



Alzheimer's Association Small Company Consortia Meeting

March 2, 2015, 2 pm CT

Attendees

Acelot - Christian Lang

Alzheimer's Association - Maria Carrillo

Alzheimer's Association - Jim Hendrix

Amylyx - Joshua Cohen

Amylyx - Justin Klee

Cerespir - Richard Margolin

Cognosci - Mike Vitek

Cortexyme - Casey Lynch

DiamiR - Kira Sheinerman

InterVivo Solutions - Joseph Araujo

NanoSomix - John Osth

NeuroPhage Pharmaceuticals - John Levenson

nPharmakon - Felix Sheinerman

Tetra Discovery - Mark Gurney

Treventis - Sean Cunliffe

T3D - John Didsbury

DC Limited - Ramesh Shah

Introduction and Meeting Purpose:

The meeting began with brief introduction. For the purposes of those who are new to the group, Jim described the first meeting in November and the four areas of potential focus for the group; 1) General Business Issues; 2) Collaborations; 3) Recognition & Visibility; and 4) Knowledge and Information Sharing.

Discussion:

The group started out discussing ways to share knowledge and information among the member companies. It was suggested that if companies sign CDA's, then information could be shared more easily on topics such as common models and study designs. As a first step however, it was suggested that each company could share a one-page executive summary describing their company and research focus.

In addition, it was suggested that a questionnaire could be drafted for the companies to answer questions that are of general interest to the group. These questions could range in topic from business to basic science. The results could both improve knowledge sharing among the companies as well as help define a direction for the group.

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Another area discussed was a way to improve the visibility of the group. As such, a suggestion was made to draft a poster on the group for the July AAIC meeting in Washington D.C.

Another suggestion was focused on how the companies might work together collectively in order to gain access to certain service and possibly get better pricing.

Action Items:

- Each company will send Jim a one-page executive summary of their company. Jim will assemble each summary into one document for distribution to the whole group.
- Jim will draft a questionnaire and send a draft around for feedback among the group.
- Rick, Joe and Jim will schedule a meeting to begin working on a poster for AAIC.

Future Meetings:

- The next teleconference will be scheduled for May.
- There will be a face-to-face meeting during or right before AAIC. AAIC is scheduled for July 18-23 in Washington D.C.