National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute State of the Science Workshop

Factor VIII Inhibitors: Generating a National Blueprint for Future Research

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Inhibitors of Healthy Outcomes in Hemophilia A







Complexity of Factor VIII Immunogenicity





Bedside to Bench: Back to Basic



Oldenburg et al, Haematologica ,2015





NHLBI: Centers for the Investigation of Factor VIII (FVIII) Immune Response in Patients with Hemophilia A (U54)

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- Research Centers of Excellence with the aim of investigating and definitively elucidating the mechanistic and translational mechanisms of FVIII immunogenicity,
- Using novel, interdisciplinary, bold new approaches to defining FVIII protein-specific triggers and mechanisms underlying development of anti-FVIII neutralizing antibodies.
- In addition to the currently active scientific disciplines in this field, Centers will be required to include emerging sciences and technologies not currently being exploited in this research area in proposed research
- Cross-training of the next generation of physicians/scientists with interdisciplinary research skills.



NHLBI: TOPMed Program Opportunity to Look Beyond the Lamp Post



Hemophilia Blood Disease Cohort (Genetic Modulation of Inhibitor Risk in Hemophilia)

Source:

- MLOF: biospecimens
- ATHN: clinical phenotype data
- Cohort sample size: 5142
- PI: Barbara Konkle



Origins of FVIII Inhibitor SOS Workshop

- MASAC Inhibitor Prevention & Eradication WG Working Group.
 - > Approved by MASAC 10/16.
 - Charter established 3/17
 - Mandate to engage the hemophilia community in the development of a national scientific agenda that would ensure the coordinated future conduct of the most efficient and impactful research on FVIII inhibitor prevention and eradication



NHLBI/DBDR FVIII Inhibitor State of the Science Workshop

Goal of the Workshop

To solicit input from the wide hemophilia community and experts from outside the field into the development of a coordinated US- based blueprint for future basic, translational, and clinical research focused on FVIII immunogenicity and FVIII inhibitor prevention/eradication

May 15 -16, 2018



Executive Steering Committee Workshop Co-Chairs

Workshop Co-Chairs



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Assembly of the SOS Inhibitor Workshop

Evolution of the SOS Workshop



NHLBI FVIII Inhibitor State of the Science Workshop WGs

Working Group # 1

□ Scientific priorities for clinical trials including GT; as well as novel approaches and strategic partnerships for facilitating clinical trials.

Working Group # 2

Scientific priorities and platforms for optimized 21st century data and biospecimen collection for observational cohort studies and beyond.

Working Group # 3

Scientific priorities for achieving an actionable understanding of FVIII immunogenicity and the immunology of host immune response and tolerance, for predictive modeling and design of novel interventions.

Working Group # 4

Design of longitudinal pregnancy/ birth cohorts that leverage 'omics', existing phenotypic data, and *in silico* predictive modeling to study FVIII immunogenicity, and precision medicine interventional approaches to inhibitor prevention and eradication



Working Group Chairs

Working Group 1

Working Group 3

Working Group 4



Lindsey George



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NHLBI FVIII Inhibitor State of the Science Workshop

Generating a National Blueprint for Future Research

Welcomed >200 registered participants

- □ 50% : Academia/ HTC staff
- □ 20% : Industry (19 companies)
- □ 18% : Federal Partners (7 agencies)
- 8% : Patient Advocacy (6 non-profit organizations)

Broad geographic representation

29/50 states & DC

9 countries

videocast home page.



State of the Science Workshop Agenda at a Glance

Day 1

Working Group Co-Chairs presented research priorities; implementation plans f/b general discussion

WG discussion introduced by key note address on the topic by speakers from outside field

Day 2

Working Group breakouts with Workshop participants

Revised presentations by Working Group Co-Chairs based on Workshop input f/b final large group discussion



Key Note Speakers

Charles Bailey, M.D., Ph.D. CHOP, U Penn





Elizabeth Mellins, M.D. Stanford University



Jennifer Gladys Mulle, MHS, Ph.D. Emory University



Nicholas J. Schork, Ph.D. City of Hope/TGen J. Craig Venter Institute UCSD



Clinical Working Group # 1

Scientific priorities for clinical trials; novel approaches and strategic partnerships for facilitating clinical trials

Scientific priorities included:

