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Open Source Drug Discovery Unit

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Expression of Interest

CSIR invites Contract Research Organisations (CROs) to participate in Open Source Drug Discovery (OSDD), a collaborative research project on drug discovery. OSDD is a CSIR led Team India Consortium with a vision to provide affordable healthcare to the developing world in the area of tropical diseases. The OSDD consortium strives to reach out to researchers world-wide to be partners in this endeavor. The current disease of focus is Tuberculosis caused by *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*. OSDD plans to extend its focus to Malaria. For details please visit www.osdd.net

CSIR-OSDD is seeking response from interested CROs with expertise in synthetic chemistry and clinical trials.

1. Expression of Interest in Synthetic Chemistry: CROs who have experience in synthetic organic chemistry and have in-house analytical facility along with proven track record of providing satisfactory services for at least three years may apply. CROs with experience in the area of medicinal chemistry and lead optimization will be preferred. This work will be awarded initially for one year and on satisfactory performance this can be extended to a period of three years. Services are required in the FTE model.

Scope of work: The selected CROs are expected to work on the molecular template provided by OSDD. The main work entails synthetic chemistry to obtain pure compounds on various scaffolds. The work will be with an aim to make analogs and library of compounds. The synthetic chemistry needs to be supported with adequate analytical data validating the structure and purity of compounds. The scaffolds for synthesis might vary depending on the ongoing

work. Appropriate documentation and periodic reporting would be specified as a part of the contract.

2. Expression of Interest from Clinical Research Organizations: CROs with proven track record of providing services in various aspects of clinical research for more than five years only need to apply. CROs should be ICH-GCP compliant and well versed with DCGI and ICMR ethical guidelines. 21CFR11 compliance of data management and expertise in biostatistics are required. Prior experience in working in infectious diseases particularly in the area of Tuberculosis will be preferred.

Scope of work: The trial will be a Phase IIb study at a single site in Delhi. Inputs will be required in the area of bio-statistics, data management, documentation including medical writing, training, clinical data monitoring and management of the trial according to ICH-GCP and ICMR guidelines, based on the trial protocol developed by OSDD.

Interested CROs are Invited to submit their interest by responding to this EOI (to sbalachandran@csir.res.in) latest by 10th April 2012.

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