

## 7 million euro awarded for Parkinson's research through EU Innovative Medicines Initiative

Werner Koopman of the department of Biochemistry of the Radboudumc received 400,000 euro as a member of the PD-MitoQUANT consortium ([www.pdmitoquant.eu](http://www.pdmitoquant.eu)). The latter is an Innovative Medicines Initiative (IMI - [www.imi.europa.eu](http://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.

PD-MitoQUANT focuses on how mitochondria, the 'powerhouses' of the cell, contribute to cell death and neurodegeneration when they malfunction. The project involves 14 partners from 9 countries, including academic experts from the 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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