



Innovative Medicines Initiative

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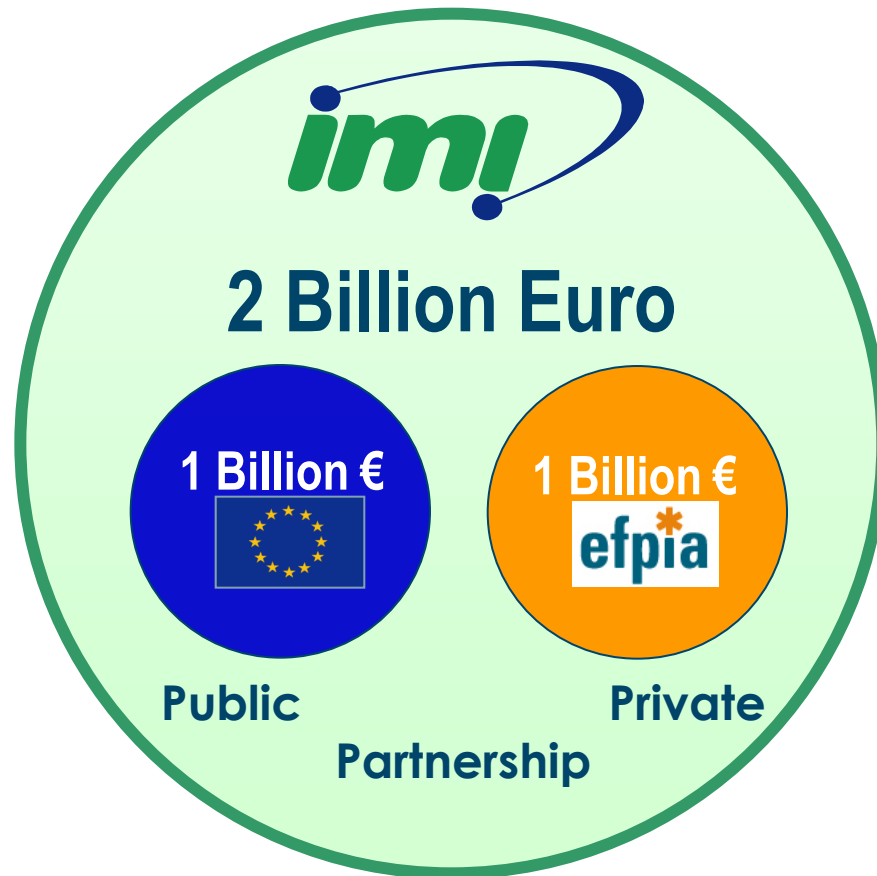
# Agenda

- Innovative Medicines Initiative
- Collaborative projects require ...
- Some strategies for Knowledge Management

