

**When is CoU discussed?**  
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# When is CoU discussed?

- All biomarker enquiries\*



Biomarker  
Request  
Questionnaire

\* New enquiries, follow on sample analysis, or new sample analysis using a previously characterised method

# How is it done?

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**Scope of service:** [Short descriptive title](#)

**DDS Ref:** [XXXXXXXXXX](#)

**Sponsor Ref:** [To be confirmed](#)

Please complete the following tables, with as much information as possible. At DDS, we believe that the key to success is initiating early discussions to identify the **context of use** of the biomarker.

The detail provided in this document, along with further discussions, will be used to prepare an informed proposal.

**Nature of Biomarker**

Objective/rationale of study	
Biomarker(s) to be quantified	
Purpose of measuring biomarker(s): -How does this measurement fit with the overall objectives of the study -What will the data be used for? -Context of use -What is needed for the assay to be fit-for-purpose assay? (e.g. capable of measuring 100-fold changes that are biologically significant)	
Expected sample concentration range	
Is there a pharmacodynamic effect on the biomarker(s) -Is it up or down regulated -Known % change	

**Nature of Samples**

Species	
Sample matrix / anticoagulant	
Patient population	
Total number of samples expected	
Will samples be shipped using a central lab or multiple sites?	Central lab <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple sites <input type="checkbox"/>

**Methodology**

Is there a preferred method for validation/analysis? -Transfer -Methodology -Platform	
Do you require a regulated or non-regulated project	Regulated <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Non Regulated</u> <input type="checkbox"/>

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**Timelines**

Ideally, when would project work to commence	
If supporting a clinical study, when is FPFV, and what is the estimated duration of the project	FPFV: Duration of study:
Are there any current reporting deadlines	

**Reporting**

Is a full report required?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Sample analysis data only <input type="checkbox"/>
Reporting style	EMA <input type="checkbox"/> FDA* <input type="checkbox"/> Other: Please state <input type="checkbox"/> eCTD <input type="checkbox"/>

\*Reporting to FDA requirements and/or eCTD format includes additional data and information, which will incur additional costs

**Any Additional Information**

Please use this space to tell us any further information you feel hasn't been captured above, including any previous attempts/projects analysing the biomarker(s) of [interest](#).

*examples:*  
-will this be a blinded clinical study  
-do you know estimated sample volume  
-are there any special handling instructions for samples  
-any previous experience for biomarker assessment

