

Barcelona, 29 March 2023

Dear Sir or Madam,

From the CLÍNIC BARCELONA RESEARCH FOUNDATION-AUGUST PI I SUNYER BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE (hereafter, FRCB_IDIBAPS), we hereby inform you that, on 5 March 2023, the HOSPITAL CLÍNIC OF BARCELONA (hereafter, HCB), suffered a cyberattack of the Ransomware type which affected the computer information systems that the FRCB-IDIBAPS shares with the HCB.

Since the attack was detected, the HCB and the FCRB-IDIBAPS have been working with the support of the Cybersecurity Agency of Catalonia and the Mossos d'Esquadra police to re-establish the systems attacked and restore the data affected.

The cyberattack was notified on 17 March 2023 to the Catalan Data Protection Authority (APDCAT) through the corresponding Security Violation Notification.

With this letter, the FRCB-IDIBAPS, as Data Controller for the coded personal data of people participating in clinical studies sponsored by the organisation, in accordance with the provisions of section 3.c of article 34 of Regulation ((EU) 2016/679 dated 27 April, relating to the protection of physical persons in relation to the processing of their personal data (hereafter, the GDPR), hereby communicates that, due to the cyberattack suffered, the confidentiality of said coded personal data may have been compromised and work is ongoing to determine the extent of any possible damage.

Equally, the FRCB-IDIBAPS, as Data Controller for the personal data of professionals working therein, and in accordance with the provisions of section 3 c. of article 34 of the GDPR, hereby communicates that, due to the cyberattack suffered, the confidentiality of the personal data of these professionals may have been compromised, and work is ongoing to determine the extent of any possible damage. Until all the information is available, all professionals are recommended to pay special attention to possible communications or requirements of data that may reach them via email, mobile devices, or other means, to prevent possible identity theft.

The FRCB-IDIBAPS also hereby informs you that the HCB and the FRCB-IDIBAPS are coordinating the action plan to be followed, both with the Cybersecurity Agency of Catalonia and the ADPCAT and that, among others, the following actions have been implemented or are underway:

- Technical and IT measures designed to stop the damage from the cyberattack and eradicate the capacity of the cyberattacker.
- Forensic analysis of the impact and extent of the cyberattack.
- Process of information restoration.
- Return to service of information systems.
- Mass changing of passwords.

- Internal and external contingency work methodologies, to identify the detail of the categories and typologies of data compromised.

The above information will be periodically expanded as progress is made.

Furthermore, it is hereby communicated that any consultation or query relating to this communication can be addressed to the Data Protection Delegate of the FRCB-IDIBAPS at the following email address: protecciodades@recerca.clinic.cat

Yours sincerely.