

# Supporting the Development of Large-Molecule Therapeutics

Pharmaceutical Development Services (PDS)



### Who We Are

A highly, specialized CRO – Smithers offers independent third-party, consultative laboratory testing customized to meet your most challenging drug development needs.



WORLDWIDE

Part of the Smithers Group, which has been in operation for over 90 years, and now has 14 facilities globally with 700+ employees.



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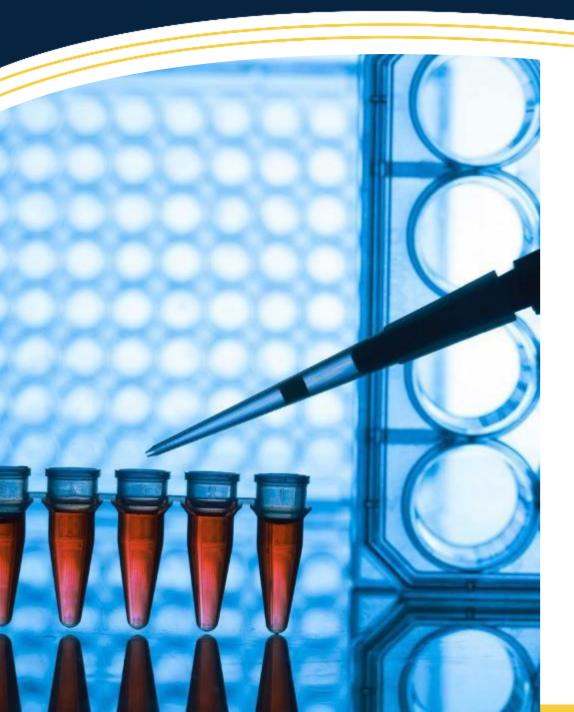
We continuously invest in our scientific talent, as well as our world-class facilities.



#### KNOWLEDGABLE

Our scientists are experts in their field and have a deep knowledge of the topics important to our clients.





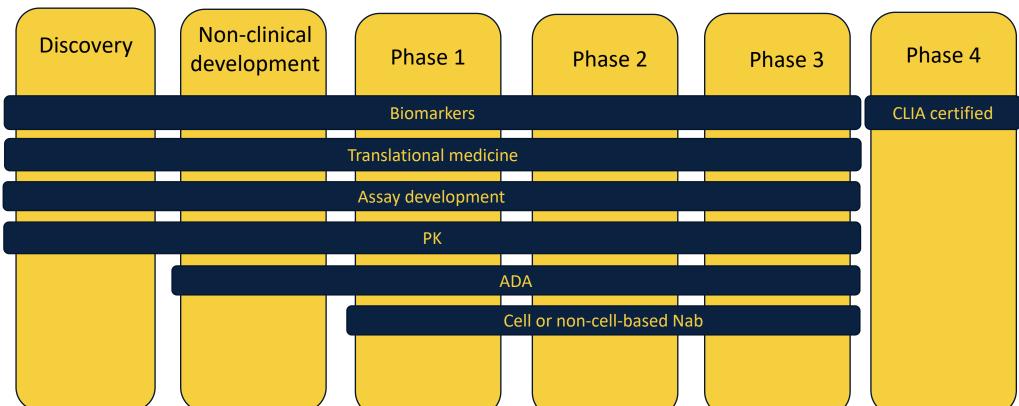
### **Bioanalytical Assay Services**

- Large Molecule (Biologics)
  - Assay Development, Transfer, Validation, Sample Testing to Support the Development of Biologics, Biosimilars and Vaccines
- Quantitative Ligand Binding Assays (PK/TK) and ADA
- Comprehensive Biomarker Services
  - Single and Multi-Plexed Assays
  - Kits, fit-for-purpose and proprietary
- BioAssay: Cell Based and Non-Cell Based
  - Neutralizing Antibody Assays
  - Cell Bank creation and maintenance
- Flow Cytometry (FACS)
- Coagulation



### Drug Development

Smithers is with you throughout the drug development journey



**CLINICAL TRIALS** 





### **Regulatory Experience**

- FDA: Surveillance Audit (Last: 3/22/2019)
  - No findings, No 483's
- CLIA
  - Gaithersburg: (Last: 3/25/2019)
  - Ewing (Certification received)
- State, Federal; no findings
- Client QA Audits (onsite & virtual)



### Facilities

- Over 41,000 sq. ft. of bioanalytical lab & support space.
  - 15,000 sq. ft in Gaithersburg, MD
  - 7,500 sq. ft. support space Gaithersburg
  - 19,000 sq. ft in Ewing, NJ
- Environmental controls
  - 24/7 automated Rees
  - Environmental monitoring
  - Temp, CO2, Humidity for incubators and storage units
  - Redundant systems / Backup generators







### Technology Driven by Sponsors' Needs

Our clients often need specialized technology. Smithers is proud to invest in our clients' projects.

