

Press release

Prof. Michel Ferrari and Dr. Manjit Matharu join as independent clinical advisors for Salvia BioElectronics.

Eindhoven, June 25th 2019 – Eindhoven based start-up Salvia BioElectronics B.V. announced today that global key opinion leaders Prof. Michel Ferrari and Dr. Manjit Matharu will advise the company in the development of its novel neurostimulation therapy for primary headaches.

Salvia is developing an innovative neurostimulation solution for chronic migraine. Hubert Martens, CEO of Salvia BioElectronics, noted: “Despite optimal medical treatment, many people experiencing frequent and disabling headaches continue to suffer from poor quality of life due to limited efficacy and drug-related side-effects. By gently influencing nerve activity, bioelectronics provide a drug-free approach to restore health for people with chronic migraine.”

Wim Pollet, CMO of Salvia BioElectronics, added: “The close collaboration with key opinion leaders in the field of headache disorders helps ensure the development of effective solutions with the potential to become standard-of-care for people suffering from severe disabling headaches”.

“It is pleasure to advise an early-stage company driven to improve lives of patients suffering from disabling chronic headaches” says Prof. Michel Ferrari of the Leiden University Medical Center (LUMC).

Dr. Manjit Matharu of the University College London (UCL) added: “There is evidence on the effectiveness of neurostimulation as a therapy for chronic headache, Salvia’s innovative platform has the potential to play an important role”.

NOTE FOR THE EDITOR

About Salvia BioElectronics B.V.

Salvia BioElectronics has been founded in 2017 by neuromodulation industry veterans with the ambition to develop a bioelectronics therapy for people suffering from chronic migraine that is as easy as taking medication yet side-effect free. www.salvianeuro.com

Prof. Michel D. Ferrari, MD, PhD, FANA, FRCP is Professor of Neurology, Chair of the Leiden Centre for Translational Neuroscience, and member of the Permanent Science Committee at Leiden University Medical Centre (LUMC). He also is President of the Dutch Headache Society and past President of the International Headache Society (IHS), and serves and has served on the executive, scientific and advisory boards of many other scientific organizations. Prof. Ferrari is an Elected Fellow of the American Neurological Association (FANA) and the Royal College of Physicians (FRCP), and an Honorary Member of the Colombian Neurology Society and the International (IHS), Danish and Italian Headache Societies. He received from the Dutch Neurological Association the five-ennial Winkler Medallion for Excellence in Neurological Research (2005) and from The Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research (NWO) the Vici Innovational Research Personal Incentive Schema Award (2004), the Spinoza Life Time Achievement Premium (2009), the highest science prize in The Netherlands, and the 10-year Gravity Award “Brain on a Chip” (2017) as part of the “Netherlands Organ on a Chip Initiative”.

Dr. Manjit Matharu is an Associate Professor at UCL Queen Square Institute of Neurology and Honorary Consultant Neurologist at The National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery, London, UK. He is the Clinical Lead of the Headache Group at The National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery and Academic Lead of the Headache and Facial Pain Group the UCL Queen Square Institute of Neurology. Dr. Matharu’s major research interests include the trigeminal autonomic cephalalgias and neurostimulation for intractable headaches. He has authored numerous scientific papers. Dr. Matharu is a member of the Headache and Pain subcommittee of the Association of British Neurologists. He was a member of the National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE) guideline development group (GDG) for Headache Disorders.

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