

Vetoquinol Mobility Program Clinical Study Grants

General information

The Vetoquinol Mobility Program (VMP) is a comprehensive method of multimodal osteoarthritis management in dogs and cats combining both pharmaceutical and non-pharmaceutical solutions in order to provide pain relief, improved quality of life, and return to function. The three principal components of the VMP include:

1. **Cimalgex®**, a Cox-II specific NSAID for acute and chronic pain relief in dogs
2. **Flexadin Advanced®**, a nutritional supplement containing undenatured Type-II collagen which has been shown to reduce inflammation by a mechanism called oral tolerance
3. **Veterinary rehabilitation therapy** to both diminish pain and improve function

The VMP Clinical Study Grant Program is aimed at supporting research which will demonstrate the clinical use of one or more of the principal components of the program.

Selection of Awards

The selection committee for 2018 is chaired by Dr. Felix Duerr, Dr. med. vet., MS, Diplomate, American and European College of Veterinary Surgeons and American College of Veterinary Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation, Associate Professor of Small Animal Sports Medicine/Rehabilitation and Orthopedics at Colorado State University.

Rules

- Applicants must be a veterinarian either with or in the process of obtaining an advanced degree. Proposals that include interns, residents, or graduate students must have a sponsor in a faculty position or postdoctoral career appointment at the same institute
- Proposals will be submitted using the format below and will be evaluated based upon the scientific interest of the research and the feasibility of timely completion and publication
- The maximum award available for each study is 50 000 Euros, inclusive of overhead fees.
- Maximum time for completion of the study is two years
- The primary aim of the award is to publish the research in a peer-reviewed veterinary journal
- Investigators will comply with all local ethical requirements
- Reports of progress will be made every six months
- Vetoquinol will be acknowledged in any publication

Proposal guidelines:

Grant proposals will be written in English using Microsoft Word (.doc or .docx) or rich text format (.rtf), use a font size of 10 – 12, and limited to 10 pages excluding references, budget and timeline. Proposals should include the following:

Abstract

A short abstract of no more than 250 words highlighting the objectives, design, and outcome variables.

Title

The name, credentials, and contact information of the principal investigator and names, credentials, and level of involvement of co-investigators

Objective

A statement of what will be shown, the hypothesis and specific aims to be tested, and the endpoints measured.

Background and clinical significance

A brief narrative describing the importance of the study and its relevance to the clinical management of osteoarthritis. This should include a review of the available literature and clearly identify the knowledge gap. Preliminary data is not required but is very helpful in assessment of feasibility.

Experimental design

A description of the methods, animals, outcome measures to be utilized, and how the results will be analyzed.

Feasibility

Provide adequate proof that the investigative team is appropriately equipped and has expertise in the area of study to merit funding and that the project will be approved by local ethical committee. Potential obstacles and plans to overcome them should be identified.

References

Number references sequentially as they are cited in the text (or tables and legends), using superscripted Arabic numerals. The following styles should be used for common types of references:

Article in a journal

1. Lamont LA, Bulmer BJ, Sisson DD, et al. Doppler echocardiographic effects of medetomidine on dynamic left ventricular outflow tract obstruction in cats. *J Am Vet Med Assoc* 2002;221:1276–1281.

Book chapter

2. Muir P, Johnson KA, Manley PA. Fractures of the pelvis. In: Birchard SJ, Sherding RG, eds. *Saunders manual of small animal practice*. 2nd ed. Philadelphia: WB Saunders Co, 2000;1126–1132.

Proceedings

3. Moore MP, Bagley RS, Harrington ML, et al. Intracranial tumors, in *Proceedings*. 14th Annu Meet Vet Med Forum 1996;331–334.

Electronic material

4. Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service. Bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE). Available at: www.aphis.usda.gov/lpa/issues/bse/bse.html. Accessed Feb 18, 2003.

Budget

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Proposed timeline

The timeline should be included with appropriate major milestones.

Questions and principal contact

Questions and additional information requests can be submitted to your Vétquinol technical advisor