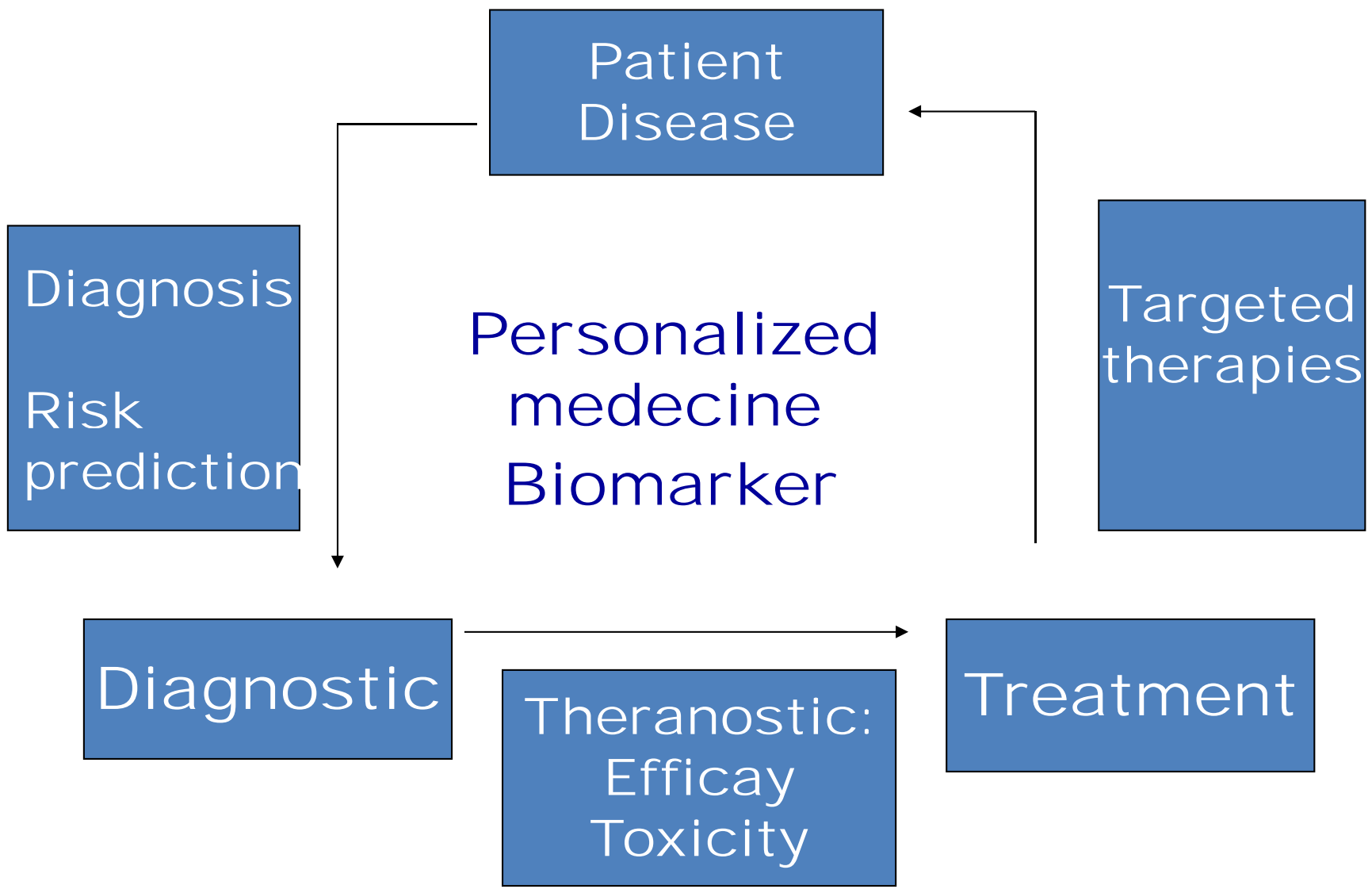




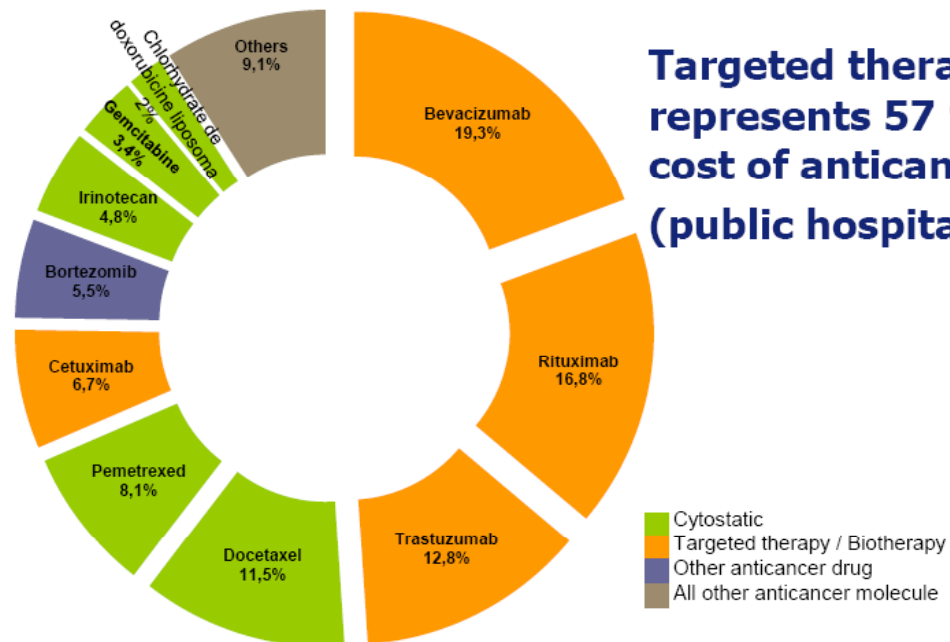
**BIOBANKING**  
**a challenge for public / private partnerships**

**Christian Bréchet**





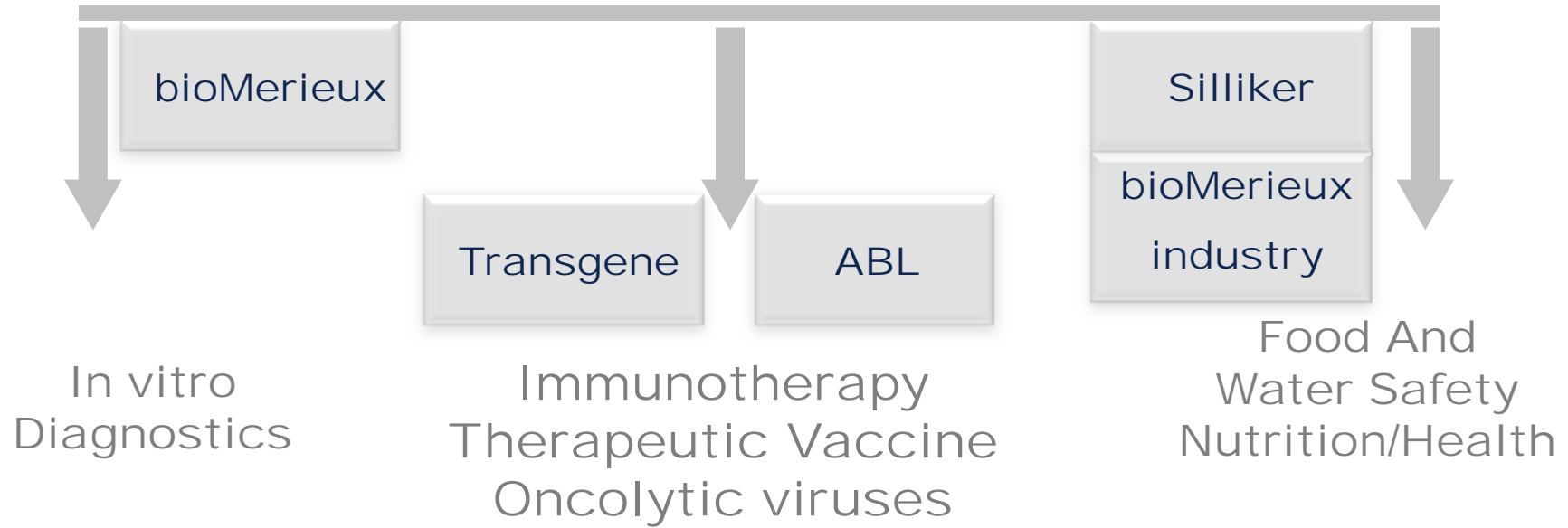
<b>BCR-ABL translocation:</b> 1- BCR-ABL detection 2- BCR-ABL quantification 3- ABL mutation	Chronic Myeloid Leukemia/ Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia	Imatinib prescription 1- Imatinib prescription 2- Monitoring of minimal residual disease 3- Resistance to Imatinib
<b>KIT and PDGFRA mutations</b>	GIST	Imatinib prescription
<b>HER2 amplification</b>	Breast and gastric cancers	Trastuzumab prescription
<b>KRAS mutations</b>	Colorectal cancer	Panitumumab and cetuximab prescription
<b>EGFR mutations</b>	Lung cancer	Gefitinib and erlotinib prescription
<b>EML4-ALK translocations</b>	Lung cancer	Crizotinib prescription
<b>BRAF mutation V600E</b>	Melanoma	Vemurafenib prescription



