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Translating a Trillion Points of Open Data into Diagnostics, Therapies and New Insights in Health and Disease

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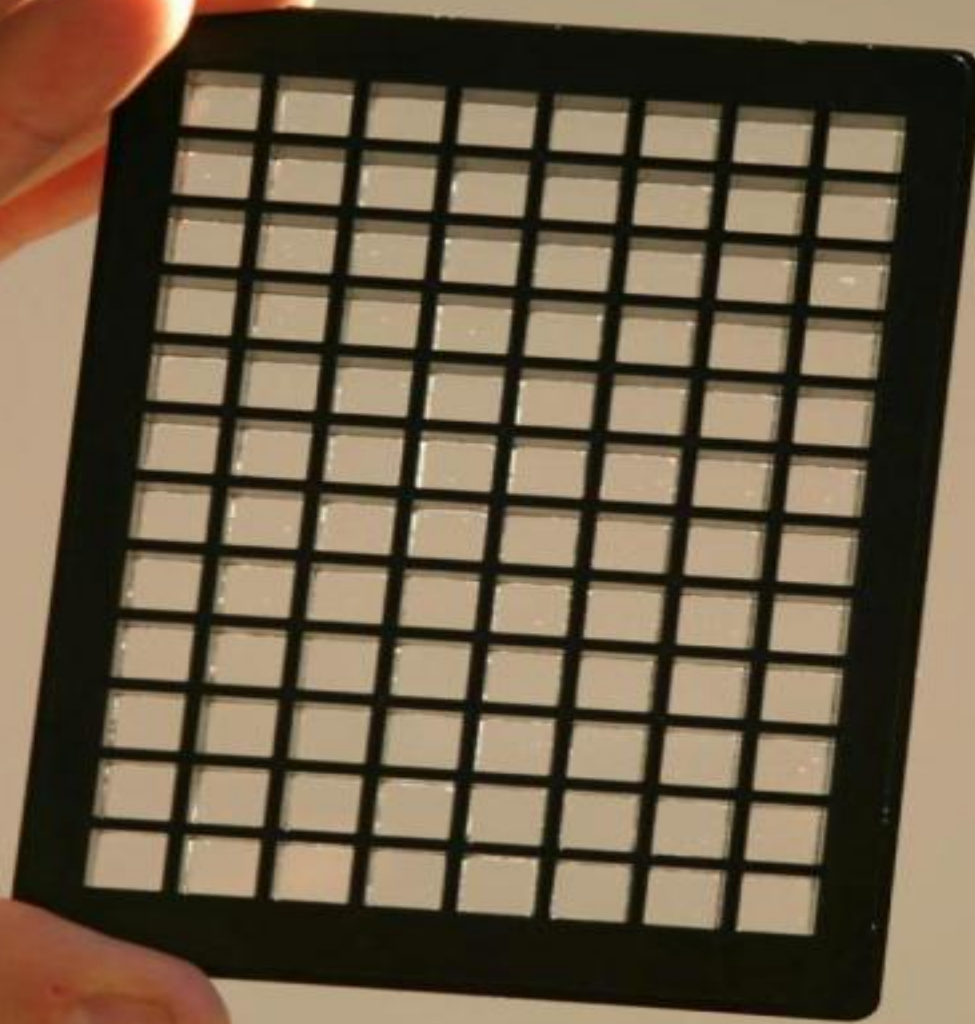
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DNA microarrays allow researchers to analyse the expression of a huge number of genes simultaneously.

GENOMICS

Gene data to hit milestone

With close to one million gene-expression data sets now publicly accessible repositories, researchers can identify disease-related genes more easily than ever before.

BY MONYA BAKER

Purvesh Khatri sits in front of an oversized computer screen, trawling for treasure in a sea of genetic data. Entering the search term 'breast cancer' into a public repository called the Gene Expression Omnibus (GEO), the postdoctoral researcher retrieves a list of 1,170 experiments, representing nearly 33,000 samples and a hoard of gene-expression data that could reveal previously unseen patterns.

That is exactly the kind of search that helps Khatri's boss, Atul Butte, a bioinformatician at the Stanford School of Medicine in California, to identify a new drug target for diabetes. After downloading data from 130 gene-expression studies in mice, rats and humans, Butte looks for genes that were expressed at higher levels in

DATA DUMP

The number of gene-expression data sets in publicly available databases has climbed to nearly one million over the past decade.

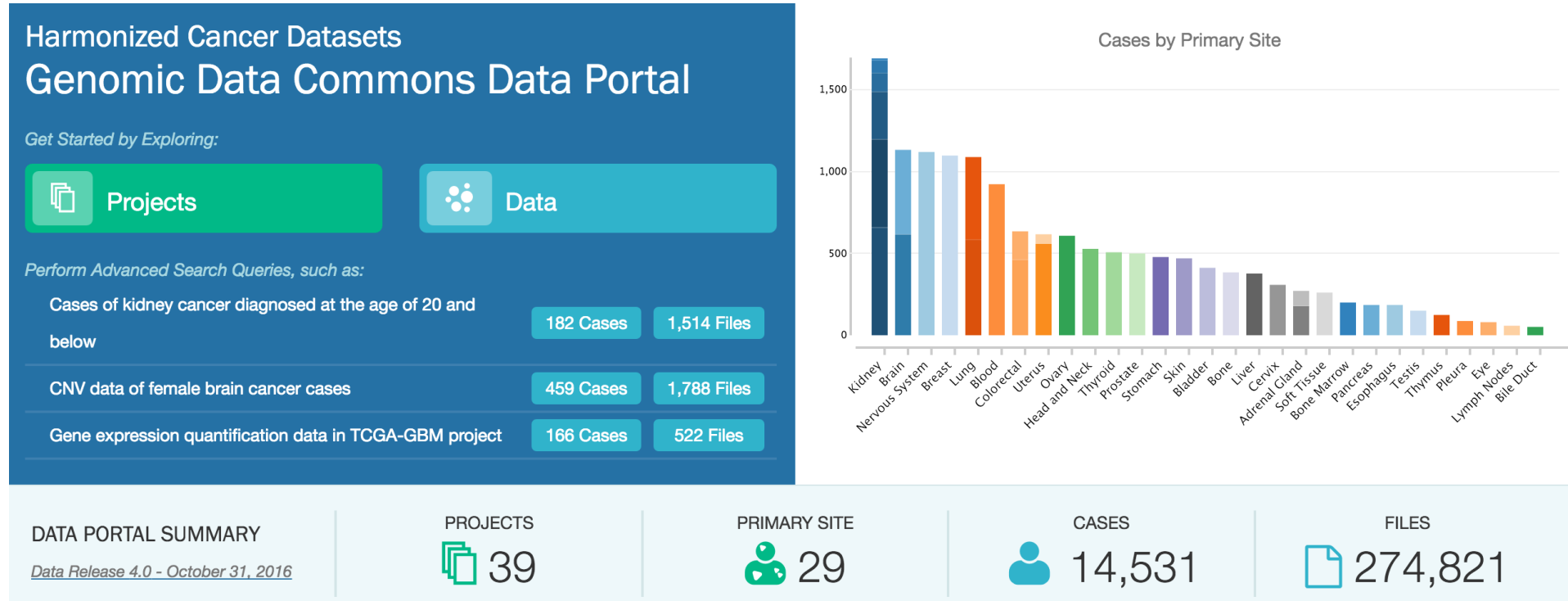


ly accessible repositories, after a laboratory.