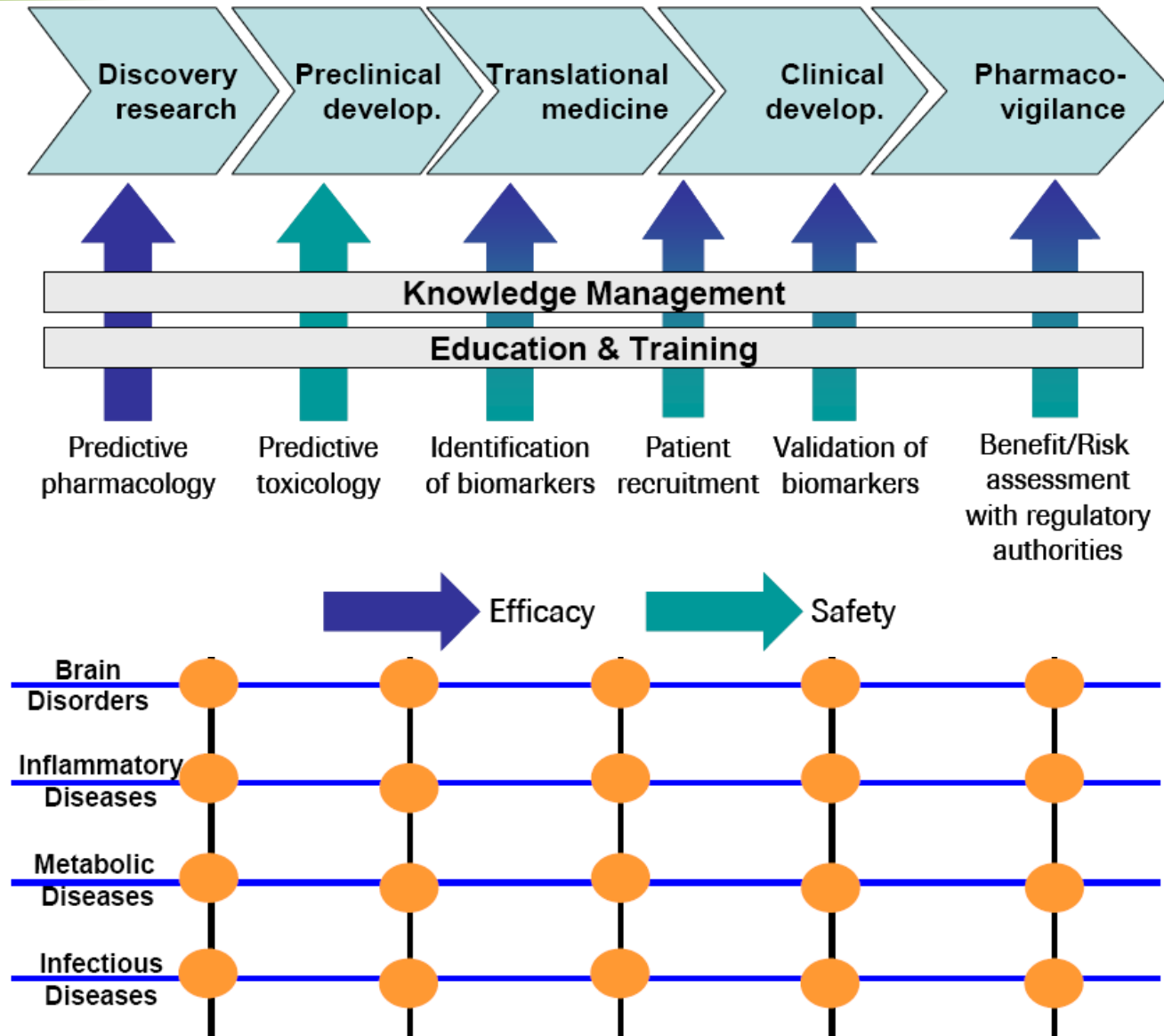


# Innovative Medicines Initiative: the Largest PPP in Life Sciences R&D

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# The Original Matrix of the Scientific Research Agenda



# Key Concepts

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- Open Collaboration
- Pre-competitive research



# Governance



# IMI Executive Office as a Neutral Third-Party

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- To implement programmes and activities in the common interest of all stakeholders
- To monitor the combined use of public funds and industry investment
- To guarantee fair and reasonable conditions for optimal knowledge exploitation and dissemination



# Intellectual Property Policy: Guiding Principles

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- Aligned with IMI objectives, i.e.
  - to promote knowledge creation
  - to facilitate disclosure and exploitation
  - to achieve fair allocation of rights
  - to reward innovation
  - to achieve a broad participation of private and public entities
- Provides flexibility for participants



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May 2011, 10: 321-322

## Reflections on the Innovative Medicines Initiative

*Michel Goldman*

The pharmaceutical industry is developing new collaborative models for drug development. This article discusses the experience so far of the Innovative Medicines Initiative, which is currently the largest public-private partnership that is dedicated to pharmaceutical innovation, highlighting lessons learned for the success of precompetitive consortia.

Public-private partnerships (PPPs) are increasingly being established to reinvigorate research and development (R&D) of innovative medicines. In parallel with the creation of US-based PPPs, the Innovative Medicines Initiative (IMI) was set up to enhance the competitiveness of the pharmaceutical sector in Europe for the benefit of both patients and scientists. To this end, the European Federation of Pharmaceutical Industries and Associations (EFPIA) was invited by the European Commission (EC) to develop a series of recommendations to address major bottlenecks in the drug development process. Following the establishment of a research agenda in consultation with various stakeholders, the IMI was launched in 2008

topics were developed, primarily by 23 EFPIA-affiliated companies, with input from the IMI Scientific Committee and from a States Representatives Group. Second, following a call for proposals, consortia that were eligible to receive public funding from the EC competed through the submission of expressions of interest, and the best-ranked consortium, selected by independent experts, was invited to join EFPIA-affiliated companies in the next stage. Third, they formed the final consortium, which developed a full project proposal that was submitted for peer review.

The resulting 23 consortia involve 221 R&D teams from EFPIA-affiliated companies, 298 academic institutions, 47 SMEs, 11 patients' organizations and 7 regula-



### Objectives and principles

The Intellectual Property (IP) policy for the Innovative Medicines Initiative (IMI) aims to promote and reward knowledge creation, disclosure and exploitation, and to reward innovation through a fair allocation of rights. In view of the diversity of the projects supported by the IMI and the complexity of IP management in public-private partnerships, the IMI favours a 'case-by-case' approach. Accordingly, the overall IP policy has been designed to allow appropriate flexibility to suit the specific situation of each consortium. In order to facilitate IP negotiations, a guidance note has been produced in which key stakeholders were represented, and the IMI Executive Office acts as a neutral third party to assist consortia in solving difficult or conflicting IP issues.