Source : ATIH-PMSI MCO base 2009  
F. Calvo, INCa



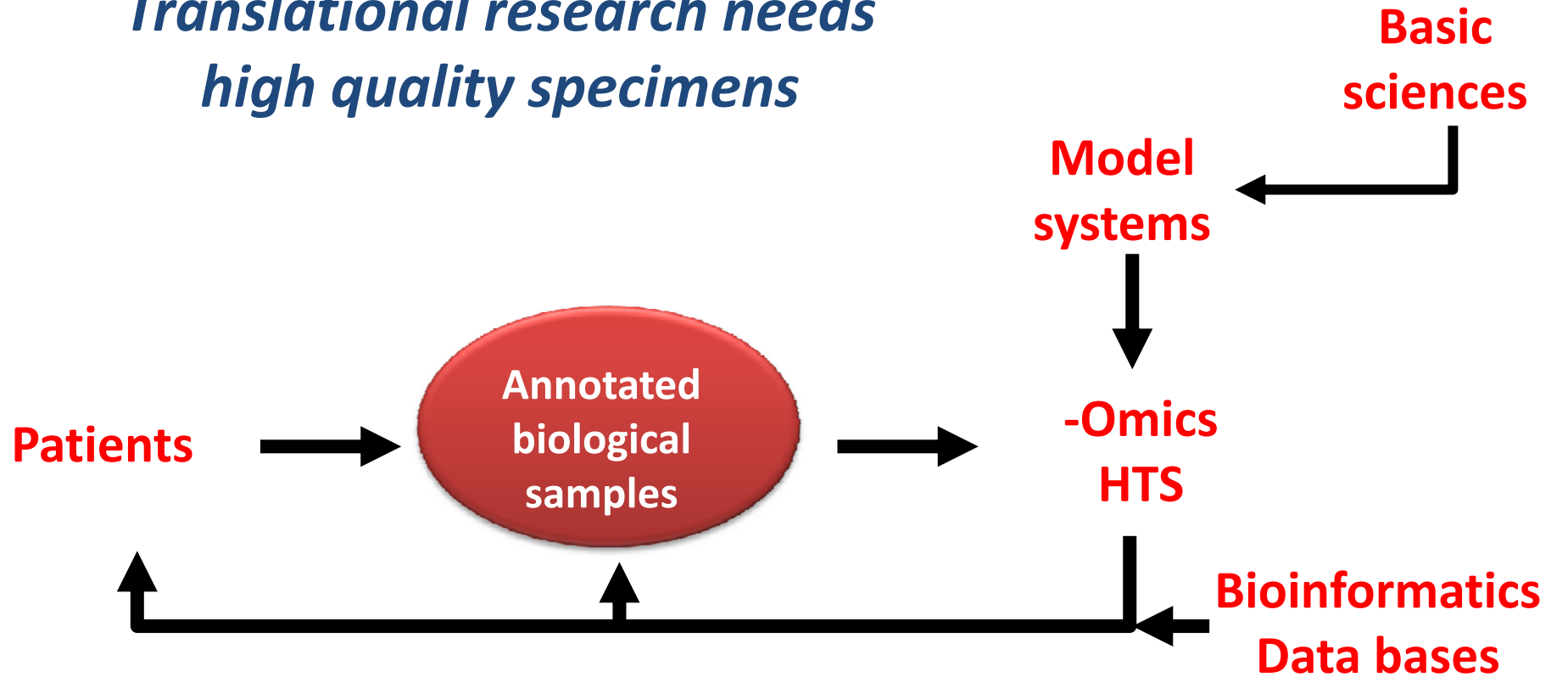
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Biomarkers  
(ADNA program)



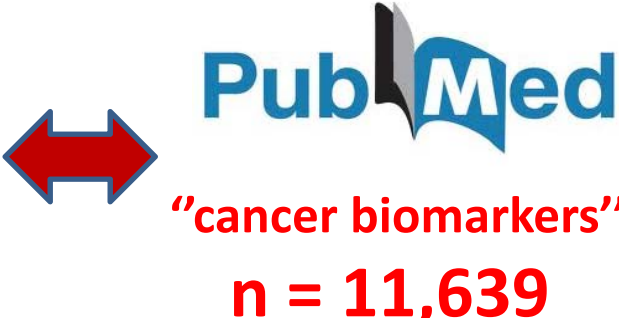
*Translational research needs  
high quality specimens*



