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# Immunotherapy Biomarkers Task Force 2014-2015

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# Immunotherapy Biomarkers Task Force History/Background

Previously:

Society Workshops: Immunologic Monitoring and Immune Biomarkers

2002 Workshop and Recommendations: Keilholz, et al. JIT

2005 Workshop Summary: Lotze, et al. JIT

2008: Assembled Immunotherapy Biomarkers Taskforce Steering Committee

Taskforce “Preamble” JTM 2008

SITC Workshop 2009 and Meeting Report JTM 2009

Taskforce meeting at the NIH 2010, “Recommendations” paper (CCR 2011), and  
“Resources” document (JTM 2011)



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## Recommendations from the iSBTc-SITC/FDA/NCI Workshop on Immunotherapy Biomarkers

Source of Variability	Recommendation
Patient	Save DNA/RNA/cells/tumor to understand host variation include healthy donor control
Blood draw	Standardized tubes and procedures
Processing/cryopreservation/ thaw	Standardized procedures and reagents
Cellular product	Phenotypic and functional assays to characterize the individual product, development of potency assays
Assay choice	Standardized functional tests
Assay conduct	Standardized operating procedures (SOPs)
Assay analysis	Appropriate biostatistical methods
Data reporting	Full details, controls, quality control/assurance (QA/QC) MIATA guidelines
Newest, non-standardized technology	Sufficient blood/tissue to interrogate the samples <i>now</i> , as well as <i>later</i> , to generate new hypotheses

# What's new in Immune Biomarkers:

*New classes of interventions*

*Small molecules and checkpoint inhibitors successfully tested and approved*

*New areas of biology impacting immune response*

*Metabolism, microbiome, signaling pathway modulation*

*New technologies and high-throughput approaches*

*Mass cytometry, exome sequencing, TCR diversity, epigenetics*

*New and old drugs impacting immunity:*

*Chemotherapy, radiation, ablation, also immune modulators*

*Bioinformatics, complex data analysis,*

*new biological samples—and not just from melanoma*

# Immunotherapy Biomarkers Task Force 2014-2016

## **Biomarkers Task Force: Working Groups:**

GROUP 1: “Immune monitoring assay standardization and validation—update” *Leaders: Magdalena Thurin, PhD and Giuseppe Massucci, MD, PhD*

GROUP 2: “New developments in biomarker assays and technologies” *Leader: Jianda Yuan, MD*

GROUP 3: “Assessing immune regulation and modulation systematically (high-throughput approaches)”  
*Leader: David Stroncek, MD*

Group 4: “Baseline immunity, tumor immune environment and outcome prediction” *Leader: Sacha Gnjatic, PhD*



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# Immunotherapy Biomarkers Task Force 2014-2015

## **Activities:**

1. Ongoing calls/working group activities
2. Preamble/overview commentary (Steering Committee, JITC March 2015)
3. Immune Biomarkers SITC Guest Society Symposium at AAI 2015
4. Biomarker Technology short reports 1/month in JITC (starting June '15)
5. New State of the Art/Recommendations for the field manuscripts in JITC in 2015 from the Working Groups (WG2 submitted to JITC)
6. Clinical trial analysis project: standard cellular/cytokine assays and high-throughput molecular analyses (contracts.....)
7. Summary 1 day meeting at the NIH: April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016



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# SITC Biomarkers Task Force

## JITC Technology Primers

### **Format:**

Name(s) of the technology:

Description of the technology:

Type of data obtained/readout:

Limitations of the approach:

Types of samples needed and special issues pertaining to samples:

Level of evidence:

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## JITC Technology Primers

### Status Update:

1. *Immunosequencing* by Ilan Lanny Kirsch (June – WG1)
2. *Enzyme-linked immunospot assay (ELISpot), Fluorospot* by Sylvia Janetzki (July – WG1)
3. *Single Cell Network Profiling (SCNP)* by Rachael E. Hawtin and Alessandra Cesano  
(August– WG1)
4. *Flow and Mass Cytometry* by Holden Maecker and Alexandre Harari (Sept.– WG2)
5. *Clinical Validation for Predictive Biomarkers* by Kevin Dobbin (October – WG1)
6. *Epigenetic regulation* by Thomas Kleen and Jianda Yuan (November – WG2)
7. *Nanostring Platform* by Alessandra Cesano (December 2015 – WG1)
8. *Protein microarray (seromics)* by Bernard Fox and Jianda Yuan (Jan. 2016 – WG2)

*3-4 additional reports in queue and in development*

# SITC Biomarkers Task Force

## ECOG 1608

E1608 PI: F. S. Hodi;

Hodi, F.S., Lee, S., McDermott, D.F., Rao, U.N., Butterfield, L.H., Tarhini, A.A., Leming, P., Puzanov, I., Shin, D., Kirkwood, J.M. **Ipilimumab plus sargramostim vs Ipilimumab Alone for Treatment of Metastatic Melanoma: A Randomized Clinical Trial.** JAMA Nov 5, 2014.

### Clinical trial analysis project:

1. Standard cellular/cytokine assays (Pittsburgh)
  - PBMC flow cytometry, serum analytes
2. High-throughput molecular analyses (Sidra)
  - PBMC DNA and RNA

Determine signals, tumor analysis next?

## Immunotherapy Biomarkers Task Force 2014-2016 Participants

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## Lessons and Take Home Messages

- *Key points:* The SITC Immune Biomarkers Task Force is working together, focused on four areas.
- *Potential impact on the field:*
  - New state of the art and recommendations to the field are forthcoming.
  - New technology reports monthly in JITC
- *Lessons learned:* lessons are being learned and disseminated
- See you April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016 at the NCI