



## COMPANY ANNOUNCEMENT

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### **ViroGates awarded a 2.8 DKKm Innobooster grant by The Innovation Fund Denmark to finalize the development of the suPARnostic® POC+ product**

**BIRKERØD, DENMARK** – ViroGates A/S, a medical technology company developing blood tests for better triaging in hospitals to improve patient care and reduce healthcare costs, announces that it has been granted 2.8 DKK million under the Innobooster program by The Innovation Fund Denmark to finalize the development of the company's new point-of-care product, suPARnostic® POC+.

The project aims to finalize product development and bring the product to market by completing validation of the technology in the laboratory, running clinical studies in relevant customer segments, developing algorithms and software for end-users, and ensuring regulatory compliance.

suPARnostic® POC+ is co-developed with Austrian-based GENSPEED Biotech GmbH and will enable the measurement of suPAR and CRP in a blood sample from a fingerprick. The product will expand the addressable market for ViroGates to pre-hospital customers such as general practitioners and others. The initial product launch to the first customer segment is expected in Q2, 2022, following a clinical validation study and an expected CE-IVD approval.

**Jakob Knudsen, Chief Executive Officer of ViroGates, says:** *"We are pleased that The Innovation Fund Denmark has decided to support our project of bringing a fingerprick-blood-based prognostic biomarker to market. We are excited about the product's potential to improve patient outcomes in both our existing acute care segments and in the pre-hospital setting, and the longer-term possibility of raising the level of health information in the general population."*

The announcement can be found at <https://www.virogates.com/investor/announcements>

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**About ViroGates**

ViroGates A/S is an international medical technology company developing and marketing blood test products under the suPARnostic® brand for better triaging in hospitals to improve patient care, reduce healthcare costs and empower clinical staff.

The company was founded in 2000. Headquartered in Denmark, ViroGates' sales force covers the Nordics, Spain, and France, while distributors serve other markets.

ViroGates' shares (VIRO) are listed on Nasdaq First North Growth Market Denmark. For more information, please visit [www.virogates.com](http://www.virogates.com).

**About suPAR and suPARnostic®**

suPAR is the biomarker detected by ViroGates' suPARnostic® products and is a protein in plasma, measurable in every human being. suPAR is considered a general risk status biomarker indicating disease presence, disease severity and progression, organ damage and mortality risk across disease areas such as cardiovascular diseases, kidney diseases, type 2 diabetes, cancer, etc. Strong scientific evidence from more than 750 clinical trials and studies show that the higher the level of suPAR, the worse the prognosis for the patient.

The suPARnostic® products can be used to support healthcare professionals in making clinical decisions on hospitalization or discharge of acute care patients. The increasing demands on health systems globally and tightening healthcare budgets necessitate efficiency improvements and innovative solutions in hospitals. The use of suPAR in clinical routine in emergency departments can improve patient care and reduce healthcare costs by increasing the number of discharges by up to 34% and reducing the average hospital length-of-stay by up to 6% without affecting mortality. suPARnostic® TurbiLatex is currently available on Roche Diagnostics' cobas® instruments, Siemens Healthineers ADVIA® XPT and Atellica® instruments and the Abbott Labs Architect™ and Alinity™ instruments. ViroGates works with partners to develop solutions for other platforms.