pository at the European Bioinformatics Institute (EBI) in Hinxton, UK. Some time in the next few weeks, the number of deposited data sets will top one million (see 'Data dump'). The result is an unprecedented resource that promises to drive down costs and speed up progress in understanding disease. Gene-sequence data are already shared extensively, but expression data are more complex and can reveal which genes are the most active in, say, liver versus brain cells, or in diseased versus healthy tissue. And because studies often look at many




















































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Cancer researchers share data



The Cancer Genome Atlas

- 14 thousand cases
- 39 types of cancers
- 13 types of data: molecular, clinical, sequencing

Study	Embargo Release	Details	Participants	Type of Study	Project
 CIDR: Genome Wide Association Study in Familial Parkinson Disease (PD)	Feb 13, 2009		1991	Case-control	CIDR
 Framingham SHARe	Version 1: Oct 19, 2008 Version 2: Feb 01, 2009 Version 3: Jul 08, 2009		14277	Longitudinal	SHARe
 GAIN: Collaborative Association Study of Psoriasis	Aug 13, 2008		2875	Case-control	GAIN
 GAIN: Genotyping the 270 HapMap samples for GAIN by Broad			-	Parent-offspring trios	
 GAIN: Genotyping the 270 HapMap samples for GAIN by Perlegen			-	Parent-offspring trios	
 GAIN: International Multi-Center ADHD Genetics Project	Mar 26, 2008		2835	Parent-offspring trios	GAIN
 GAIN: Linking Genome-Wide Association Study of Schizophrenia	Version 1: Nov 07, 2008 Version 2: Dec 03, 2008		5066	Case-control	GAIN
 GAIN: Major Depression: Stage 1 Genomewide Association in Population-Based Samples	Jul 09, 2008		3741	Case-control	GAIN
 GAIN: Search for Susceptibility Genes for Diabetic Nephropathy in Type 1 Diabetes	Jul 09, 2008		1825	Case-control	GAIN
 GAIN: Whole Genome Association Study of Bipolar Disorder	Version 1: Nov 25, 2008 Version 2: Dec 01, 2008		3261	Case-control	GAIN
 GAW16 Framingham and Simulated Data	Oct 19, 2008		7130	Longitudinal, population-based	SHARe
 Genome-wide Association Studies in the Hutterites			632	Population-based	University of Chicago
 Genome-wide Association Study of Neuroblastoma			1032	Case-control	COG
 Genome-wide Study in Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis and Controls: First Stage Analysis	Jun 26, 2008		544	Case-control	NINDS
 Ischemic Stroke Genetics Study (ISGS)	Jun 26, 2008		485	Case-control	NINDS
 Mayo-Perlegen LEAPS (Linked Efforts to Accelerate Parkinson's Solutions) Collaboration	Mar 03, 2008		1550	Case-control	MJFF
 NEI Age-Related Eye Disease Study (AREDS)	Jun 11, 2007		600	Case-control	NEI
 NINDS Parkinson's Disease	Oct 12, 2007		535	Case-control	NINDS
 NINDS Parkinsonism Study	Oct 12, 2007		1283	Case-set	NINDS
 NINDS Responder: Cerebrovascular Disease/Stroke Study	Jun 26, 2008		870	Case-set	NINDS
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 SEARCH GWA Study of Statin-Induced Myopathy			175	Case-control	University of Oxford
 Study of Irish Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (SIALS)			432	Case-control	NINDS
 The Finland-United States Investigation of NIDDM Genetics (FUSION) study			2335	Case-control	University of Michigan
 Whole Genome Association Study of Systemic Lupus Erythematosus			4651	Case-control	

Genetics researchers share data



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1 million active substances

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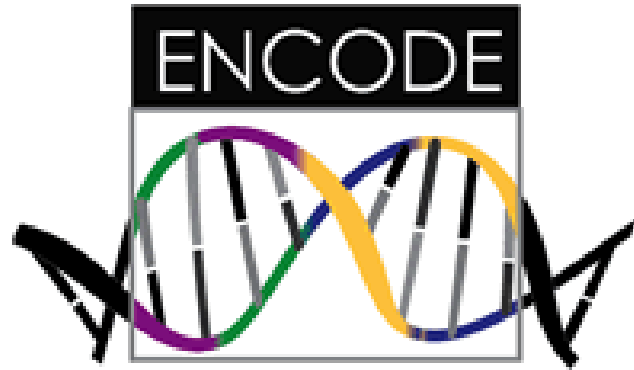
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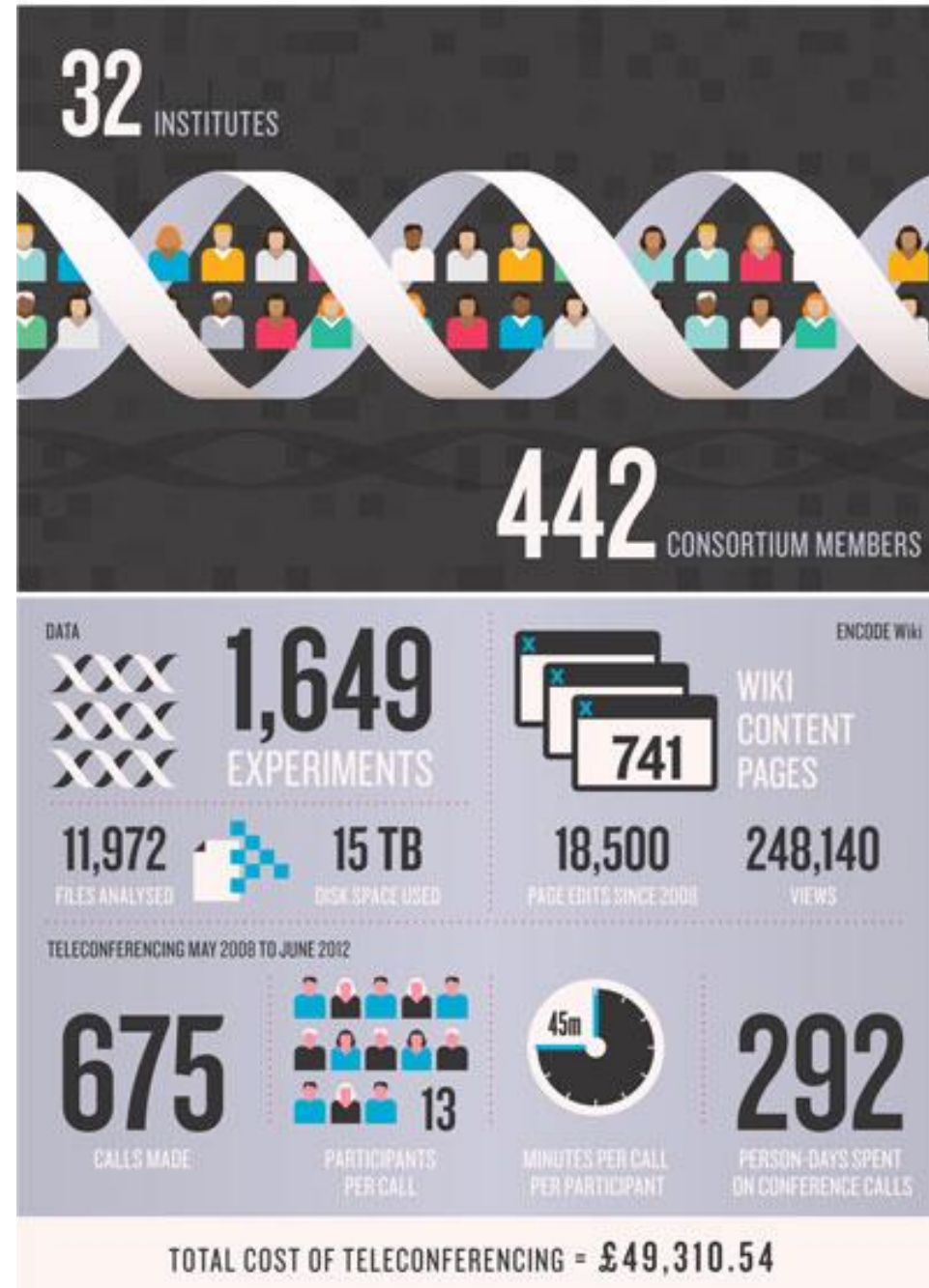
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WORKSHOP SUMMARY