### Major provisions

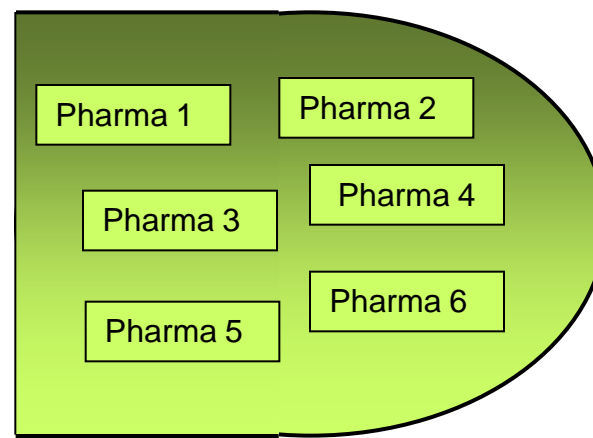
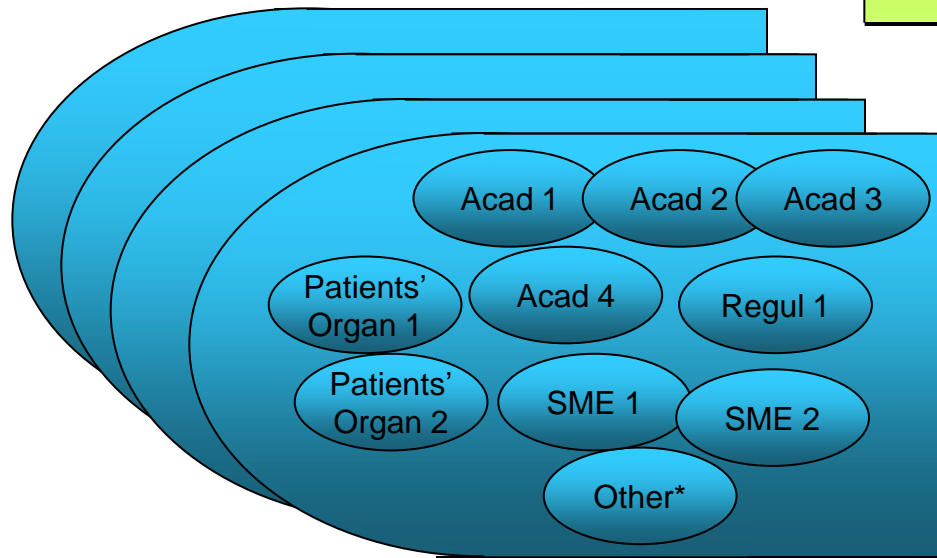
Each participant remains the exclusive owner of the information and IP rights that they hold before becoming partner of an IMI project. Information and IP rights that are necessary for the completion of the project are identified and defined as 'Background'. This Background information is accessible on a royalty-free basis to other consortium participants to the extent necessary for undertaking the project. The results that are generated during the project as part of its objectives are defined as 'Foreground'. Consortium participants who generated Foreground results are the owners of the corresponding information and IP rights. When several participants contribute to Foreground, joint ownership will apply, unless otherwise agreed.

To the extent necessary for completion of the project, consortium participants will enjoy access to Foreground information that belongs to other partners, under the same conditions as for the Background information. Participants might request access rights to Foreground information for other purposes. In this case, the financial terms governing corresponding agreements will depend on their foreseen use by the requesting parties. Indeed, a distinction is made between direct commercial exploitation, for which usual negotiation practice will apply, and 'Research Use', for which a non-exclusive licence that is provided under appropriate conditions forms a basis for negotiation. The definition of Research Use in the IMI is quite broad as it includes all activities relating to developing the ability to commercialize drug or related product, as well as activities relating to obtaining regulatory approvals.



