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## **ASX Announcement**

### **Bird flu diagnostic research grant awarded by Australian Government**

The R&D program for Sydney-based Ambri Limited (ASX: ABI) has received a boost with an Australian government grant for the development of a rapid bird flu diagnostic test.

The grant is part of \$6.5 million in urgent research funding from the Commonwealth Government aimed at research projects that seek to prevent, detect or control avian influenza and other respiratory disease outbreaks.

The grant, entitled "Rapid point-of-care detection of avian influenza virus using an Ion-Channel Switch Biosensor", was awarded to the University of Adelaide - Institute of Medical and Veterinary Science (IMVS) and AMBRI as joint applicants. Funding of \$425,000 is to be shared equally by the IMVS and AMBRI for a program of work over a six month period commencing immediately.

"The project with the IMVS may lead to a wholly locally produced rapid diagnostic test for bird flu," AMBRI CEO Roman Zwolenski said.

"The grant is for work that is separate but highly complementary to AMBRI's previously announced program to develop rapid diagnostics for influenza infections," Mr Zwolenski said.

The existing AMBRI program aims at producing a prototype of a rapid diagnostic to simultaneously detect the presence of three influenza types including the avian influenza H5N1. The six month program supported by this grant focuses only on bird flu. The IMVS and AMBRI will collaborate to apply locally produced bird flu specific antibodies into a diagnostic test based on AMBRI's ICS biosensor.

The triple test influenza biosensor chip, that AMBRI already has in development, for detecting three different influenza types flu A, flu B and bird flu, is based on antibodies specific to each influenza subtype. The antibodies used by AMBRI are from overseas sources.

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