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Conundrums in Biotechnology:  
How Does Quality Impact Safety?

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In our rapidly evolving scientific landscape, the complexity of the Food and Drug Administration's primary charge – to safeguard the health and well-being of the public through the application of scientifically sound regulatory activities – is constantly being challenged.





# Active Investigations

1. Evaluating Development Strategies and Regulatory Outcomes for FDA-Approved Biologics
2. Assessing Drug Development in Pediatrics
3. Use of Existing Drugs as Novel Treatment Strategies in Low Resource Settings
4. Comparing Qualitative and Quantitative Approaches to Eliciting Patient Preferences: A Case Study on Innovative Upper Limb Prostheses
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8. Understanding Flavors in Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems
9. **Conundrums in Biotechnology: How Does Quality Impact Safety?**



# Biologics and biosimilars

- **Xultophy** (insulin degludec/liraglutide)
- **Xermelo** (telotristat ethyl)
- **Dupixent** (dupilumab)
- **Ocrevus** (ocrelizumab)
- **Bavencio** (avelumab)
- **Trulance** (plecanatide)
- **Siliq** (brodalumab)

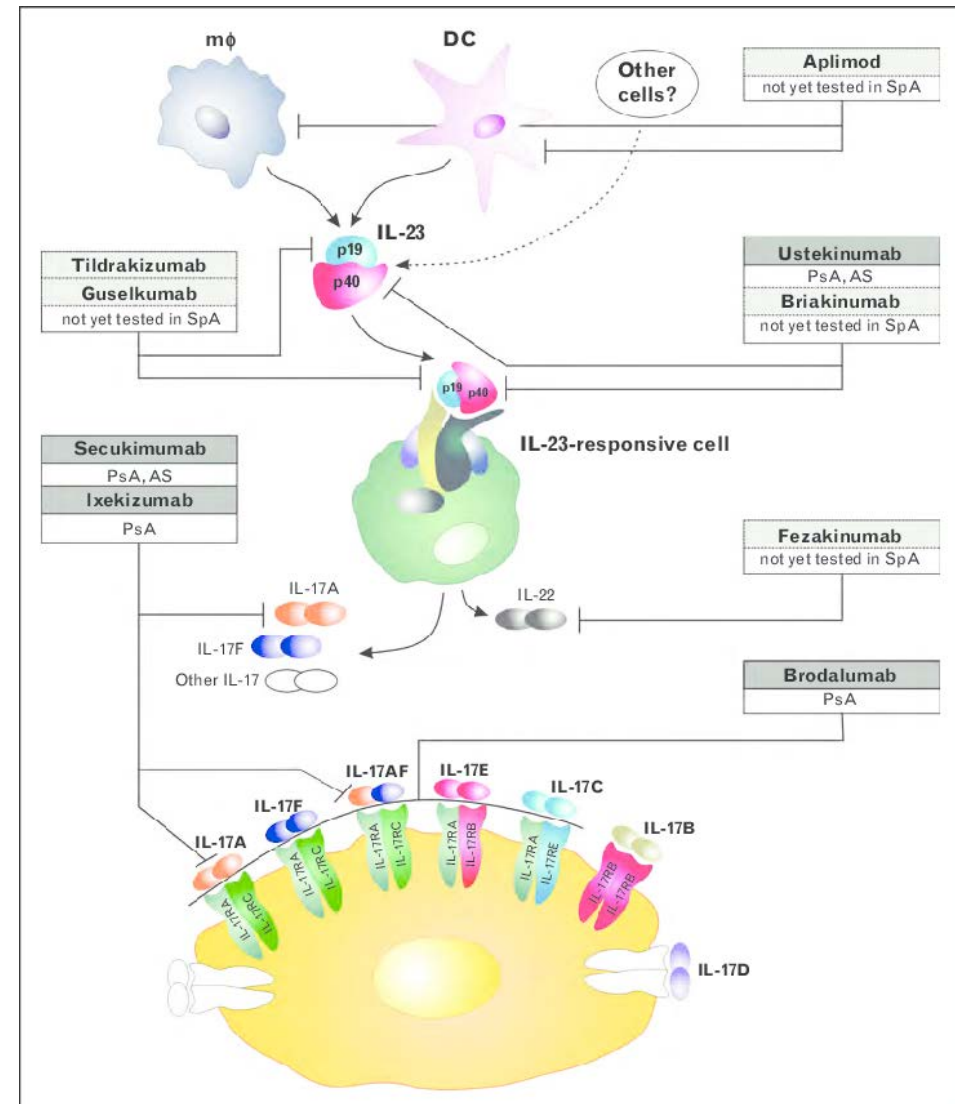


Exhibit 1

## Copying biopharmaceuticals is not a simple task.

Size of 3 well-known pharmaceuticals

Aspirin, 21 atoms

Somatropine,  
~3,000 atoms

Herceptin,  
~25,000 atoms

Comparable objects<sup>1</sup>

Bike, ~20 lb

Car,  
~3,000 lb

Business jet,  
~30,000 lb (without fuel)

Relative cost of development and complexity

<sup>1</sup>Objects are not to scale.

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**Conclusion:** Preliminary evidence supports the biosimilarity and interchangeability of biosimilar and reference TNF- $\alpha$  inhibitors.



# Johns Hopkins Biologic Quality and Safety Consortium (BQSC)



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# Consortium Rationale

- Goal: To assess association between monoclonal antibody product quality and clinical safety
- Focus: Monoclonal antibodies (IgG1, IgG2, or IgG4 isotypes) evaluated in Phase 2 and Phase 3 trials
- Diverse portfolio of scientific questions using rigorous epidemiologic methods to maximize causal inference



# Quality and Safety Measures

- Quality Measures
  - Aggregates
  - mAb Fragments
  - Charge isoforms
  - Glycoforms
  - Impurities (e.g., host cell protein)
- Safety Measures
  - Immunogenicity
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  - Immunogenicity



# Scientific Questions

1. What is the association between monoclonal antibody dimer levels and clinically-significant immunogenic reactions?
2. To what degree does this association vary across different patient populations, clinical indications, or Ig subtypes?
3. What range of batch variation in other quality attributes is associated with meaningful differences in safety?
4. How can manufacturing processes be improved to reduce batch variation that impacts clinical safety?
5. Are there other tools that can be developed to better understand correlates between product quality and safety?





# Proposed Consortium: Logistics

- Steering Committee comprised of consortium members
- Johns Hopkins to house, aggregate and curate data
- Primary analyses performed by Johns Hopkins scientists
- Potential for others (e.g., participating consortium members) to access blinded data based on terms and conditions established by Steering Committee



# NIXMBL

The National Institute for Innovation in Manufacturing Biopharmaceuticals

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## Quick Start Project Request for Proposals



# Closing Thoughts

- No greater challenge than improving manufacturing efficiency and flexibility while maximizing safety
- Consortium will generate fundamental new knowledge of high relevance to manufacturers and regulators
- Delivers on the challenge presented by regulators to analyze and correlate quality and safety data
- Consortium will help to provide the most rigorous evidence to date evaluating the appropriateness of many critical quality attributes (CQAs) with respect to important safety outcomes







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