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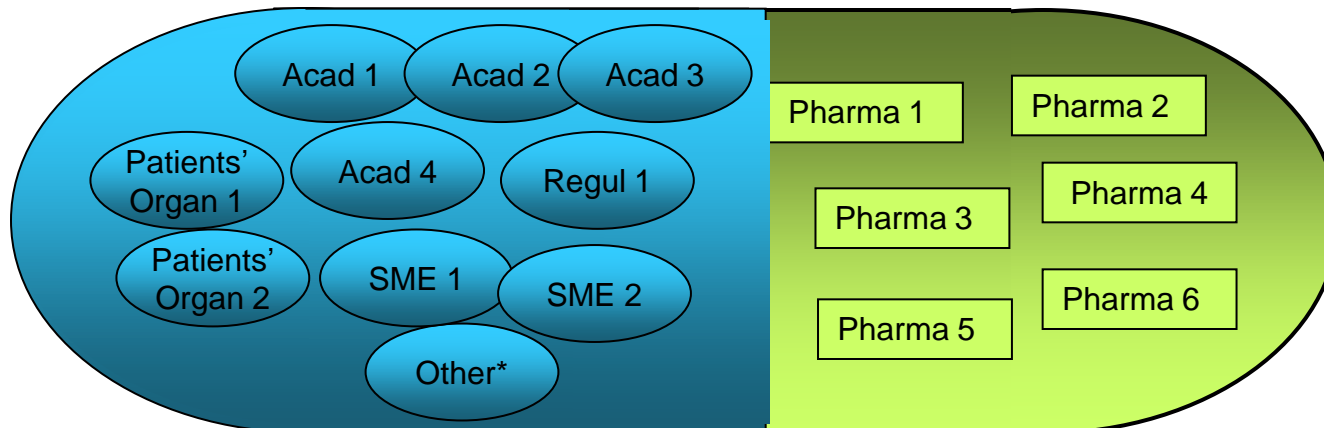
# Building a IMI Consortium



**Step 1:**  
A set of EFPIA companies define a topic on which they commit to collaborate



**Step 2:**  
Consortia eligible for EU funding compete through expressions of interest which are ranked by independent experts



**Step 3:**  
The top-ranked EU-fundable consortium join the EFPIA companies to form the final consortium which develops the full proposal, subject to peer-review before final approval



# Calls 1&2: Consolidated Figures

	Call 1	Call 2	Total
<b>Projects</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>23</b>
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# SMEs in 1<sup>st</sup> Call Projects

## 25 Companies: 14.6 M €

<b>AEROCRINE</b>	<b>U-BioPred</b>
<b>ALZPROTECT</b>	<b>PharmaCOG</b>
<b>ARGUTUS MEDICAL</b>	<b>Safe-T</b>
<b>BIOCOMPUTING PLATFORMS</b>	<b>Summit</b>
<b>BIOSCIENCE CONSULTING</b>	<b>U-BioPred</b>
<b>CHEMOTARGETS</b>	<b>E-Tox</b>
<b>CHOICE PHARMA</b>	<b>Proactive</b>
<b>CXR BIOSCIENCES</b>	<b>Marcar</b>
<b>EDI GMBH</b>	<b>Safe_T</b>
<b>ENDOCELLS SARL</b>	<b>Imidia</b>
<b>EXONHIT THERAPEUTICS SA</b>	<b>PharmaCOG</b>
<b>FIRALIS S.A.S.</b>	<b>Safe-T</b>

<b>GABO:MI*</b>	<b>Newmeds</b>
<b>INNOVATIVE CONCEPTS</b>	<b>PharmaCOG</b>
<b>INNOVATIVE HEALTH DIAGNOSTICS</b>	<b>PharmaCOG</b>
<b>INTE:LIGAND SOFTWARE</b>	<b>E-Tox</b>
<b>INTERFACE EUROPE*</b>	<b>Safe-T</b>
<b>ISLENSK ERFDAGREINING</b>	<b>Newmeds</b>
<b>LASER LA Santé</b>	<b>Protect</b>
<b>LEAD MOLECULAR DESIGN</b>	<b>E-Tox</b>
<b>MOLECULAR NETWORKS GMBH</b>	<b>E-Tox</b>
<b>NEUROSCIENCE TECHNOLOGIES</b>	<b>Europain</b>
<b>OUTCOME EUROPE</b>	<b>Protect</b>
<b>QUALISSIMA</b>	<b>PharmaCOG</b>
<b>SYNAIRGEN RESEARCH</b>	<b>U-BioPred</b>



# Patients' Organizations in 1<sup>st</sup> Call Projects

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Int. Alliances of Patients' Organizations</li><li>- Alzheimer's Europe</li><li>- Eur. Genetic Alliances' Netw.</li><li>- Genetic Interest Group</li><li>- European AIDS Treatment Group</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- European Lung Foundation</li><li>- Int. Primary Care Resp. Group</li><li>- British Lung Foundation</li><li>- Asthma UK</li><li>- Lega Italiano Anti-Fumo</li><li>- Dutch Asthma Foundation</li></ul> |
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# Regulators in 1<sup>st</sup> Call Projects

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- European Medicines Agency (EMA)
- MHRA (UK)
- DKMA (DK)
- AEMPS (SP)
- SwissMedic (CH)
- AFSSAPS (FR)



# Key Deliverables of Non-Competitive Research

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- Establishment of common databases
- New tools for identification of drug targets
- Standardization and harmonization of models and assays for drug efficacy and safety (*biomarkers*)
- Patient reported outcomes
- Classification of diseases