- The design of investigator- initiated CTs to determine optimal integration of non-IV, non-factor novel therapeutics, including gene therapy, into care plans for FVIII inhibitor pts.
- The design of follow-on gene therapy trials in children and adults with inhibitors

Clinical trial implementation discussion encompassed:

- Challenges associated with conducting small clinical trials in rare diseases; resources and partnerships required to facilitate them
- Leveraging the existing infrastructure
- Optimizing private-public partnerships to fund clinical trials
- Engaging the patient community in clinical trials
- Embedding training opportunities for workforce development



State of the Science Working Group Expertise Working Group# 1 Team

Clinical Trialists (Phase 1-3)

International expert included
Clinical Design
Biostatistics
Industry
HA Patients/ Parents



Clinical Working Group # 2

Scientific priorities and infrastructure for 21st century data and biospecimen collection.

- Scientific priorities discussion included:
 - The design of prospective cohorts to ascertain comparative short and medium-term outcomes resulting from the incorporation or not, of non-IV, non-factor novel therapeutics, including GT, into care plans for FVIII inhibitor patients
 - The design of prospective cohorts to ascertain short and medium-term outcomes following ITI/ IM in children and adults with FVIII inhibitors

Clinical Cohort Study implementation discussion encompassed:

- Leveraging current data platforms
- Incorporation of standard measures and PROs for prioritized outcomes
- Models for direct data transfer from EMRs
- Streamlined data sharing policies for individual patient level data
- Challenges associated with developing and maintaining data repositories and biobanks in rare diseases; required resources and partnerships
- Training opportunities



State of the Science Working Group Expertise Working Group# 2 Team

Epidemiology Data Science Cohort Development Laboratory/ Specimen Processing Biobanking/Repository Human Subjects/Ethics/Data Sharing Industry Hemophilia Community



Scientific priorities for generating predictive models for inhibitor development, and for acquiring an actionable understanding of FVIII immunogenicity and the immunology of both the host immune response and tolerance

- Scientific priorities discussion included:
 - Application of novel ideas, technologies, cross-disciplinary science
 - Role of host cell expression of FVIII/VWF in immunogenicity
 - Gene therapy as a model for FVIII tolerance
 - Potential for rational drug design as a goal for this research

<u>Technological and logistical challenges discussion encompassed:</u>

- Appropriate animal /ex vivo models (e.g., IPSCs) for immunogen expression and peptide generation
- Characterization of biospecimens required to study mechanisms
- Challenges, as well as resources and partners required to facilitate successful models for cross-disciplinary science



State of the Science Working Group Participants Working Group # 3 Team

Molecular Genetics / Omics Factor VIII Biochemistry Immunology/ Ag-Generated Peptides Drug Development Gene Therapy Animal & Ex Vivo Models Microbiome In Silico Protein Modeling Industry Patient Community/Advocacy

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Working Group #3: Integrating mechanistic studies into cohort studies and clinical trials

- Adapt flow cytometry panels and T cell activation assays from clinical allergy/autoimmunity studies to the hemophilia field
- Collect samples for detailed transcriptomics and proteomics studies, as well as biomarker identification to address mechanism of inhibitor formation and of tolerance
- Study shifts in immunoglobulin subclasses/titers, B and T cell epitopes in subjects receiving conjugated FVIII or GT
- Incorporate mechanistic studies into clinical development of GT for ITI
- Microbiome studies in pregnant mothers, neonates, infants
- > PUP studies on innate immune responses early in treatment



Translational Working Group # 4

Design of pregnancy/ birth longitudinal cohorts that leverage 'omics', existing phenotypic data, & *in silico* modeling to study FVIII immunogenicity & inhibitor development/ eradication

Scientific priorities focused on:

 Design a platform for the integration of the data capture and mechanistic required to build precision (personalized) medicinebased clinical decision -making algorithms that can be applied across the lifespan to either avoid or provoke clinical phenotype for the purpose of diagnosis and/or appropriate time-sensitive antenatal and neonatal interventions based on novel target identification

Implementation discussion encompassed:

 Challenges associated with, and successful models for building lifespan /intergenerational cohorts, as well as resources and partners required for success, including unique challenges in sample procurement and banking



State of the Science Working Group Participants Working Group # 4





State of the Science White Paper

December, 2018

Target date for the publication of research blueprint priorities and strategies for implementation for dissemination to the national and international hemophilia community





