

Foundation for the National Institutes of Health

biomarkers consortium



Facilitating Collaborations to Develop Combination Investigational Cancer Therapies David Wholley Director, The Biomarkers Consortium June 14 2011



Foundation for NIH Overview

- Established by Congress in 1990; incorporated in 1996
- Supports the NIH mission
- Close relationships with NIH
- 501(c)(3) non-profit organization
 - Raised over \$560M since 1996
 - 50+ projects
- Non-governmental
 - Directly solicits contributions
 - Flexible donor relationships
 - Creates open, inclusive, objective governance mechanisms
 - Timely, effective grants/contracts/project management

Biomarker qualification: the value of collaboration



- Biomarkers require extensive testing and qualification for practical use
 - Multiple studies to ensure integrity, reproducibility of results
- Qualification is challenging, expensive, and time-consuming
 - Can require large amounts of data: literature, observational studies, clinical trials
- Qualification is based on <u>consensus</u> among the scientific community
 - Deep understanding of and agreement on disease risk, natural history, outcomes
- Qualification is a pre-competitive activity
- Qualification is difficult to accomplish this in a single institutional setting

→ Requires *partnerships* and a *strategic approach*



Goals of The Biomarkers Consortium

- Founded in 2006 to facilitate the development and standardization of biomarkers using new and existing technologies
- Help qualify these biomarkers for specific applications in diagnosing disease, predicting therapeutic response, or improving clinical practice
- Generate information useful to inform regulatory decision-making
- Make consortium project results broadly available to the entire scientific community

Contributing Members (48)

For-Profit Companies (23)

Abbott Laboratories Amgen **Amylin Pharmaceuticals** AstraZeneca **Banyan Biomarkers BG** Medicine **Boehringer-Ingelheim Bristol-Myers Squibb Celgene Corporation** Daiichi-Sankyo, Inc. Eisai, Inc. GlaxoSmithKline Hoffman-LaRoche/The Roche Group Johnson & Johnson Eli Lilly and Company Merck and Co., Inc. Orasi Medical. Inc. Pfizer Inc. RareCyte, Inc. **Rules-Based Medicine** Sunovion Pharmaceuticals Takeda Pharmaceuticals XOMA, Ltd.

Non-Profit Organizations (25)

Academy of Molecular Imaging Advanced Medical Technology Association Alzheimer's Association American Association for Cancer Research American Diabetes Association American Society of Clinical Oncology Arthritis Foundation Association of Clinical Research Organizations **Autism Speaks** Avon Foundation **Battelle Memorial Institute Biotechnology Industry Organization CHDI** Foundation Federation of Clinical Immunology Societies International Society of Biological Therapy of Cancer Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation **Kidney Cancer Association** The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research Ontario Cancer Biomarker Network **Osteoarthritis Research Society International** Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America **PROOF** Centre of Excellence Radiological Society of North America University of Illinois



The Biomarkers Consortium Governance Structure





INVESTIGATION OF SERIAL STUDIES TO PREDICT YOUR THERAPEUTIC RESPONSE WITH MAGING AND MOLECULAR ANALYSIS



I-SPY 2 is Designed to Accelerate the Clinical Trial Process

- Neoadjuvant Setting
 - Chemotherapy before surgery in a population with locally advanced breast cancer (LABC)
 - Accelerates knowledge turns from 5+ years to 1 year
- Adaptive Trial Design
 - Learn rapidly which drugs work for which patients, and apply that knowledge to subsequent patients within the trial
- Molecular and Imaging Biomarker Guidance
- Multiple Drugs Tested Simultaneously, representing different signaling pathwa
- Organizational Efficiencies









I-SPY 2 is being conducted as a large-scale public-private partnership with many stakeholders

- NCI
- FDA
- Lead academic institutions (UCSF, MD Anderson)
- Up to 18 additional academic sites
- Multiple pharmaceutical companies
 - Contributing agents
 - Funding
- Platform companies
- Laboratories
- Non-profit organizations
- Advocates
- FNIH





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Biomarkers in I-SPY 2

Stratifying Biomarkers	Qualifying Biomarkers
•HER2 •HR	These are validated assays, hypothesis-driven. Additional assays will be added per Biomarker Committee decision.
–ER –PR	Panomics mRNA expression arrays (UCSF) GWAS, SNPs, genomics, pharmacogenomics (UCSF)
 Mammaprint[™] MP1 MP2 > median score of patients in I-SPY 1 	RPMA (reverse phase protein microarrays, at GMU) MRI Imaging, MR Volume
–Low, excluded from trial unless ER+ HER2+	Exploratory Biomarkers
•Response Biomarkers	Additional, new assays per Biomarker Committee decision
•MRI •pCR	e.g. CTCs



The FNIH plays multiple roles in management of I-SPY 2

- Holds the master IND with the FDA
- Negotiates and holds the contracts with sites, pharma companies, biomarker companies, and other entities
- Serves as a trusted 3rd party to manage data and intellectual property (IP) coming out of the trial, to maximize the public health benefit
- Co-manages the project (with Quantum Leap Healthcare Collaborative)
- Raises some of trial funding

Intellectual property is treated as precompetitive, to drive public health benefit

- No single company stands to be the sole beneficiary of the I-SPY 2 project
- Agents in trial are selected through an independent, objective process and are not tied to financial support of the trial
- Pre-existing IP related to agents contributed by companies remains with the company owning that IP
- Pre-existing IP related to biomarkers and platforms remains with those companies, and is licensed for use in the Project. In some cases the tests have been published and are available commercially
- Data and results are made broadly available



FNIH acts as a trusted third party to ensure fair and appropriate licensing of new inventions arising from I–SPY 2





I-SPY terms for creation of new IP

- New IP is be managed by the FNIH, acting as a trusted third party to hold and license the new inventions
- FNIH gets exclusive license with right to sublicense to all inventions
- Contributor pharmacos get non-exclusive royalty-free license to agent-related IP (e.g., new indications) in connection with their agent only (not across class) [This will be rare]
- Contributor pharmacos get right to negotiate an exclusive or non-exclusive royalty-bearing license for biomarker IP around their drug only (not across class)
- FNIH otherwise offers non-exclusive, royalty-bearing license for biomarker IP to all comers
- FNIH returns proceeds (less costs) to the inventors

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