DRUG REPURPOSING AND REPOSITIONING

WORKSHOP SUMMARY

Discussion Framework for Clinical Trial Data Sharing: Guiding Principles, Elements, and Activities

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Sharing Clinical Trial Data: Maximizing Benefits, Minimizing Risk

Sharing Clinical Trial Data

MAXIMIZING BENEFITS, MINIMIZING RISK

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Sharing Clinical Trial Data: Maximizing Benefits, Minimizing Risk

INTRODUCTION

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clinical trial data submitted to the agency³ once a marketing decision on the study products has been made (EMA, 2014).

- The AllTrials campaign was launched, calling for “all past and present clinical trials to be registered and their full methods and summary results reported” (AllTrials, 2013). As of December 2014, more than 81,000 people had signed the AllTrials petition, and 532 organizations had joined AllTrials (AllTrials, 2014).
- Astellas, Bayer, Boehringer Ingelheim, GlaxoSmithKline, Lilly, Novartis, Roche, Sanofi, Takeda, UCB, and ViV Healthcare committed to sharing clinical trial data through ClinicalStudyDataRequest.com and allowing an independent review panel to make decisions on data requests (ClinicalStudyDataRequest.com, 2014).
- The *British Medical Journal* issued a policy requiring data sharing for clinical trials it publishes (BMJ, 2013).
- The Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PhRMA), the European Federation of Pharmaceutical Industries and Associations (EFPIA), and the Biotechnology Industry Organization (BIO) released principles documents signaling their support for sharing clinical trial data (BIO, 2014; PhRMA, 2013).
- The National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) made de-identified data from 11 clinical trials available through the Immunology Database and Analysis Portal (ImmPort) (ImmPort, 2013).
- NIH issued a new policy on sharing of genomic data. The new policy outlines and emphasizes the expectation that investigators will obtain informed consent from study participants for potential future use of the participants’ de-identified data for both research and broad sharing, and commit to sharing data no later than the date of first publication of the study results (NIH, 2014).

Numerous approaches and models for sharing clinical trial data are being implemented with varying levels of access control. At one end of the spectrum, ImmPort in the United States and the FreeBIRD website (FreeBIRD, 2014) in the United Kingdom make available some de-identified data sets from publicly funded clinical trials (NIAID and CRASH trials, respectively) with minimal restrictions; the data sets can be downloaded from the Web upon registration and acceptance of their terms

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APPENDIX B

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provide the data to an academic institution, whereupon that institution becomes the entity that discloses the data.

The term “adversary” is often used in the disclosure control literature to refer to the role of the individual or entity that is trying to re-identify data subjects. Other terms used are “attacker” and “intruder.” Discussions about the QI being a potential adversary are not intended to paint QIs as having malicious objectives. Rather, in the context of a risk assessment, one must consider a number of possible data recipients as being potential adversaries and manage the re-identification risk accordingly.

Data Sharing Models

A number of different ways to provide access to IPD have been proposed and used, each with different advantages and risks (Mello et al., 2013). First, there is the traditional public data release where anyone can get access to the data with no registration or conditions. Examples of such releases include the publicly available clinical trial data from the International Stroke Trial (IST) (Sandercock et al., 2011) and data posted to the Dryad online open access data repository (Dryad, undated; Haggie, 2013).

A second form of data sharing, which is more restrictive, occurs when there exists a formal request and approval process to obtain access to clinical trial data, such as the GlaxoSmithKline (CSK) trials repository (Harrison, 2012; Nisen and Rockhold, 2013); Project Data Sphere (whose focus is on oncology trial data) (Bhattacharjee, 2012; Hede, 2013); the Yale University Open Data Access (YODA) Project, which is initially making trial data from Medtronic available (CORE, 2014; Krumholz and Ross, 2011); and the Immunology Database and Analysis Portal (ImmPort, n.d.), which is restricted to researchers funded by the Division of Allergy, Immunology, and Transplantation of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (DAIT/NIAID), other approved life science researchers, National Institutes of Health employees, and other preauthorized government employees (ImmPort, n.d.). More recently, pharmaceutical companies have created the ClinicalStudyDataRequest.com website, which facilitates data requests to multiple companies under one portal. Following this restrictive model, a request can be processed by the study sponsor or by a delegate of the sponsor (e.g., an academic institution).

