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Participant organisation names	Project title	Proposed project costs	Proposed project grant
Pertinax Pharma Ltd	ICURE Aid for Start Ups Cohort 3	£806,000	£489,000
Project description - provided by applicants			
<p>Pertinax is a novel formulation of the antimicrobial drug chlorhexidine (CHX) for use in dentistry and healthcare. CHX is in widespread use but its efficacy and applications are limited by its short duration of activity, which is typically less than 12 hours. This limitation is overcome by Pertinax technology, which extends the duration of action to weeks, months or years. The company has confirmed market demand and has understood market size and opportunity. The development of a robust and scalable manufacturing process is now the principal barrier to commercial success. The company believes that having established a manufacturing process it could a) supply its technology in bulk form to customers to generate early income, b) complete one or more commercial partnership deals currently in negotiation and c) raise commercial finance for development purposes.</p>			

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Ceryx Medical Limited	ICURE Aid for Start Ups Cohort 3	£800,000	£500,000
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<p>The Central Pattern Generator (CPG) implants, which we are developing, are a potentially disruptive medical science and technology solution enabling the effective bioelectronic treatment of a wide range of chronic diseases. Their first application will be within Cardiac Rhythm Management (CRM) market where their use will improve the life of patients, and help relieve the growing burden on medical carers and National Health resources arising from the increasing incidence of coronary disease. Although the CPG technology has a wide range of applications it will be developed initially to restore cardiac function in heart failure with indirect benefits for hypertensive and sleep apnoea patients. The advantages of neural bioelectronics include an ability to integrate, in real time, biological inputs and synchronize to physiological feedback bringing increased efficacy, safety and autonomy for the patient. CPG based therapies cause none of the side-effects arising from the long term drug use present in today's drug based therapies.</p>			

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Ziyo Ltd	ICURE Aid for Start Ups Cohort 3	£850,000	£500,000
Project description - provided by applicants			
Development of a new platform technology for the production of robust sensors for the continuous measurement of sugars in solution.			

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