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# Research associate Liver Diseases: EU-PEARL IMI Project

## Liver diseases research group

VHIR offers one vacant position for an experienced researcher in the Liver, Metabolism, and Infections (LivMI) group with knowledge of non-alcoholic steatohepatitis (NASH) and experience in clinical trials within the framework of the EU Patient-Centric Clinical Trials Platforms (EU-PEARL) IMI2 European Project. (Grant Agreement no. 853966)

### JOB DESCRIPTION

#### Education and qualifications:

##### Required:

- Having a Bachelor's in Medicine.
- Medical degree approved in Spain

#### Experience and knowledge:

##### Required:

- Experience in clinical trial design and execution, specific expertise in liver diseases/NASH, will be valued.
- Experience designing, implementing, and disseminating scientific projects internationally.
- Proactive, objective- and results-oriented person.
- Relational skills and teamwork in a multicultural work environment.
- Good skills in oral and written English; other languages will be appreciated



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### Desired:

- Specialization in Internal Medicine or Gastroenterology through the MIR system
- Interested in carrying out a Ph.D. dissertation
- Spanish- advanced; Catalan
- Background in liver diseases
- Experience with Microsoft office package
- Experience with statistical analysis and software (SPSS, Stata, R commander)
- Knowledgeable in the SAP environment
- Knowledge of database management/administration

### Main responsibilities and duties:

The selected candidate will work as Associated Research for the strategic project EU-PEARL (Patient-Centric Clinical Trials Platforms; IMI Grant Agreement 853966) within a Consortium of 36 international partners. The project is coordinated by VHIR, which also leads a work package focused on NASH (i.e., WP6). The project is funded by the Innovative Medicines Initiative 2 Joint Undertaking of the EU, with a total budget of EUR 26M.

EU-PEARL is a unique public-private strategic partnership focused on creating a framework to set up adaptive clinical trial platforms of the future. EU-PEARL aims to transform clinical trials into a cross-company collaborative, multi-compound platform focused on patients. It will define a novel enabling infrastructure through an integrated system where pharmaceutical companies and healthcare providers can work together, and integrated research platforms will become an obtainable alternative.

Within the contribution of the Liver Diseases Research Group to the EU-PEARL Project, the selected candidate is expected:

- To support the principal investigator in the research activities related to NASH, mainly focusing on the EU-PEARL project. Includes preparation of scientific manuscripts, attending high-level meetings, transferring knowledge and training in hepatic diseases (NASH), hosting meetings, and preparing project presentations.
- Engagement and active participation in EU-PEARL work packages (mainly WP6)



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- Contribute to producing project deliverables to ensure deliverables and milestones are fulfilled.
- Coordination with other EU-PEARL partners
- The responsibilities will include planning, steering, and monitoring scientific activities in the EU-PEARL, fluid communication with EU-PEARL leaders and WP leaders, problem-solution activities, and elaborating scientific documents according to evidence-based recommendations.
- Communication with principal investigators and direct collaboration with the Project Managers in charge of WP6 and the whole EU-PEARL Project at VHIR.
- Support in promoting new projects, writing and submitting project proposals.

### Labour conditions:

- Full-time 40h/week.
- Starting date: January 2023
- Length of the contract: permanent linked to project (expected end of the project: 30<sup>th</sup> April 2023).
- Gross annual salary: 27.470,49 euros. Salary ranges are consistent with our Collective Agreement pay scale.

### What can we offer?

- Incorporation to Vall d'Hebron Research Institute (VHIR), a public sector institution that promotes and develops biomedical research, innovation, and teaching at Vall d'Hebron University Hospital (HUVH), the biggest hospital in Barcelona and the largest of Catalan Institute of Health (ICS).
- Potential continuation of the selected candidate beyond the duration of the Project and outside the scope of the EU-PEARL activities will be considered by the group. This will be subject to the funds available at the LivMI group and the preference of the candidate and the group after project termination. The LivMI group, part of the Liver Unit at HUVH, performs clinical trials in the NASH field, leading and co-leading national and international projects studying liver diseases. The selected candidate will be offered the opportunity to be a sub-investigator in ongoing clinical trials and be involved in the group's research projects.
- A scientific environment of excellence, highly dynamic, where high-end biomedical projects are continuously developed.
- Continuous learning and a wide range of responsibilities within a stimulating work environment.
- Personal training opportunities.



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- Flexible working hours.
- 23 days of holidays + 9 personal days (annually).
- Flexible Remuneration Program (including dining checks, health insurance, transportation, and more).

### How to apply:

Applicants should submit a full Curriculum Vitae and a cover letter with the reference “*Liver Diseases Research Assoc. EU-PEARL*” to the following email addresses: [juanmanuel.pericas@vallhebron.cat](mailto:juanmanuel.pericas@vallhebron.cat), [elena.sena@vhir.org](mailto:elena.sena@vhir.org), and [seleccio@vhir.org](mailto:seleccio@vhir.org)