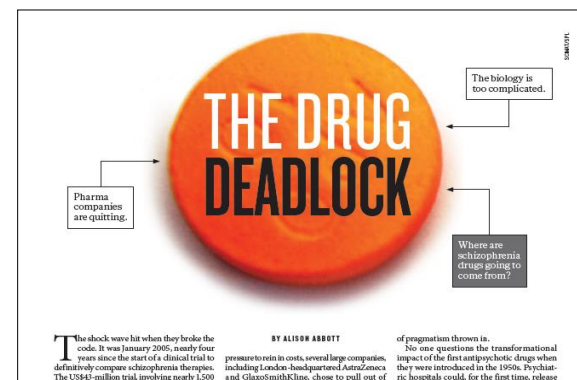
*Develops biomarkers and tools and models to allow better targeted treatments for schizophrenia and depression*

## 19 Partners

- 9 EFPIA companies
- 7 Public organisations
- 3 SMEs

## First achievements

- ✓ Has assembled the largest known repository of antipsychotic clinical trial data.
- ✓ The database contains information on 23 401 patients from 67 industry sponsored studies.
- ✓ Bringing together data from public projects and 3 companies on the genetics and clinical response in 1800 well characterized patients with depression.



Nature, 11 November 2010



*Builds a large searchable database containing drug toxicity-related data extracted from relevant pharmaceutical pre-clinical legacy reports*

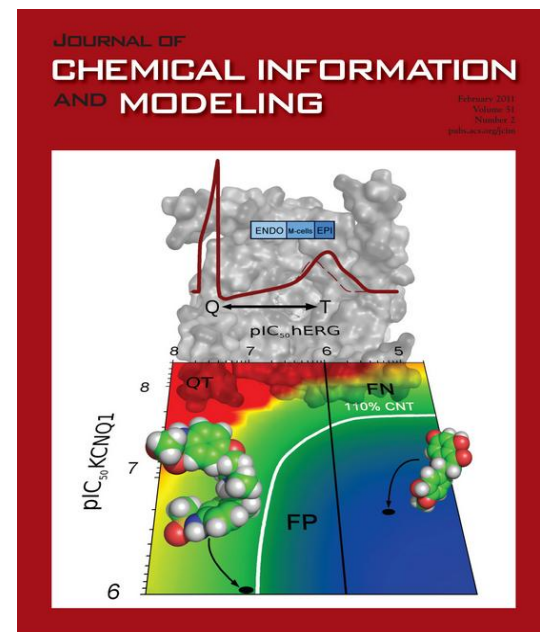
*Develops innovative methodological strategies and novel software tools to better predict in silico the toxicological profiles of new molecular entities in early stages of the drug development pipeline, using its database background*

## 25 Partners

- 13 EFPIA companies
- 8 Public organisations
- 4 SMEs

## First achievements

- ✓ An innovative multi-scale modelling strategy for the prediction of cardiotoxicity has been developed, successfully tested and published



J. Chem. Inf. Model. 2011; 51:483-92



*Deciphers chronic pain mechanisms in order to improve the development of pharmacological treatments against pain thereby reducing the burden of illness of large groups of the population*

## 20 Partners

- 7 EFPIA Pharma Companies
- 12 Academic Institutions
- 1 SME

## First achievements

- ✓ Database based on a standardized Quantitative Sensory Testing (QUAST)
- ✓ Novel imaging technique based on magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) to visualise brain changes patients with low-back pain



*Addresses the current lack of sensitive and specific clinical tests to diagnose and monitor drug-induced injury to the kidney, liver and vascular tissues in man, which is a major hurdle in drug development*

## 20 Partners

- 11 EFPIA Pharma Companies
- 5 Academic Institutions
- 4 SMEs

### A generic operational strategy to qualify translational safety biomarkers

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<sup>13</sup>EMA, London, UK

Drug Discov Today, in press

## First achievements

- ✓ 153 potential biomarker candidates for drug-induced injury of the kidney, liver and vascular system have been evaluated and are currently undergoing clinical evaluation.
- ✓ The strategy adopted has been agreed with the European Medicines Agency (EMA) and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA).



