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"Minimally and non-invasive methods for early detection and/or progression of cancer"

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Project proposal

Project title (draft):

Short description of the project in preparation and of the consortium; description of the areas of expertise needed (Max. 2000 words):



OFFER FOR COLLABORATION

IF YOU PROPOSE YOURSELF AS A PARTNER IN A CONSORTIUM, PLEASE DETAIL YOUR EXPERTISE

Short description of the areas of interest and expertise (Max. 2000 words):

The Head and Neck Oncology Unit is led by Prof. Dr. Juan Pablo Rodrigo (Professor of Otolaryngology at the University of Oviedo and the Central University Hospital of Oviedo-HUCA) is a multidisciplinary research group composed of scientists and clinicians. It is the most renowned group in the field of head and neck oncology not only in Spain but also at an international level (<http://expertscape.com/leaders/laryngeal-cancer>). In addition, HUCA has been ranked as the 10th World leading institution in the field.

The overall goal of our research group is to **investigate genetic/molecular alterations** involved in the formation and progression of **head and neck squamous cell carcinomas** (HNSCC) or in the development of recurrent disease, and to establish their potential clinical applicability as **diagnostic/prognostic markers and new therapeutic targets**. We propose to explore the advantages of **saliva liquid biopsy** as a promising simple, rapid, non-invasive and cost-effective alternative method. Serial saliva sampling provides excellent opportunities for investigating a wide range of novel biomarkers for cancer diagnosis and disease surveillance.

The high multidisciplinary component of the Head and Neck Oncology Unit including various surgeons, oncologists, pathologists based at HUCA will also facilitate the implementation of novel cancer risk markers or prognostic markers identified to the routine clinical practice. The Head and Neck Oncology Unit has an outstanding recognition due to its significant advances in the field of head and neck oncology.