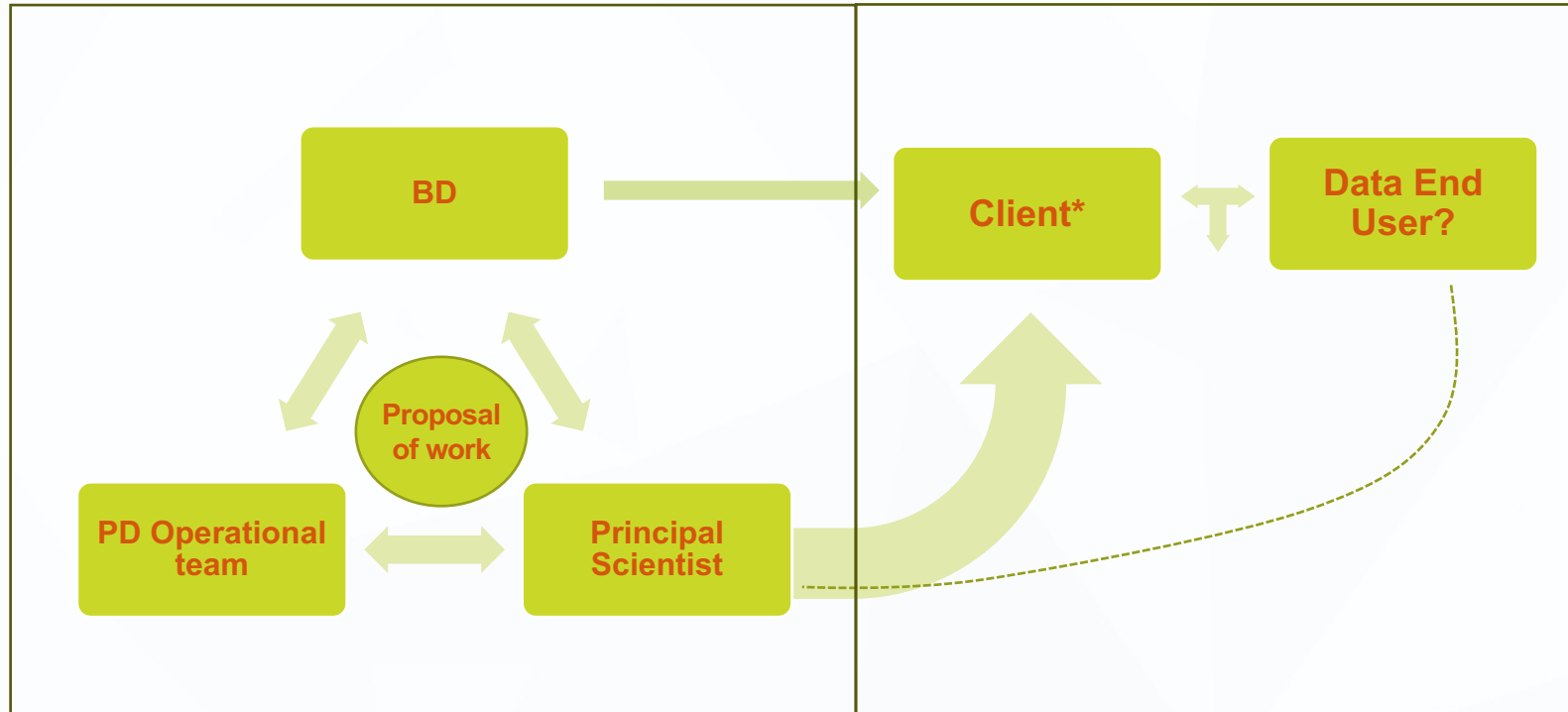
## Questionnaire

Provided by BD via email to Sponsor representative

Free text

Ultimately gets saved on company network in a BD location alongside the proposal

# Who is involved?



\*Client could be  
 Central lab  
 Clinical trial unit  
 3<sup>rd</sup> party Consultant  
 Outsourcing manager  
 Translational lead  
 BioA lab

# What is discussed?

## *Nature of Biomarker*

Objective/rationale of study

Biomarker(s) to be quantified

Purpose of measuring biomarker(s):

How does this measurement fit with the overall objectives of the study

What will the data be used for?

## *Context of use*

-What is needed for the assay to be fit-for-purpose assay? (e.g. capable of measuring 100-fold changes that are biologically significant)

Expected sample concentration range

Is there a pharmacodynamic effect on the biomarker(s)

-Is it up or down regulated

-Known % change

## *Methodology*

*Samples (no., population, matrix, how they will arrive)*

*Timelines*

*Reporting requirements*

*AOB*

Objective/rationale of study	Understand mechanism of action of our drug
Biomarker(s) to be quantified	IL-2
Purpose of measuring biomarker(s): -How does this measurement fit with the overall objectives of the study -What will the data be used for? -Context of use -What is needed for the assay to be fit-for-purpose assay? (e.g. capable of measuring 100-fold changes that are biologically significant)	IL-2 is a downstream target of IL-6 signalling. The data will be used to understand the mechanism of action of the drug. Plasma samples from healthy individuals will be used for this analysis
Expected sample concentration range	10-300 pg/ml
Is there a pharmacodynamic effect on the biomarker(s) -Is it up or down regulated -Known % change	Down regulated

# What is discussed?

## Nature of Biomarker

Objective/rationale of study

Biomarker(s) to be quantified

Purpose of measuring biomarker(s):

How does this measurement fit with the overall objectives of the study

What will the data be used for?

## Context of use

-What is needed for the assay to be fit-for-purpose assay? (e.g. capable of measuring 100-fold changes that are biologically significant)

Expected sample concentration range

Is there a pharmacodynamic effect on the biomarker(s)

-Is it up or down regulated

-Known % change

## Methodology

Samples (no., population, matrix, how they will arrive)

Timelines

Reporting requirements

AOB

Objective/rationale of study	This Ph1 study aims to characterise the safety and tolerability (primary endpoint) and pharmacology (secondary and exploratory) of [REDACTED], a bispecific monoclonal antibody to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]
Biomarker(s) to be quantified	[REDACTED] enzyme activity on [REDACTED] (output: relative activity units with recombinant [REDACTED] as a standard)
Purpose of measuring biomarker(s): -How does this measurement fit with the overall objectives of the study -What will the data be used for? -Context of use -What is needed for the assay to be fit-for-purpose assay? (e.g. capable of measuring 100-fold changes that are biologically significant)	The [REDACTED] activity assay will be an exploratory endpoint for the Ph1 trial, but data will be used internally as part of our PK/PD dose modelling and has been built into our internal go/no go decision framework for the study. Data will be used as % total activity (total activity being an individual's baseline activity), however [REDACTED] in house development suggests a target assay range of 0.78-400 ng/mL [REDACTED] equivalent activity units is sufficient to measure baseline activity in healthy volunteers and RA patients with 90% inhibition from baseline being the go/no go target for the Ph1 study. Robustness and reproducibility ~EC80 and ~EC5 of the assay must be within 15% CV
Expected sample concentration range	1.5-200 activity units
Is there a pharmacodynamic effect on the biomarker(s) -Is it up or down regulated -Known % change	Yes, marker will decrease with increasing drug exposure. Expected inhibition is 90% at later dose levels in the SAD.

