SPARK AT FLI supports development of novel therapeutics (small molecule or biologic), diagnostics or devise for unmet medical needs. Any clinical indication will be considered. Projects receive substantial seed funding* covering consumables necessary for granted projects for up to two years and mentorship from experts in all areas of drug development. In addition we are offering practical support with the help of two well trained technicians* and we encourage to include some information how this support could improve the development of your project.

Proposals will be evaluated on the basis of:
- Scope of unmet clinical need
- Novelty of approach
- Feasibility (cost and time)

Eligibility: Any FLI affiliate (faculty, clinician, postdoctoral fellow, or graduate student) is welcome to apply. This year, the SPARK FLI-Program is also open for external researchers from Universities and non-university research institutes. If you are interested, please contact SPARK FLI (Sonja Schätzlein) or your local Technology Transfer Office. Applicants will have to present their project during the annual Project Evaluation in front of the SPARK FLI Advisory Board on February 18th 2020 (16:00-19:00). Due to the pandemic this event is currently planned as online only event.

Proposal components:
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- Description of the Team: short description why you/team suitable to solve the problem (no CV!!!)
- Description of the 'problem' / medical need
- Description of your new solution / answer
- Difference to the current ‘Gold Standard’ / uniqueness of new solution
- Market niche and size (EU, United States and possibly other regions)
- Current development stage and future development plan
- Which part of your technology shall be patented?
- Anticipated budget based on pre-defined milestones (not part of page limit)
- Short bio of each team member (not part of page limit)

*only employees of FLI are eligible to receive FLI-funding and technical support

Deadline: January 28th 2021

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