A hybrid of the above approaches is a quasi-public release, in which

10 reasons to share study data openly

- Reproducibility
- Transparency
- Support public policy
- Return data to the community
- Visibility into failed trials
- Speed results reporting
- Enable learning
- Enable new ventures
- New science
- Trust and Believability

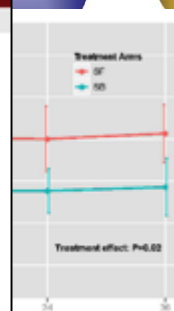
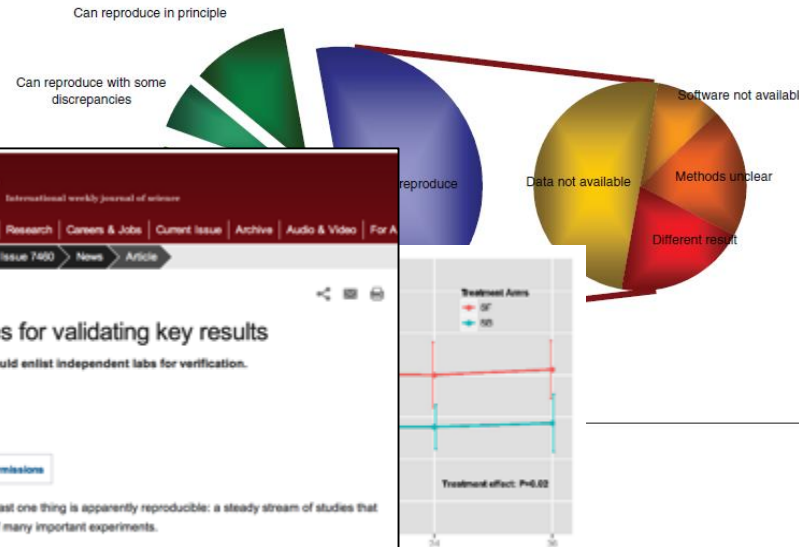
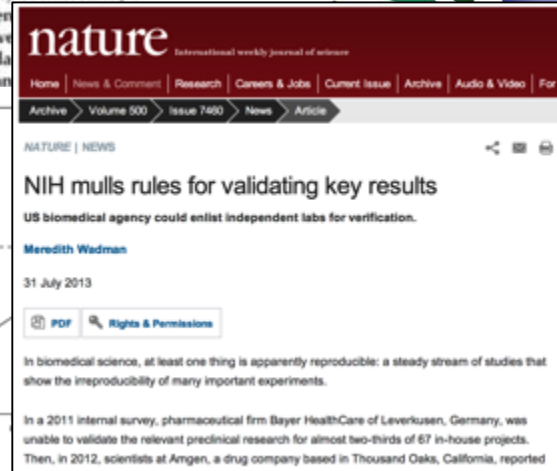
Reproducibility

Repeatability of published microarray gene expression analyses

John P A Ioannidis¹⁻³, David B A Mario Falchi^{8,9}, Cesare Furlanelli⁵, Michael Nitzberg⁵, Grier P Page⁴

Given the complexity of microarray studies, guidelines on data availability. Several public data sets are publicly available, and when the data are not available, the results are often not reproducible.

Height Z-Score



Transparency

Evolution of Translational Omics: Lessons Learned and the Path Forward

EVOLUTION OF TRANSLATIONAL OMICS

Lessons Learned and the Path Forward

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code — in protecting patient confidentiality, for example. In such cases, authors should justify the omission and assure independent reproducibility by alternative means.

The quality of scientific output will benefit from setting these standards. As a community, we owe it to patients and to the public to do what we can to ensure the validity of the research we publish.

Keith Baggerly on behalf of 7 co-authors*, The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer

Return data to the community

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Patients are sidestepping clinical research and using themselves as guinea pig treatments for fatal diseases. Will they hurt themselves, or science?

By Jef Akst | March 1, 2013

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NEWS

Roche offers researchers access to all Tamiflu trials

Deborah Cohen

BMJ

More than three years after the Cochrane Collaboration first asked Roche for the full clinical study reports for its influenza drug oseltamivir (Tamiflu), the Swiss company has offered the

follows that regulators were in the same situation as we were: lacking data to come to firm conclusions."


Visibility into failed trials

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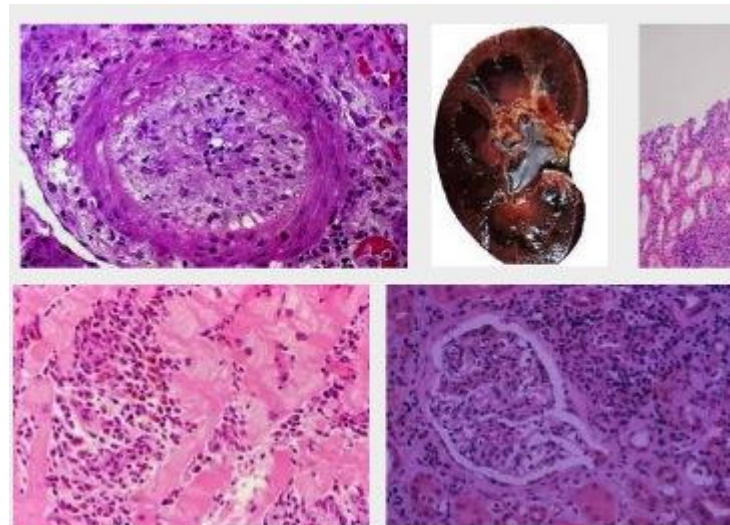
RESEARCH

BMJ 2013;347:f6104 doi: 10.1136/bmj.f6104 (Published 29 October 2013)

Non-publication of large randomized clinical trials: cross sectional analysis

 OPEN ACCESS

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Scientists voice fears over ethics of drug trials remaining unpublished

Almost a third of large clinical trials in the US still not published five years after being finished, scientists write in BMJ

Sarah Boseley

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An APOBEC cytidine deaminase mutagenesis pattern widespread in human cancers

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Recent studies indicate that a subclass of APOBEC cytidine deaminases, which convert cytosine to uracil during RNA editing and retrovirus or retrotransposon restriction, may induce mutation clusters in human tumors. We show here that throughout cancer genomes APOBEC-mediated mutagenesis is pervasive and correlates with APOBEC mRNA levels. Mutation clusters in whole-genome and exome data sets conform to the stringent criteria indicative of a pattern. Applying these criteria to 954 exomes from 14 cancer types, mostly from the Cancer Genome Atlas (TCGA), showed a significant pattern in bladder, cervical, and lung cancers, reaching 68% of all samples. Within breast cancer, the HE pattern was clearly enriched for tumors with the HE pattern, suggesting that this type of mutation is linked with cancer development. The HE pattern also extended to cancer-associated ubiquitous APOBEC-mediated mutagenesis.

Genome instability triggers the development of many cancers^{1,2}. Radiation and chemical damage are culprits in theories of carcinogenesis, but normal enzymatic activities can also be involved in mutation. Cytidine deaminases, which convert cytosine to uracil, likely contribute to DNA damage. Cytidine deaminase (AID), a key enzyme in B cell maturation, only initiates the hypermutation and class-switch recombination in immunoglobulin genes but also can mutate a limited number of secondary targets.