*Developing biomarkers that will allow the prediction of unwanted non-genotoxic carcinogen (NGC) effects of drugs at a very early stage of their development*

## 12 Partners

- 5 EFPIA Pharma Companies
- 6 Academic Institutions
- 1 SME

## First achievements

OPEN ACCESS Freely available online



### Phenobarbital Mediates an Epigenetic Switch at the Constitutive Androstane Receptor (CAR) Target Gene *Cyp2b10* in the Liver of B6C3F1 Mice

Harri Lempiäinen<sup>1,2</sup>, Arne Müller<sup>1,2</sup>, Sarah Brasa<sup>1</sup>, Soon-Siong Teo<sup>1</sup>, Tim-Christoph Roloff<sup>2</sup>, Laurent Morawiec<sup>1</sup>, Natasa Zamurovic<sup>1</sup>, Axel Vicart<sup>1</sup>, Enrico Funhoff<sup>1</sup>, Philippe Couttet<sup>1</sup>, Dirk Schübeler<sup>2</sup>, Olivier Grenet<sup>1</sup>, Jennifer Marlowe<sup>1</sup>, Jonathan Moggs<sup>1</sup>, Rémi Terranova<sup>1\*</sup>

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**PlosOne 24;6:e18216, 2011**



*By comparing data from several hundreds of people, the team will characterise different kinds of severe asthma, paving the way towards a **new classification of asthma** and personalised treatments for patients*

## 19 Partners

- 8 EFPIA companies
- 7 Academic Institutions
- 3 Patients' organizations

## First achievements

- ✓ Consensus statement on the definition of severe refractory asthma

Diagnosis and definition of severe refractory asthma: an international consensus statement from the Innovative Medicine Initiative (IMI)

Elisabeth H Bel,<sup>1</sup> Ana Sousa,<sup>2</sup> Louise Fleming,<sup>3</sup> Andrew Bush,<sup>4</sup> K Fan Chung,<sup>5</sup> Jennifer Versnel,<sup>6</sup> Ariane H Wagener,<sup>1</sup> Scott S Wagers,<sup>7</sup> Peter J Sterk,<sup>1</sup> Chris H Compton,<sup>8</sup> on behalf of the members of the Unbiased Biomarkers for the Prediction of Respiratory Disease Outcome (U-BIOPRED) Consortium, Consensus Generation<sup>9</sup>

### ABSTRACT

Patients with severe refractory asthma pose a major healthcare problem. Over the last decade it has become increasingly clear that, for the development of new targeted therapies, there is an urgent need for further characterisation and classification of these patients. The

### DIAGNOSIS AND DEFINITION OF SEVERE ASTHMA OVER THE LAST 15 YEARS

Various documents proposing different clinical definitions of 'severe asthma' in adults and children have been published over the last 15 years by international task forces, workshops, networks and

Thorax, in press



# Patient reported outcomes (1)

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## PROTECT Consortium

*To strengthen the monitoring of the benefit-risk of medicines by developing modern methods of data collection directly from consumers in several European Union countries, including using web-based screens And computerised telephone interviews.*

## 29 Partners

- 6 Regulatory bodies (coordinator: EMA<sup>o</sup>)
- 11 EFPIA Pharma Companies
- 10 Academic Institutions
- 1 SME

**PROTECT** has launched a prospective study of pregnant women who agree to provide information about medication use, lifestyle factors and risks for congenital malformation



# Patient reported outcomes (2)

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## PROACTIVE Consortium

*Develop, validate and use patient reported outcome (PRO) tools investigating dimensions of physical activity that are judged by patients living with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)*

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- 3 Patients' organizations





# IMI Education & Training Programmes



[www.imi.europa.eu](http://www.imi.europa.eu)

**IMI EDUCATION AND  
TRAINING PROGRAMMES**

- ✓ First course in Nov 2010 on drug discovery development
- ✓ Certificate and Master courses in pharmacovigilance and pharmacoepidemiology in Sept 2011
- ✓ EU syllabus on pharmaceutical medicine
- ✓ Database on over 700 master courses, 110 professional development courses, 380 learning tools



# 2<sup>nd</sup> Call Projects



<i><b>Acronym</b></i>	<i><b>Coordinator</b></i>	<i><b>Managing Entity</b></i>	<i><b>Budget (M€)</b></i>
<b>PREDECT</b>	<b>Servier</b>	<b>University of Helsinki</b>	<b>17.7</b>
<b>ONCOTRACK</b>	<b>Bayer Schering</b>	<b>Max-Planck Institute</b>	<b>30.7</b>
<b>QUIC-CONCEPT</b>	<b>AstraZeneca</b>	<b>EORTC</b>	<b>17.1</b>
<b>RAPP-ID</b>	<b>Johnson&amp;Johnson</b>	<b>University of Antwerp</b>	<b>14.4</b>
<b>BTCURE</b>	<b>UCB</b>	<b>Karolinska Institute</b>	<b>38.2</b>
<b>DDMoRe</b>	<b>Pfizer</b>	<b>Uppsala University</b>	<b>21.2</b>
<b>OpenPhacts</b>	<b>Pfizer</b>	<b>University of Vienna</b>	<b>16.4</b>
<b>EHR4CR</b>	<b>AstraZeneca</b>	<b>European Institute for Health Records</b>	<b>16.0</b>



