

Barcelona, 15 July 2023

Dear All,

On 29 March 2023, the CLÍNIC BARCELONA RESEARCH FOUNDATION-AUGUST PI I SUNYER BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE (hereafter, FRCB-IDIBAPS) reported via its website that, on 5 March 2023, HOSPITAL CLÍNIC DE BARCELONA (hereafter, HCB) had suffered a ransomware cyberattack affecting the data systems that FRCB-IDIBAPS shares with HCB.

On 5 July 2023, we became aware that the hackers had published documents containing the following personal data on the Dark Web:

- 1.- Contact details of present and past FRCB-IDIBAPS professionals; and
- 2.- Data of donors of nervous tissue for research to the FRCB-IDIBAPS biobank (name and surname, postal address, telephone numbers, and in some cases, pathology), as well as the contact details (email address or telephone number) of the contact persons of these donors (relative or legal guardian).

Via this present communiqué, FRCB-IDIBAPS, as data controller for the above-mentioned personal data, in accordance with the provisions of Section 3.c of Article 34 of Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of 27 April on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data (hereinafter, the GDPR), hereby informs the persons concerned that the confidentiality of their personal data has been compromised.

We remind you that the Catalan Data Protection Authority (APDCAT) was informed about the cyberattack on 17 March 2023 via the corresponding Security Breach Notification and that, since its detection, HCB and FRCB-IDIBAPS have been working with the support of the Cybersecurity Agency of Catalonia and the Catalan police (Mossos d'Esquadra) with a view to recovering the systems attacked and restoring the data affected.

We advise all those affected by the cyberattack to be alert to the risk of being the victims of attempted scamming, identity theft or fraud. If this occurs, you should notify the police immediately on 112 or via the website <https://www.mossos.cat>.

Finally, if you have any doubts or queries about this communiqué, please contact the FRCB-IDIBAPS Data Protection Delegate at protecciodades@recerca.clinic.cat