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implicated in carcinogenesis⁵. In addition to AID, the human genome encodes several homologous APOBEC (apolipoprotein B editing enzyme, catalytic polypeptide-like) cytidine deaminase function in innate immunity as well as in RNA editing⁶. Human cell culture studies showed that a subclass of APOBECs has mutational specificity for TC motifs (with the mutated base

Figure 2 Presence of an APOBEC mutation pattern in exome data sets from different cancer types. (a,b) Fold enrichment (a) and mutation load (b) of the APOBEC mutation pattern were determined in each of 2,680 whole exome-sequenced tumors representing 14 cancer types. Samples were categorized by the statistical significance of the APOBEC mutation pattern and the magnitude of enrichment. The significance of the APOBEC mutation pattern was calculated by one-sided Fisher's exact test comparing the ratio of the number of C-to-T or C-to-G substitutions and complementary G-to-A or G-to-C substitutions that occur in and out of the APOBEC target motif (TCW or WGA) to an analogous ratio for all cytosines or guanines that reside inside and outside of the TCW or WGA motif within a sample fraction of the genome (Benjamini-Hochberg-corrected q value < 0.05). The number of tumor samples in each category is presented in each pie chart in a. Samples with q value > 0.05 are represented in black. These samples are excluded from the scatter graphs in a,b. Color scales indicate the magnitude of enrichment in a and the number of APOBEC signature mutations in b for samples with q < 0.05. Dashed lines indicate effects expected with random mutagenesis. Cancer types are abbreviated as in TCGA: cervical squamous cell carcinoma and endocervical adenocarcinoma (CESC), bladder urothelial carcinoma (BLCA), head and neck squamous cell carcinoma (HNSC), breast invasive carcinoma (BRCA), lung adenocarcinoma (LUAD), lung squamous cell carcinoma (LUSC), uterine corpus endometrial carcinoma (UCEC), ovarian serous cystadenocarcinoma (OV), stomach adenocarcinoma (STAD), rectum adenocarcinoma (READ), colon adenocarcinoma (COAD), prostate adenocarcinoma (PRAD), kidney renal clear-cell carcinoma (KIRC) and acute myeloid leukemia (LAML).

Methods

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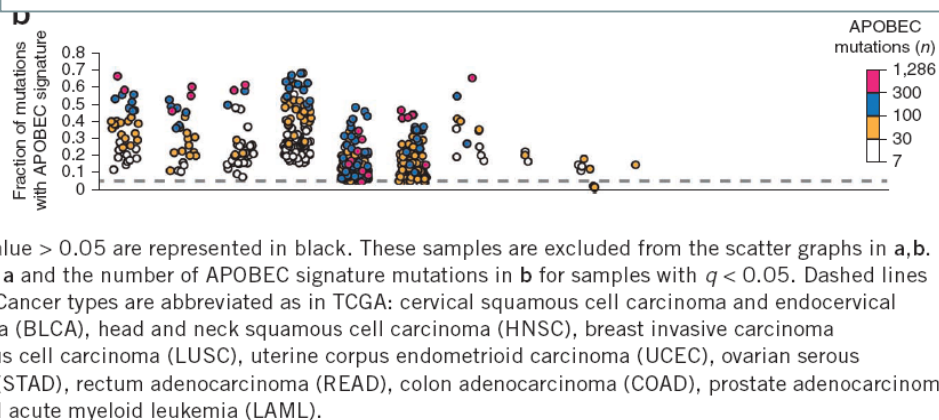
Genome and exome data sets.

Genome and exome data sets were obtained from publications^{20, 21} or from the TCGA data portal (see URLs; Controlled Data Access HTTP Directory). The catalog of base substitutions identified by whole-genome sequencing in 21 breast cancers was downloaded from the website provided in ref. 12 (see URLs).

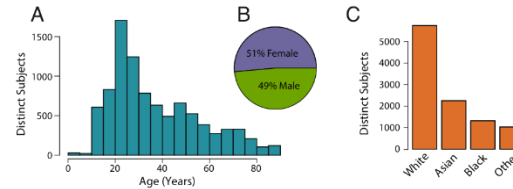
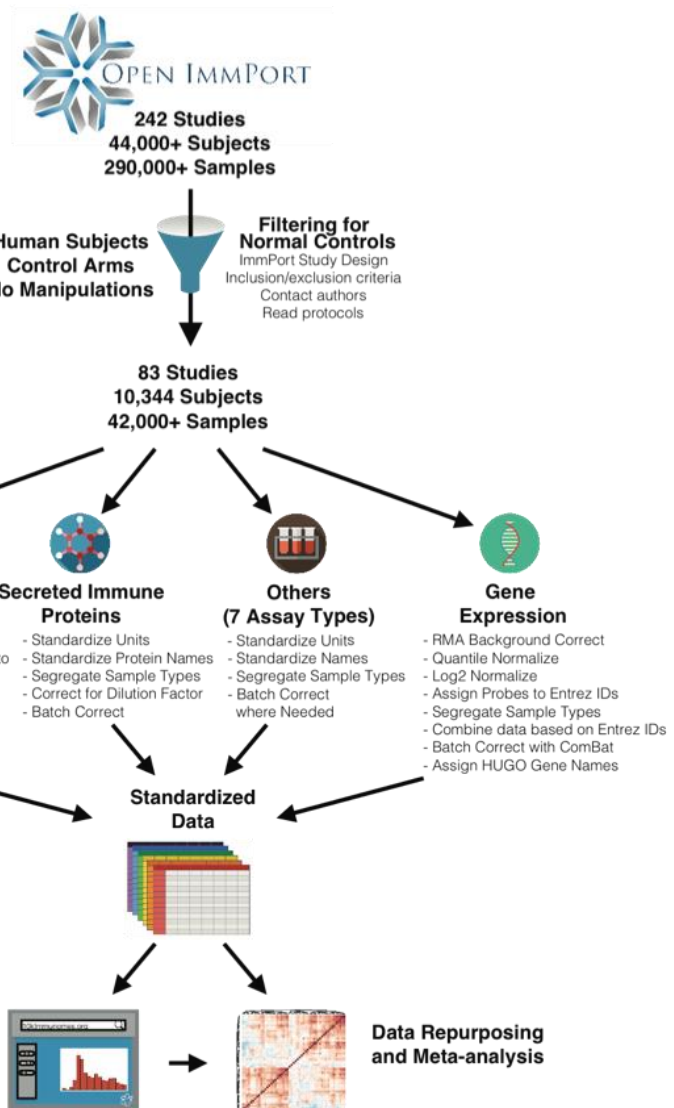
Hyperlinks to TCGA data sets and references to published mutation lists are provided in [Supplementary Table 3](#).

Cluster analysis.

