

REPORT ON THE CIC:
CIC QUINZE-VINGTS

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GROUP D



In the name of Hcéres¹:

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In the name of the expert committee²:

Gilles Thuret, Chairman of the committee

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¹ The president of Hcéres "countersigns the evaluation reports set up by the expert committees and signed by their chairman." (Article 8, paragraph 5);

² The evaluation reports "are signed by the chairman of the expert committee". (Article 11, paragraph 2).

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CIC PRESENTATION

name:	CIC QUINZE-VINGTS
number:	1423
Requested label:	
Application type:	Renewal
Head of the CIC (2017-2018):	Mr José Alain SAHEL
Project leader (2019-2023):	Mr José Alain SAHEL
Number of modules or themes:	2

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chair:	Mr Gilles THURET, CHU de Saint-Etienne
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INTRODUCTION

HISTORY AND GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION OF THE CIC

The CIC-OPH is the only CIC solely dedicated to ophthalmology.

Created in 2004 with the desire to link very logically to the Centre Hospitalier National d'Ophtalmologie (CHNO) des 15-20 and the Institut de la Vision (IdV) with a dedicated Clinical Research platform (CRPt) from now on) to implement translational research based on IdV discoveries, attract industrialists, and focused cohorts of patients. The Adolph de Rothschild Foundation's (ARF) Clinical Research (CR) department, with a more paediatric, neuro-ophthalmological and low vision rehabilitation orientation, is historically also associated with the CIC.

The CIC was renewed in 2008 and evaluated A+ by AERES in 2013.

The CIC is located in the "15-20" buildings, for the most part on 3 levels: clinical retina, retinal imaging, glaucoma and surface (clinical and imaging). The AF Foundation's CR department is always associated with it.

The links to the IdV, which is just a few steps away, are close.

It also includes 2 platforms located at the IdV, of virtual reality adapted to visual pathologies unique in France, street lab and homelab, (two systems using virtual reality for visual deficiency) that complete the whole.

MANAGEMENT MODULE

The CIC-OPH is directed since its creation by Mr José Alain SAHEL.

HCERES NOMENCLATURE

SVE6 Santé Publique, Épidémiologie, Recherche Clinique.

SCIENTIFIC DOMAIN

All areas of ophthalmology (excluding cancer) are represented, with a preponderance of retinal diseases (degenerative, dystrophic, vascular) due to the CIC history and the large cohorts of patients with rare retinal pathologies ("genetic dystrophies") but also frequent (AMD, CRVO, uveitis). The CIC has 2 axes largely interconnected:

- a Multi-thematic axis able to include patients in all areas of ophthalmology (Mr Saddek MOHAND-SAID);
- an Innovation Imaging axis (Mr Michel PAQUES). Clinical trials are carried out to validate specific developments in imaging and state-of-the-art imaging is also used during clinical trials of the multi-thematic module.

The share of innovative technological development is preponderant in all areas.

CIC WORKFORCE

CIC workforce	Number 30/06/2017	Number 01/01/2019
Permanent staff		
Full professors, assistant professors and similar positions	8	8
Clinicians (PH)	10	10

Full time research directors (Directeurs de recherche) or Research associates (chargés de recherche) EPST , EPIC and similar positions	0	0
Full professors, associate professors and clinicians (PH) affiliated to a CNRS, INSERM or EA research CIC	0	0
Other permanent staff involved in research: health professionals, supporting personnel etc.	16	14
TOTAL permanent staff	34	32
Non-permanent staff		
Non-permanent professors and associate professors, including emeritus,)	1	
Non-permanent full time scientists, including emeritus, post-docs	3	
Non-permanent supporting personnel	36	
PhD Students	1	
TOTAL non-permanent staff	41	
TOTAL CIC		
	75	

GLOBAL ASSESSMENT OF THE CIC

The CIC-OPH offers a complete ophthalmologic clinical investigation platform.

Several entry modes are possible: The CIC is able to build a clinical trial from A to Z (from design to finalization) carrying out the translation of an academic innovation of 15-20 or IdV but is also offering industrial services.

This flexibility is clearly a strength.

The ability to attract major ophthalmology companies in the field is an undeniable strength and guarantees significant financing.

Its activities are based on highly experienced teams with leaders having each a dominant position in their subspecialty.

There is a major ability of the CIC team to get or be associated with Inserm research units focused on the field of OPH to regularly obtain very high levels of public funding (PHRC, RHU, ANR, ANR industrial chair, ERC,...).

International collaborations are numerous and in very innovative technological fields (retinal prosthesis, gene therapy (USA), ocular surface/Glaucoma (Beijin) for instance), which positions CIC-OPH at the top of the international competition.

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