# Projects under Finalization

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- Early prediction of drug-induced liver injury
- Risk minimization of antibodies to biopharmaceuticals
- Immunosafety of vaccines
- Translational research on autism spectrum disorders
- Personalized medicine in type II diabetes
- New strategies to treat tuberculosis
- Patient awareness on pharmaceutical innovation



# Towards New Business Models for “Big Pharmas”:

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- Patents Expiration and Fights
- Generics and « Biosimilars »
- Unpredicted late stage failures
- Increased regulatory rules
- Fragmented knowledge



## nature medicine

### Mechanism matters

**The path of drug development is fraught with hurdles. Gaining a clear understanding of how a drug works before it enters clinical trials is the intelligent route to drug discovery and could increase the likelihood for drug success.**

**D**rug development is a risky business. According to the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA), only eight percent of drugs that enter clinical trials are eventually approved. For a drug to gain FDA approval, it must be safe and show some efficacy. Because the FDA does not require any understanding of the mechanism by which a drug acts, it could be tempting to move into clinical trials without this knowledge. However, this may set the stage for failure. An investigational

It is true that we use many highly prescribed drugs without a clear idea of how they work—which targets they hit, what processes they alter and which of these actions are required for therapeutic efficacy. For instance, lithium, used to treat bipolar disorder, modulates many molecular targets, but which—or how many—of these are required for its beneficial effects is uncertain. Nevertheless, understanding a drug's mechanism could guide drug development and help to prevent late-stage failures such as Dimebon's.



# Rare Diseases as Surrogates in Drug Development



<b>Disease</b>	<b>Surrogate for</b>	<b>Molecular targets</b>	<b>Drugs</b>
Familial hypercholesterolemia	Common forms of hypercholesterolemia	HMG CoA PCSK9	Statins
Cryopyrin-associated periodic syndromes	Rheumatoid arthritis	IL-1 $\beta$	Rilonacept Canakinumab
Idiopathic Hypereosinophilia	Allergic asthma	IL-5	Mepolizumab
Castleman Disease	Rheumatoid arthritis	IL-6	Tocilizumab
Tuberous sclerosis	Various cancers	mTor	Temsirolimus



# NEWS & ANALYSIS



Antisense progress p401



NIH drug database launched p403



EFPIA Director General discusses his agenda



## Could pharma open its drug freezers?

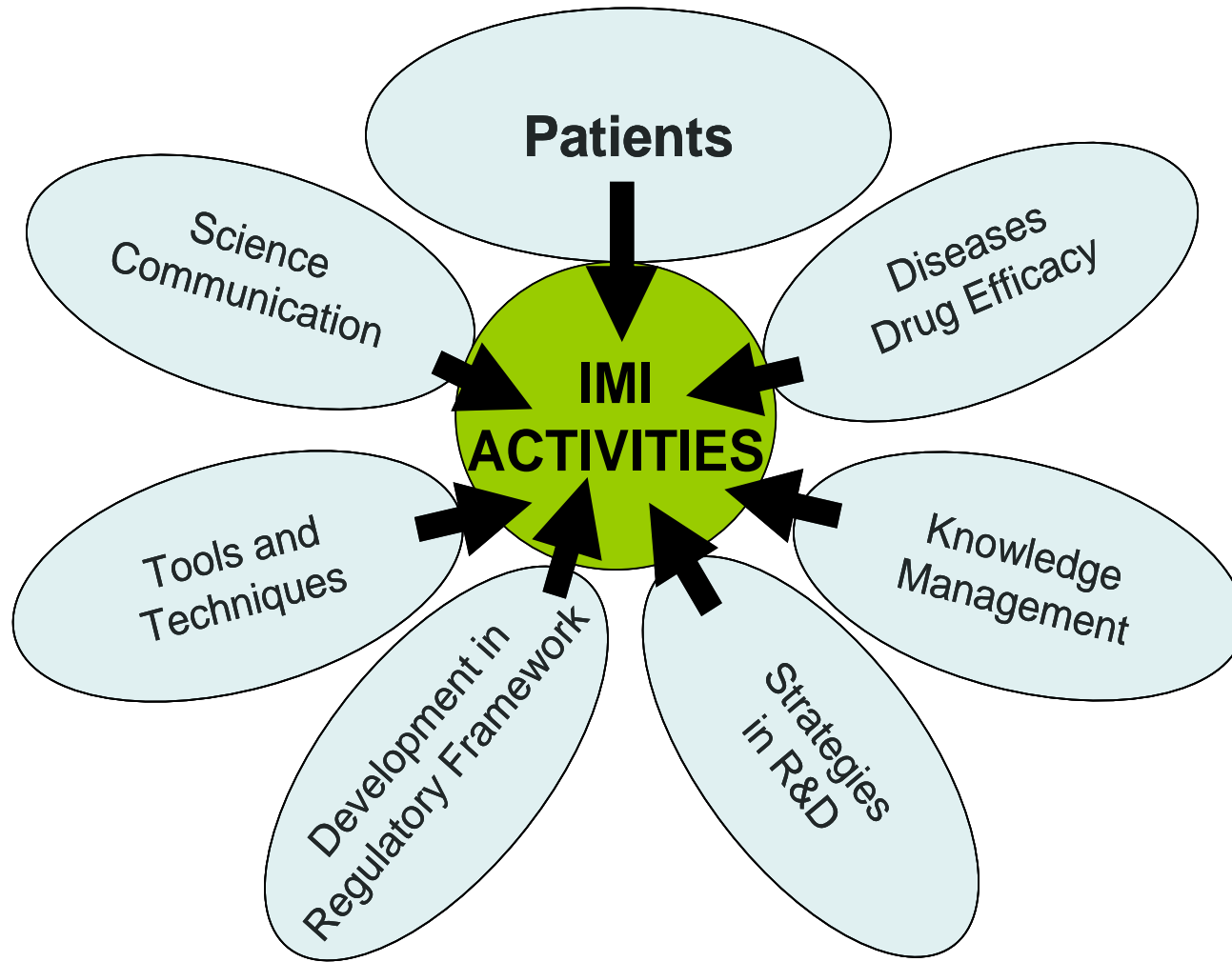
The NIH wants industry to contribute old, new and experimental drugs to a systematic, collaborative approach to drug rescue and repurposing.