# Where do we capture it?

- Proposal stage 

- This will involve a member of the Principal Scientist team interpreting and translating the information from the questionnaire into a SoW which outlines how we plan to support these requirements
- No CoU = Assay characterisation
- + CoU = FFP validation
- Becomes difficult with Sponsor-specific WO

- Analytical Plan

Description of Services	
Title	DDS376847: Establishment of a method for the determination of <del>xxxx</del> in human saliva, using PLATFORM, with the subsequent analysis of samples from a clinical study
Objectives	Determination of <del>xxxx</del> in samples collected from a clinical study
<p><b>Details</b></p> <p>The prices presented in this proposal are applicable for the duration of the services; assuming services are delivered within a maximum period of 12 months. If the services are delivered over a period greater than 12 months, DDS reserve the right to review and amend pricing according to inflationary, market or operating cost fluctuations. Any adjustments in pricing would be documented and agreed in an Amendment.</p> <p>Likewise, DDS perform an annual review of pricing and reserve the right to amend pricing according to inflationary, market and operating cost fluctuations; so any additional or subsequent service contracts may differ in price from those seen here (unless we have executed an Agreement with you which includes its own terms related to pricing).</p> <p>DDS may outsource some services (such as (but not limited to) cut-point statistics, eCTD publishing and data archiving) to approved third party suppliers. Where relevant, commission/authorisation of this proposal (by signature or by provision of Purchase Order) will mean acceptance of the use of said suppliers. Further information is available upon request.</p> <p>If you require eCTD format reporting to support your regulatory submission, please enquire for further information.</p> <p><b>Context of Use</b></p> <p><del>Free text area to add details as per the customer request and refined by PS to ensure context of use is clear.</del></p> <p><del>A statement of 2-4 sentences defining the biomarker, why it needs to be measured, in order to support the assay requirements. To understand the biology, pharmacological effect; to understand what the data will be used for, eg. scientific or safety decisions taken, to then consider what is possible from a BA perspective; to understand biological, analytical variability...</del></p> <p><u>Measurements are required from human saliva samples to support the exploratory use of xxxx as a biomarker of migraine severity. The expected sample concentration range is between 10 – 350 µg/mL and levels are anticipated to increase with the onset of a migraine episode. At this stage, only establishment of a fit-for-purpose method is required, without a separate validation phase.</u></p>	

# Where do we capture it?

- Proposal stage
- Analytical Plan
  - Project life cycle
- Report?



## 5 Introduction

### 5.1 Analytical project objectives

The purpose of this analytical project is to characterise a colorimetric ELISA method for the measurement of renin in human plasma over the calibration range 2000 – 31.3 pg/mL.

The analytical method is intended for use as a fit for purpose method for the measurement of renin in human plasma samples. As the context of use is not explicitly defined, this project will aim to characterise the analytical performance of the assay to enable the Sponsor to assess its suitability to support their clinical endpoints.

## 5 Introduction

### 5.1 Study objectives

The purpose of this study is to validate a CSF method for the measurement of bound [REDACTED] in cynomolgus monkey CSF over the calibration range 0.956 – 1000 pg/mL. The method to be validated was developed in study LGC353517QB01.

Pre-validation assessments, performed under the development study, included labelling and establishment of capture and detection reagents, optimisation, QC preparation and assessment of intra and inter-assay precision. Following completion of the development a pre-validation data was reviewed by DDS principal scientists and was deemed suitable to support the context of use and for progression to validation.

The context of use of the method is to determine fold-level changes in bound [REDACTED] concentrations following dosing of [REDACTED] (a surrogate molecule for clinical compound [REDACTED]). Baseline samples will only consist of the unbound fraction of [REDACTED] and will therefore be BLQ. Following dosing of [REDACTED], an increase is expected in bound [REDACTED] concentrations over-time, with later timepoints expected to be around ULOQ. Data generated from subsequent sample analysis studies will be analysed in combination with data from the total CSF [REDACTED] method and will be used to evaluate drug target binding and thus will support critical pharmacodynamic endpoints for use as part of a regulatory submission. As such, this validation will follow a category 1 (Tier 2) validation structure, as detailed in “Validation – Ligand Binding Assays for Biomarkers” (Qualtrax ID: 5338) and this study plan, to ensure the method is fit for purpose to support the context of use.