- Molecular Devices, Spectra Max M3 Plate Readers: Absorbance, Fluorescence & Luminescence
- MSD Sector S600
- Gyrolab XPlore
- Gyrolab xP
- Singulex Erenna, Fluorescence
- Quanterix Simoa HD-X
- PerkinElmer EnSpire Alpha Plate Reader
- PerkinElmer Envision Multimode Reader

- Hamilton STAR Liquid Handling System
- Biotek, Elx405, Microplate Washers
- BD FACSLyric Flow Cytometer
- BC Vi-Cell Analyzer
- Thermo Stericult CO2 HEPA Class 1000 Tissue Culture Incubators
- Class 2 Biosafety Cabinets
- Clean Room Facility
- Siemens BCS XP Coagulation Instrument





## Biomarker / High Sensitivity

- Gyrolab xPlore<sup>TM</sup> and xP<sup>TM</sup>
  - Small required sample volume 4  $\mu\text{L}$  minimum
  - Biomarker low pg/mL range
  - Multiple analyte measurements from as little as 12  $\mu L$
- Applications include:
  - Cardiovascular and metabolic diseases
  - Central nervous system diseases
  - Oncology
  - Cytokines and Chemokines



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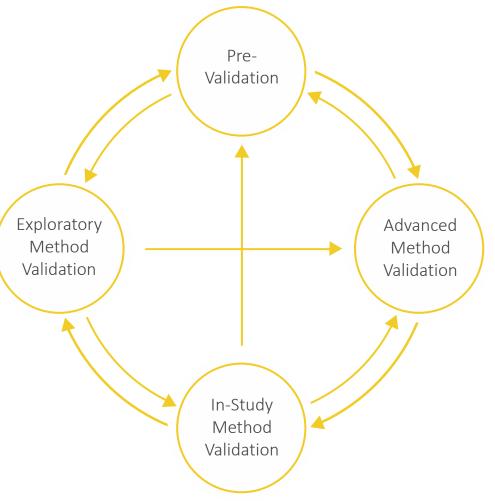
- Singulex Erenna<sup>®</sup> Immunoassay System
  - Single Molecule Counting (SMC) technology
  - Ultra-High Sensitivity fg/mL
  - Interfaced to Validated Watson LIMS
  - Developed and validated both PK and biomarker assays
  - About 50% biomarker and 50% PK
- Quanterix Simoa HD-X Analyzer™
  - Ultra-High Sensitivity fg/mL Range
  - Capable of multiplexing





### Fit-for-Purpose Biomarker Method Development and Validation

- Biomarker assay development and validation at Smithers Avanza follows the "Fit-for-Purpose" concept described by Lee et al. (2006)
- Biomarker assay capabilities include:
  - ELISA (single analyte)
  - Meso Scale Discovery (single and multiple analytes)
  - Singulex Erenna (Ultra Sensitive, single analyte)
  - Quanterix Simoa HDX (Ultra Sensitive)
  - GyroLab (Sample Volume)





### Bioassay: Cell and Non-Cell Based

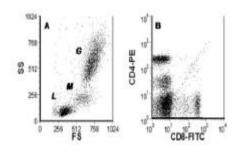
- Dedicated team and facilities for cell-based assays
- Facilities in Gaithersburg and Ewing
- Cell Proliferation
- Reporter Gene
- Apoptosis
- Enzyme Activity

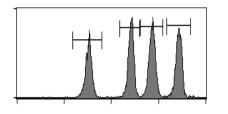


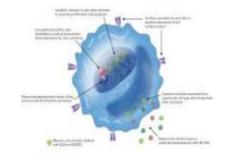


### FACS Capabilities

#### BD FACSLyricTM: 3 lasers/ 12 colors | BD FACSuite™ Software







CELL PHENOTYPING

RECEPTOR ENUMERATIONS

CELL SURFACE / INTRACELLULAR MARKERS



### What to Expect from Smithers

#### Client Engagement Process



- Initiatives, Needs, & Goals •
- Key Team Members •
- What Matters Most •
- **Constraints & Timelines**
- CDAs / MSAs
- Expectations / Deliverables •

#### **Crafting the Solution / Service**

- **Resources & Experts**
- Protocols & Methods •
- Value-Added Guidance •
- **Customized Services** •
- Alignment with Your Business • Goals
- **Generate Proposal** •

- Kick-Off & Update Meetings
- **Delivery Milestones, Project Management**
- Quality Assurance ۲
- **Reporting & Communication**



### Project Cycle

#### **Client Engagement Process**



A Smithers Project Manager is assigned to the study.

The project manager meets with the Sponsor's team and works through any areas of concern and understand and agree upon the basic requirements.

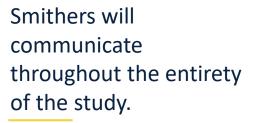
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The Project Manager generates an analytical plan based on your project.

The plan will then be sent to the Client for comments. Plans will be exchanged until both parties agree and include timelines and endpoints of the proposed work.





Communication is critical; we suggest weekly teleconferences to review the project status, timelines and deliverables, as well as quarterly face-to-face meetings to discuss progress and future partnerships.



Smithers provides the agreed upon services and follow-up support.

Studies are conducted according to approved plans. Data is collected in Watson LIMS and reviewed in compliance with Smithers' SOPs. QA is included if appropriate once assays are initiated.



### Emerging & Supporting Services

- Emerging Services
  - Quantitative Real-Time PCR (qPCR)
  - ddPCR
  - Hybridization assays (oligonucleotide)
  - Expanded Bioassay Capabilities
- Supporting Services
  - Gene Therapy
  - Translational Medicine





### Dedicated to Helping You Solve the Most Challenging Drug Development Problems through:



Understanding Your Needs



Commit the Resources & Expertise



Flexibility & Responsiveness



High Level Communication

### Build Relationships

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