

Central platform for coordinating immunity donations against Covid-19

Cologne, April 7th, 2020 - The 'Initiative Immenspender' (Initiative Immunity Donor) is an association of doctors, scientists, marketing experts and committed citizens. At www.immunspender.com the initiative offers an online platform on which recovered Covid-19 patients can register as immunity donors. The initiative coordinates the allocation to plasma donation centers, thereby ensuring that the greatest possible amount of antibodies against Sars-CoV-2 can be produced. The goal is to provide every patient in Germany who needs it with the compound of donated antibodies. The effectiveness in Covid-19 therapy is currently being confirmed by various researchers.

Initial clinical trials have shown that antibodies from people who have successfully overcome a Covid-19 infection can treat other sick patients or protect particularly vulnerable people. This means that the passive immunization of hospital staff or other people at risk is now possible. The protection works for a limited period of time and could therefore bridge the time until a vaccine is approved. The process has been successfully used for e.g. Ebola infections for years and has been tested and evaluated positively for Sars-CoV-2 in various studies.

In Germany, cured Covid-19 patients have so far been discharged without informing them about this possibility or enlisting their voluntary help for this social task. Data protection also prohibits the automatic use of patient data. The number of people who have survived the infection is currently increasing day by day without using this potential.

This is where the 'Initiative Immenspender' comes in, with the help of digitization and communication, based on the current wave of social solidarity, to immediately provide broad information and to systematically identify cured patients as possible donors and make them accessible to clinics and doctors.

Recovered Covid-19 patients can register on the website www.immunspender.com and show their willingness to donate antibodies. The donation itself is very simple, only a blood donation is required, without surgery or medical intervention. Clinics can use the platform to find suitable donors and, if necessary, automatically prompt them to contact them. With the donor file and a systematic organization of the blood banks, numerous new infections could be prevented, patients better cared for and lives saved.

In addition, the initiative will conduct scientific surveys among the convalescents together with its partners. The knowledge gained in this way is recorded anonymously and is available to research institutes and companies if necessary.

The inventors and founders, Thomas Mosbach, Dr. Sven H. Becker and Andreas Schneider are committed to this initiative and are creating the platform and a campaign to make the therapy of the novel coronavirus with convalescent serums quickly and widely known and available in Germany. In addition, the social potential of these people should be increased in the event of a prolonged pandemic.

The 'Initiative Immenspender' is founded as a non-profit organization without economic interests. Negotiations are already underway with potential sponsors and, to ensure professional competence, with renowned virologists, institutes and specialists.

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