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DZNE scientists funded for Parkinson's research through EU Innovative Medicines Initiative

Donato Di Monte, Ayse Ulusoy and Daniele Bano of the German Center for Neurodegenerative Diseases (DZNE) received 541,000 euro as members of the EU-funded 'PD-MitoQUANT' consortium. They and their scientific teams will investigate how mitochondria, the 'powerhouses' of the cell, contribute to neurodegenerative processes in Parkinson's when they malfunction.

PD-MitoQUANT (www.pdmitoquant.eu) is an Innovative Medicines Initiative (IMI - www.imi.europa.eu) research project that will improve our understanding of Parkinson's so that better treatments can be developed in the future. The project will run for three years, receiving 4.5 million euro in funding from the EU's Horizon 2020 programme and 2.46 million euro in-kind from European Federation of Pharmaceutical Industries and Associations (EFPIA) members and Parkinson's UK.

The consortium involves 14 partners from 9 countries, including academic experts from RCSI (Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland), Institut du Cerveau et de la Moelle Epinière, German Center for Neurodegenerative Diseases, Neuroscience Institute of the National Research Council, University College London, Radboud university medical centre, the Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique, SMEs (GeneXplain GmbH, Mimetas B.V., Pintail Limited), pharmaceutical companies (Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd.; H. Lundbeck A/S; UCB S.A.), and a patient advocacy organization (Parkinson's UK).

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