*Nature Reviews Drug Discovery* **10**, 399-400





# The Revised Agenda: Key Areas





# Call 4 Topics (1)

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## Cluster A: Medical Information System

- A European medical information framework (EMIF) of patient-level data to support a wide range of medical research
  - Information Framework / Knowledge Management Service Layer.
  - Metabolic complications of obesity.
  - Protective and precipitating markers for the development of Alzheimer's disease (AD) and other dementias.
- eTriks: European translational information and knowledge management services



# Call 4 Topics (2)

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## **Cluster B: Chemistry, Manufacturing and Control**

- Delivery and targeting mechanisms for biological macromolecules
- In vivo predictive biopharmaceuticals tools for oral drug delivery
- Sustainable chemistry – Delivering medicines for the 21st century

## **Cluster C: Technology and Molecular Disease Understanding**

- Human induced pluripotent stem (hiPS) cells for drug discovery and safety assessment
- Understanding and optimising binding kinetics in drug discovery

**Indicative financial contribution from IMI JU:**  
**Up to 105 M€**

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# Major Challenges Ahead

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- « Consortium fatigue »
- Frontiers of pre-competitive research
- Management of intellectual property
- Definition of Key Performance Indicators
- Incentives/rewards for collaboration
- Alignment with Regulators' Priorities



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# Collaborative projects require an infostructure: OBVIOUS



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# Collaborative Projects Require Governance

A lot of data is generated or consolidated, GOVERNANCE, is needed to address:

1. the need for metadata
  2. description of the quality of data
  3. ensure standards to ensure syntactic and semantic interoperability
- ESFRI set up +/- 10 large BMS Research Infrastructures
  - eIRG Data Management Task Force recommendations for the data intensive sciences
  - Detailed subcriteria - checklist



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# Background

- IMI KM workgroup
- EFPIA KM affinity group
- 23 ongoing projects incl 4 KM projects





# KM projects

## Ongoing projects:

- eTOX
- OpenPHACTS
- DDMoRE
- EHR4CR

## Open Call (deadline 18 October):

- EMIF
- eTRIKS



# Ongoing projects KM

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- eTOX:
- DDMoRe: Drug Disease Model Resources
- OpenPhacts:
- EHR4CR: Electronic Health Records for Clinical Research



# Call 4 Topics KM

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# IMI KM workgroup

The primary goal of the KM workgroup is to collect and share information on the KM component of the IMI projects and give guidance to the project coordinators and their KM WP leaders where possible.

KM pertains to e-collaboration, document management, data management and biobanking (see SRA)

KM operational  
definition (draft)

Success will mean:

- Solutions are identified for interoperability issues between project e-collab spaces and data repositories.
- KM platforms are shared across projects and a Data Vault (notary-like) is identified for retrieving project data and ensuring sustainability.
- Metadata is available and quality of data are documented



# So far in 2011

- Monthly KM workgroup meeting
- Summary e-collaboration platforms used, e-collaboration platform to be tested with a single project
- Data Standards:
  - MOU CDISC-IMI
  - Membership for the IMI beneficiaries for the duration of the projects
  - Overview course CDISC for the projects
- Open LinkedIn group IMI started