Clusters and colocalization between clusters and rearrangement breakpoints in whole-genome data sets were identified as described in ref. 13. Analysis of mutation clustering in exomes was conducted similarly to that in whole-genome data sets. Briefly, we first filtered out mutations identical to variants in dbSNP. These SNPs generally constituted a small percentage (0.9–12.1%) of all exome mutations for a given cancer type. However, LUSC, KIRC, PRAD and STAD samples contained somewhat higher numbers of mutations identical to variants in dbSNP (19.5–25.1%). Notably, each prefiltered mutation was included in the total number of mutations in the genome, which would thereby only increase the P values of clusters. We next identified groups of closely



The 10,000 Immunome Project: From the control groups of 242 manually curated experiments



Data available in the 10,000 Immunomes Project

Total Samples	42117
Total Distinct Subjects	10344

MEASUREMENT SUBJECTS

Secreted Proteins	4835
<i>ELISA</i>	4035
<i>Multiplex ELISA</i>	1286

Virus Titer	3609
<i>Virus Neutralization Titer</i>	2265
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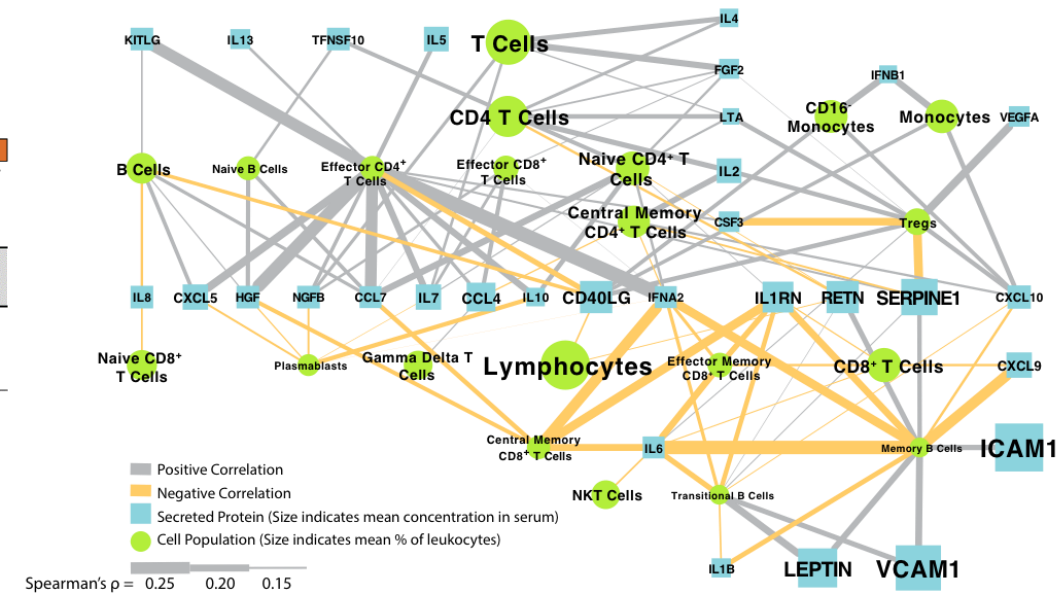
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<i>Fasting Lipid Profile</i>	664

Questionnaire	1422
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Cytometry	1415
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<i>Flow Cytometry (Whole Blood)</i>	164

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<i>Whole Blood</i>	311
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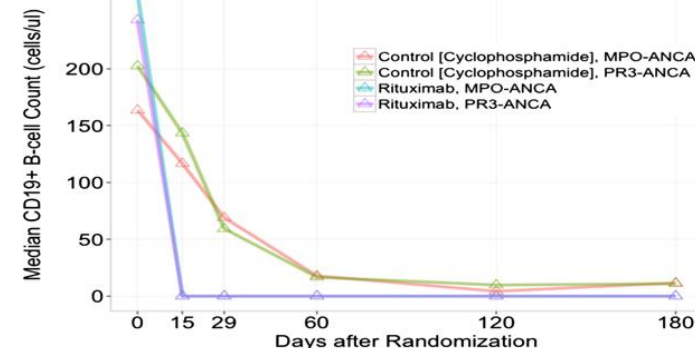
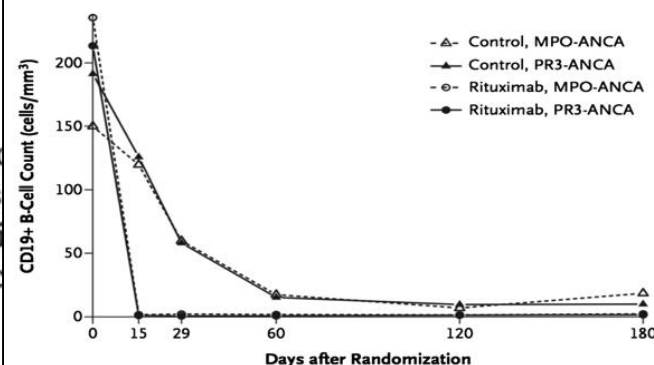
- Rituximab in ANCA-Associated Vasculitis (RAVE) trial of new approach to the induction of remission
- But even though rituximab was found to be non-inferior than cyclophosphamide, which drug is the right one to use?

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Rituximab versus Cyclophosphamide for ANCA-Associated Vasculitis

CONCLUSIONS

Rituximab therapy was not inferior to cyclophosphamide for the induction of remission in severe ANCA-associated disease. (Funded by the National Institutes of Health, Genentech, and Biogen; Clinician and Consumer Review)



Nasrallah et al. *Arthritis Research & Therapy* (2015) 17:262
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RESEARCH ARTICLE

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Reanalysis of the Rituximab in ANCA-Associated Vasculitis trial identifies granulocyte subsets as a novel early marker of successful treatment

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Patients with anti-neutrophil cytoplasmic antibody (ANCA) associated with severe disease were randomized to receive rituximab or cyclophosphamide for the induction of remission at 6 months following rituximab or cyclophosphamide in the Rituximab in ANCA-Associated Vasculitis (RAVE) trial. Flow cytometry data were analyzed using a novel method to identify granulocyte subsets. Granulocyte populations were measured in patients with ANCA-associated vasculitis. We defined a subset of hypergranular and hypogranular granulocytes. Patients in remission had a significantly higher GI at baseline.

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Once-Daily Plazomicin for Complicated Urinary Tract Infections

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ABSTRACT

BACKGROUND

The increasing multidrug resistance among gram-negative uropathogens necessitates new treatments for serious infections. Plazomicin is an aminoglycoside with bactericidal activity against multidrug-resistant (including carbapenem-resistant) Enterobacteriaceae.

METHODS

We randomly assigned 609 patients with complicated urinary tract infections (UTIs), including acute pyelonephritis, in a 1:1 ratio to receive intravenous plazomicin (15 mg per kilogram of body weight once daily) or meropenem (1 g every 8 hours), with optional oral step-down therapy after at least 4 days of intravenous therapy, for a total of 7 to 10 days of therapy. The primary objective was to show the noninferiority of plazomicin to meropenem in the treatment of complicated UTIs, including acute pyelonephritis, with a noninferiority margin of 15 percentage points. The primary end points were composite cure (clinical cure and microbiologic eradication) at day 5 and at the test-of-cure visit (15 to 19 days after initiation of therapy) in the microbiologic modified intention-to-treat population.

