

Dear Friends and Protagen Collaborators

We hope you have had a nice and relaxing Easter break! At Protagen we have been reflecting on a very intense and successful first quarter. The year started at JP Morgan in San Francisco, which seems to get bigger and bigger each year and we successfully concluded our ISO13485 surveillance audit in March. During this first quarter our Pharma collaboration efforts are gaining traction with two further agreements signed and we secured our financing until the end of 2017. As always, we endeavour to keep you updated and informed of our progress, may the flow of good news continue!



Protagen Innovative Target Identification



Autoantibodies are known to be or to highlight potential drug targets. We are now using our proprietary SeroTag® technology and the data already generated to systematically analyse the human autoantibody repertoire for potential target identification paving the way for advanced personalized medicine approaches. Based on our publication on **SPOP** in Prostate Cancer and other internal data we are enthusiastic about this approach and have already identified several targets that are currently being discussed with potential partners.

Conferences & Meet us @



Last quarter, we were in San Francisco for the **JP Morgan conference** and experienced a record number of meetings with investors, Dx, Pharma and Biotech companies. Not to forget the fun at some of the evening receptions. We felt it was the most successful JPM conference for Protagen to date. This month, we will attend the **10th International Congress on Autoimmunity** in Leipzig and will give five presentations. In June we will be at **EULAR** in London. We look forward to meeting you during these conferences.

Corporate News & PR



We have also been busy with our PR efforts this quarter, such as interviews and editorials, with the clear highlight being the nomination for our NavigAID SLE product as „Best Personalized Medicine Advance or Application“ in the **Clinical and Research Excellence Awards 2016**. We are competing against the Covance CDx team and the COPD Foundation in this category and are proud to have developed a product that can assist in new drug development. We are delighted for this to have been acknowledged by the panel of judges for the CARE awards.

Quartely Update

In addition, to the aspects mentioned above, we had further noteworthy achievements during the last quarter. In January we joined the RA-MAP consortium to advance our RA development programme and we also signed a collaboration agreement with the University of Newcastle.

We continue our assay development for the Multilisa SSc and SLE programs with two RUO products already launched and our first Protagen CE marked test is expected to launch shortly. We also have the first Multilisa RA marker entering development shortly.

Our Pharma collaboration business has been gaining momentum based on the NavigAID SLE product and we are in the final stages of development for a NavigAID SSc product. Hence, building upon the success of NavigAID SLE in other indications and then more will follow.

News

Protagen AG joins RA-MAP Consortium to support Identification of Predictors of Remission in Rheumatoid Arthritis (RA)

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Finally – Easter Egg Fun Facts

An Easter Egg unveiled in Bariloche, Argentina at a Chocolate festival in 2012 weighed in at over four tons, making it a contender to be the worlds largest. Twenty seven bakeries worked for two weeks to make enough chocolate for this gargantuan egg. It was an exceptional size of 8.5m tall by 5m wide, using a reported 4,000kgs of chocolate! We hope you have enjoyed your share of chocolate over Easter.

