE “MOTHER AND CHILD INTERVENTIONS FOR CHRONIC UNDERNUTRITION IN ANGOLA. A COMMUNITY CLUSTER AND COST-EFFECTIVENESS TRIAL” (MUCCUA STUDY) AS PART OF THE PROJECT “OPERATIVE RESEARCH AGAINST CHRONIC CHILD MALNUTRITION IN ANGOLA” (CRESCER PROJECT)-FED/2020/418-106 FROM FUNDACIÓ HOSPITAL UNIVERSITARI VALL HEBRON - INSTITUT DE RECERCA (VHIR).**

**2022-018 CRO SERVICES FOR (MuCCUA study / CRESCER Project)**

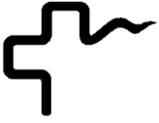
**BACKGROUND:**

I. On 17<sup>th</sup> March 2022, Mr. Israel Molina Head of the Infectious Diseases Group of the Fundació Hospital Universitari Vall d'Hebron- Institut de Recerca, proposed a tender file for **THE CONTRACTING OF A CRO SPECIALIZED IN THE MANAGEMENT OF PHASE I-IV CLINICAL TRIALS WHO IS IN CHARGE OF DATA MANAGEMENT, MEDICAL WRITING AND BIOSTATISCAL SERVICESFOR THE “MOTHER AND CHILD INTERVENTIONS FOR CHRONIC UNDERNUTRITION IN ANGOLA. A COMMUNITY CLUSTER AND COST-EFFECTIVENESS TRIAL” (MUCCUA STUDY) AS PART OF THE PROJECT “OPERATIVE RESEARCH AGAINST CHRONIC CHILD MALNUTRITION IN ANGOLA” (CRESCER PROJECT)-FED/2020/418-106 FROM FUNDACIÓ HOSPITAL UNIVERSITARI VALL HEBRON - INSTITUT DE RECERCA (VHIR)**, hereinafter called “bidding”.

II. The maximum approved budget for the provision of the services for to the total duration of the procedure, was NINETY THOUSAND EUROS (€ 90.000,00) without VAT, besides, the duration of the service object of this tender coincided with the validity of the aforementioned project, which is until February 14 of 2025, the completion date of the project's “Operative Research Against Chronic Child Malnutrition in Angola” (CRESCER project).

III. The tender was published on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2022 on the digital public contracting platform of the Catalan Regional Government and the Contracting Profile of the Fundació Hospital Universitari Vall Hebron- Institut de Recerca (VHIR), including the specific administrative conditions and the technical specifications.

IV. The only tenderer who submitted bidding offer was BIOCLEVER 2005 SLU on 30<sup>th</sup> of Marc 2022 at 15:56h. The closing date of submissions of bids was 01st April 2022 at 13:00h.



V. On 4<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at 13:00h, the Awarding Committee opened the Envelope number 1, which included administrative documents that did not contain rectifiable defects. Consequently, BIOCLEVER 2005 SLU was admitted as bidder.

VI. On 8<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at 09:30h, the Awarding Committee opened the Envelope number 2, which contained the proposal to be assessed through the application of value judgments. In concordance with the technical assessment report issued by Mr. Israel Molina, on 14th April 2022, the bidder BIOCLEVER 2005 SLU obtained a total of 09 points out of 50. The reason of this scoring is that the bidder did not submit any document where it was included the drafting of work proposal, therefore, the responsible of the contract could not value that part of the value judgments.

VII. On 19<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at 09:30h, the Awarding Committee opened the Envelope number 3, which contained the proposal to be assessed through the application of criteria that can be quantified through the application of automatic formulas. In the Envelope number 3, the BIOCLEVER 2005 SLU obtained a total of 50 points out of 50.

VIII. Subsequently, the Coordinator and Principal Investigator of the CRESCER FED/2020/418-106 Project, informs the Contracting Office of the impossibility of assessing the only company submitted since it has not provided the requested report, therefore asks that the tender be withdrawn and a new tender process is re-initiated.

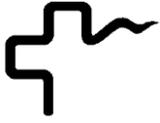
IX. The specification of particular administrative clauses that governs the tender establishes that when none of the offers reaches the minimum score required to be awarded in the award criteria, all bids will be rejected from the tender procedure

X. Due to a non-rectifiable infringement at the time of the preparation of the tender, the minimum required score was not included in the technical specification to be able to award the tender and for this reason it is necessary to withdraw from the license.

XI. Likewise, the document of technical specification does not define with sufficient concision the needs that are intended to be covered. It does not incorporate an action plan, a calendar and a quality control system that seems to be needed, and that in the weighting of the criteria a minimum threshold of 50% of the subjective criteria is not set to continue in the procedure as established in article 146.3 of the LCSP.

## **Fundamentals of law**

1. Article 152.4 of Law 9/2017, of 8 November, on Public Sector Contracts, transpose the Directives of the Spanish Parliament to the Spanish legal system European and Council 2014/23/EU and 2014/24/EU, of 26 February 2014.



## **SOLVE:**

1. Withdraw from the tender procedure by procedure opened by the contracting of a CRO specialized in the management of phase I-IV clinical trials who is in charge of data management, medical writing and biostatistical services for the “mother and child interventions for chronic undernutrition in Angola. A community cluster and cost-effectiveness trial” (MUCCUA study) as part of the project “operative research against chronic child malnutrition in Angola” (CRESCER project)-fed/2020/418-106 from Fundació Hospital Universitari Vall Hebron - Institut de Recerca (VHIR) due to the existence of inadmissible errors that affect the tender price and the estimated value of the contract.
2. Publish the agreement to withdraw the aforementioned tender procedure to the Public Contract Registry and the Contracting Profile of the Vall d'Hebron Biomedical Research Institute (VHIR).

Barcelona, 20<sup>th</sup> April of 2022.

### **CONTRACTING ENTITY**

**Dr. Joan X. Comella Carnicé**

Director

Fundació Hospital Universitari Vall Hebron - Institut de Recerca (VHIR)