RESULTS

Plazomicin was noninferior to meropenem with respect to the primary efficacy end points. At day 5, composite cure was observed in 88.0% of the patients (168 of 191 patients) in the plazomicin group and in 91.4% (180 of 197 patients) in the meropenem group (difference, −3.4 percentage points; 95% confidence interval [CI], −10.0 to 3.1). At the test-of-cure visit, composite cure was observed in 81.7% (156 of 191 patients) and 70.1% (138 of 197 patients), respectively (difference, 11.6 percentage points; 95% CI, 2.7 to 20.5). At the test-of-cure visit, a higher percentage of patients in the plazomicin group than in the meropenem group were found to have microbiologic eradication, including eradication of Enterobacteriaceae that were not susceptible to aminoglycosides (78.8% vs. 66.6%) and Enterobacteriaceae that produce extended-spectrum β -lactamases (82.4% vs. 75.0%). At late follow-up (24 to 32 days after initiation of therapy), fewer patients in the plazomicin group than in the meropenem group had microbiologic recurrence (3.7% vs. 8.1%) or clinical relapse (1.6% vs. 7.7%). Increases in serum creatinine levels of 0.5 mg or more per deciliter (≥40 μ mol per liter) above baseline occurred in 7.0% of patients in the plazomicin group and in 4.0% in the meropenem group.

CONCLUSIONS

Once-daily plazomicin was noninferior to meropenem for the treatment of complicated UTIs and acute pyelonephritis caused by Enterobacteriaceae, including multidrug-resistant strains. (Funded by Achaogen and the Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority; EPIC ClinicalTrials.gov number, NCT02486627.)

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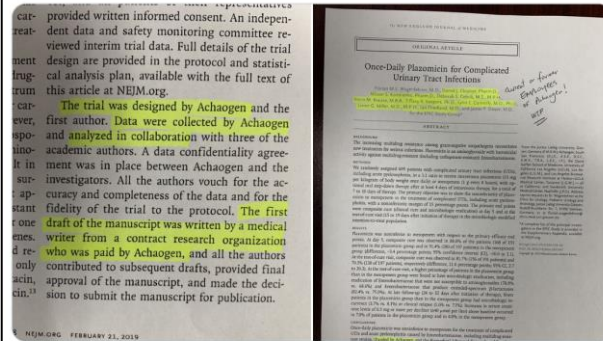
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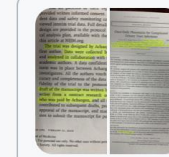


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Why the HELL is this controversial???

- Plazomicin is a novel antibiotic candidate being developed (now approved) by Achaogen \$AKAO

- Antibiotic resistance is a public crisis - this is a consensus

Journal reputation is at a critical moment

- How are journals going to respond to professional skeptics?
- How does a journal respond to another journal's editor criticizing approval?
- How will journals respond to health systems (like University of California) who will now look at drug efficacy in real world clinical data? Will the data match?
- How will journals respond to payers incentivized to challenge expensive drug approvals, who will now want to see the raw data? \$Billions riding on these papers.
- How will journals address the family ready to sell their house to pay for a drug for their family member?
- How will journals counter when government officials label them "fake news"?

"Trust us, it works, we've looked at the data"?! Really?

Preeclampsia: large cause of maternal and fetal death

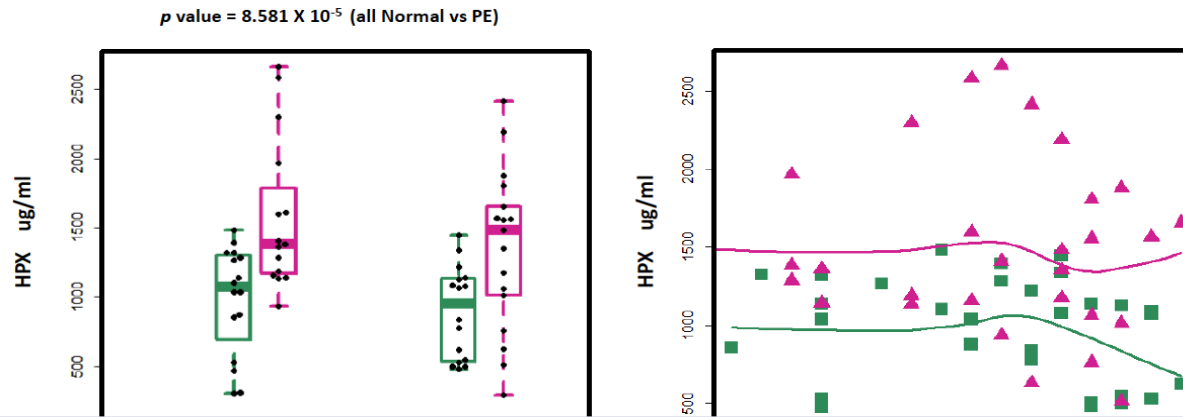
- Incidence
 - 5-8% of all pregnancies in the U.S. and worldwide
 - 4.1 million births in the U.S. in 2009
 - Up to 300K cases of preeclampsia annually in the U.S.
- Mortality
 - Responsible for 18% of all maternal deaths in the U.S.
 - Maternal death in 56 out of every 100,000 live births in US
 - Neonatal death in 71 out of every 100,000 live births in US
- Cost
 - \$20 billion in direct costs in the U.S annually
 - Average hospital stay of 3.5 days



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E-GEOD-32472	Oxygen induced complication of prematurity: from experimental data to prevention strategy	transcription profiling by array	Homo sapiens	299	01/11/2011	
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E-GEOD-46510	New whole blood gene expression profile predictive of preterm birth	transcription profiling by array	Homo sapiens	154	15/05/2014	
E-GEOD-37210	The application of nonsense-mediated mRNA decay inhibition to the identification of breast cancer susceptibility genes	transcription profiling by array	Homo sapiens	143	11/04/2012	
E-TABM-682	Transcription profiling of human decidua basalis to identify pre-eclampsia susceptibility genes	transcription profiling by array	Homo sapiens	104	07/04/2009	
E-GEOD-35574	Differentially expressed microRNAs revealed by molecular signatures of Preeclampsia and IUGR in human placenta	transcription profiling by array	Homo sapiens	94	07/02/2012	
E-GEOD-41336	Cultured Cyto and Syncytio-trophoblast samples exposed to varying degrees of hypoxia (methylation)	methylation profiling by array	Homo sapiens	90	18/01/2013	
E-GEOD-5999	Transcription profiling of human 27 non-	transcription	Homo sapiens	72	07/11/2008	

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Public big data
available

March of
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Research

Data analyzed,
diagnostic
designed

SPARK grant
(\$50k)

Life Science
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seed investors
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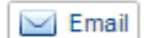
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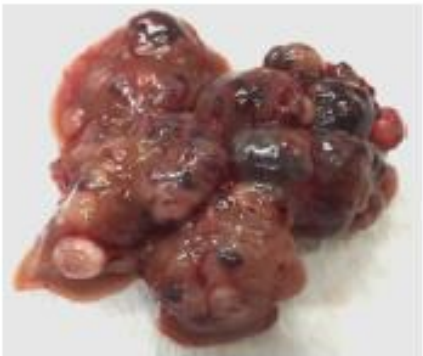
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Company	Ticker	Number of drugs approved	R&D Spending Per Drug (\$Mil)	Total R&D Spending 1997-2011 (\$Mil)
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GlaxoSmithKline	GSK	10	8,170.81	81,708
Sanofi	SNY	8	7,909.26	63,274
Roche Holding AG	RHHBY	11	7,803.77	85,841
Pfizer Inc.	PFE	14	7,727.03	108,178
Johnson & Johnson	JNJ	15	5,885.65	88,285
Eli Lilly & Co.	LLY	11	4,577.04	50,347
Abbott Laboratories	ABT	8	4,496.21	35,970
Merck & Co Inc	MRK	16	4,209.99	67,260
Bristol-Myers Squibb Co.	BMJ	11	4,152.26	
Novartis AG	NVS	21	3,983.13	
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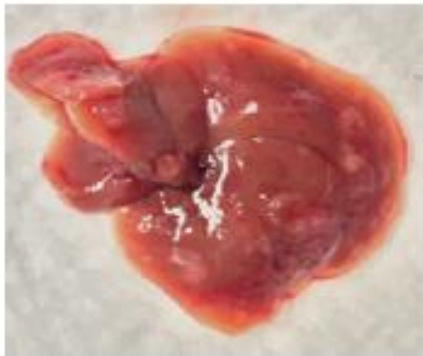
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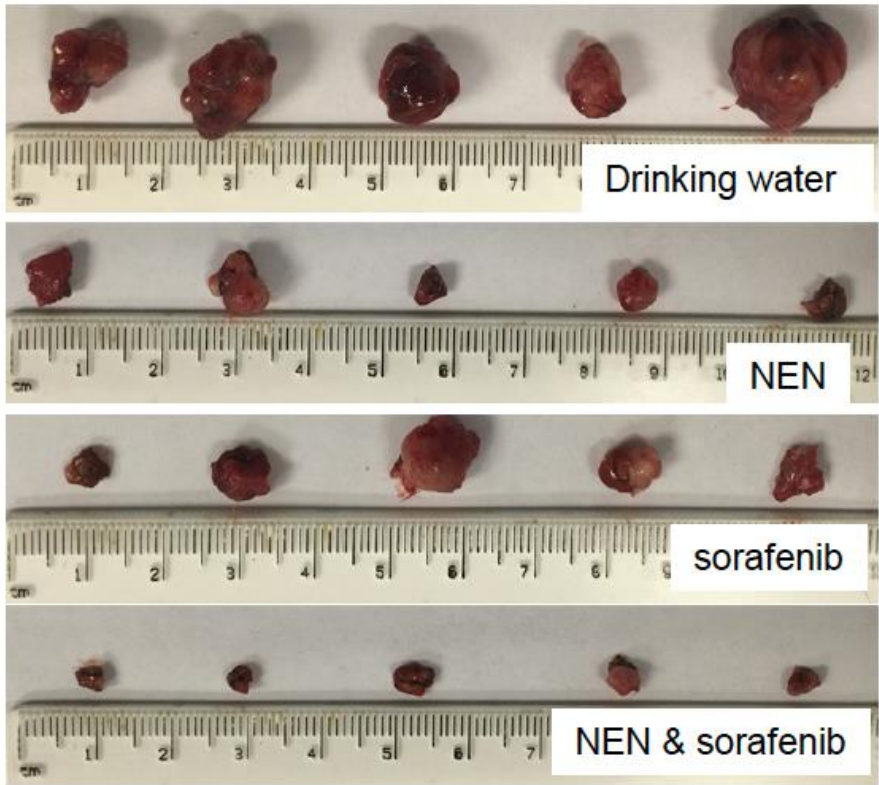
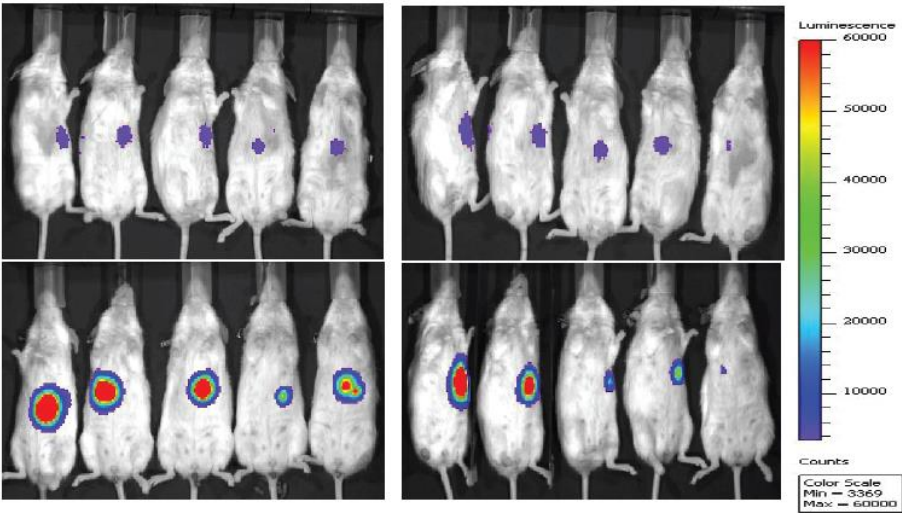
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Gastroenterology, 2017

Need more drugs
for more diseases

Public big data
available

NIH funding

Data analyzed,
method designed

Company launched,
ARRA, StartX,
Stanford license,
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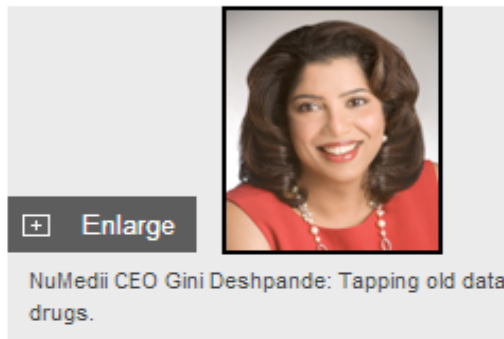
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NuMedii Inc., the Palo Alto startup looking to convert pages of drug safety data into faster drug-development times, lined up \$3.5 million in a Series A round.

The oversubscribed round was led by Claremont Creek Ventures and Lightspeed Ventures Partners and included Life Science Angels and others.

NuMedii's data-into-gold approach rolls a wide range of data — from public scientific data bases and other sources — into an algorithm to predict if a compound will trans



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Future speculation

- Open data will democratize biomedical innovation, and that's a good thing
- Open data is going to lead to more believability
- Digitalization of biomedicine will bring new players into the field
- DNA and other molecular measurements will be routine
- Less privacy, and less concern for privacy
- The entire world will be in continual study → more importance on continually acquired accurate data