**Table 2** Cancer biomarkers that are currently in clinical use.

Tumor marker	Cancer type	Year of discovery and reference	Application based on ASCO and/or NACB recommendations	Reference
Alfa-fetoprotein	Germ-cell hepatoma	1963 <sup>5</sup>	Diagnosis Differential diagnosis of NSGCT Staging Detecting recurrence Monitoring therapy	80
Calcitonin	Medullary thyroid carcinoma	1970s <sup>81</sup>	Diagnosis Monitoring therapy	82
CA125	Ovarian	1981 <sup>7</sup>	Prognosis Detecting recurrence Monitoring therapy	80
CA 15-3	Breast	1984–5 <sup>83,84</sup>	Monitoring therapy	77
CA 19-9	Pancreatic	1979 <sup>85</sup>	Monitoring therapy	86
Carcinoembryonic antigen	Colon	1965 <sup>86</sup>	Monitoring therapy Prognosis Detecting recurrence Screening for hepatic metastases	77,80
ER and PgR	Breast	1970s <sup>87</sup>	Select patients for endocrine therapy	77
HER2	Breast	1985–6 <sup>88,89</sup>	Select patients for trastuzumab therapy	77
Human chorionic gonadotropin-β	Testicular	1938 <sup>90</sup>	Diagnosis Staging Detecting recurrence Monitoring therapy	80
Lactate dehydrogenase	Germ cell	1954 <sup>91</sup>	Diagnosis Prognosis Detecting recurrence Monitoring therapy	80
Prostate-specific antigen	Prostate	1979 <sup>92</sup>	Screening (with DRE) Diagnosis (with DRE)	80
Thyroglobulin	Thyroid	1956 <sup>93</sup>	Monitoring	82

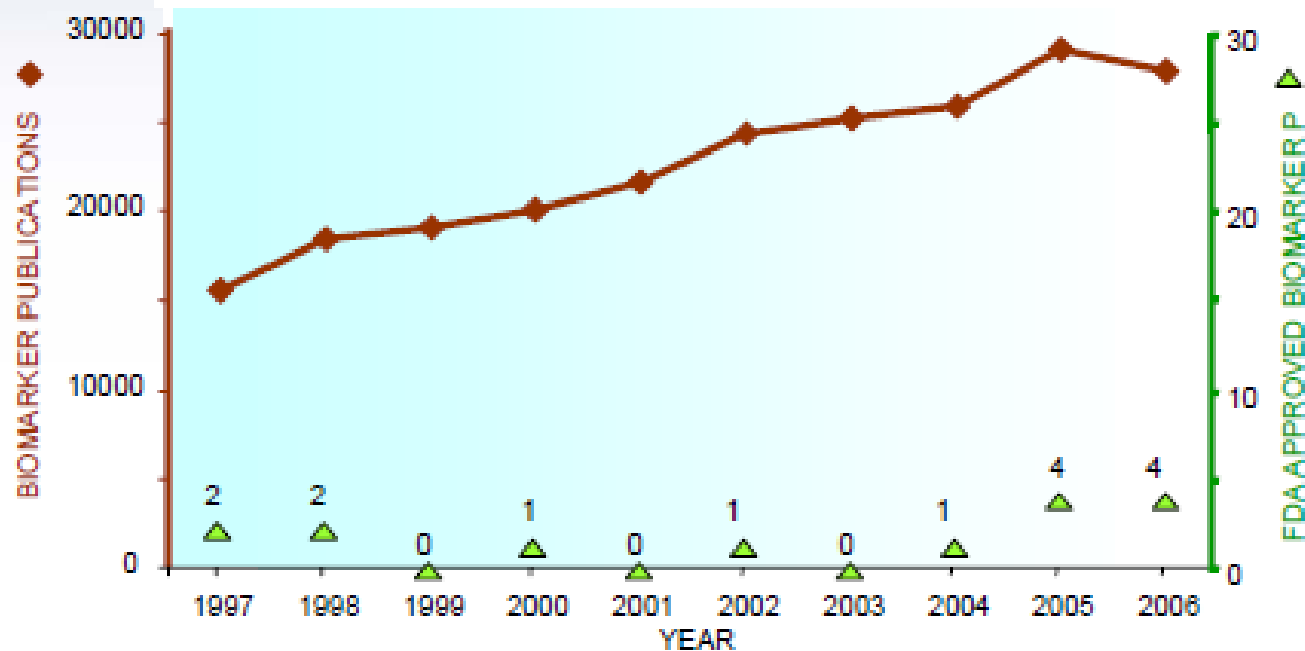
Abbreviations: DRE, digital rectal examination; ER, estrogen receptor; NACB, National Academy of Clinical Biochemistry; NSGCT, nonseminomatous germ cell tumor; PgR, progesterone receptor.



PubMed  
 “cancer biomarkers”  
 n = 11,639

Kulasingam V and Diamandis EP (2008) Strategies for discovering novel cancer biomarkers through utilization of emerging technologies  
*Nat Clin Pract Oncol* doi:10.1038/nconpc1187

## Trends of Journal Publication on Biomarkers and FDA Approval of Biomarkers



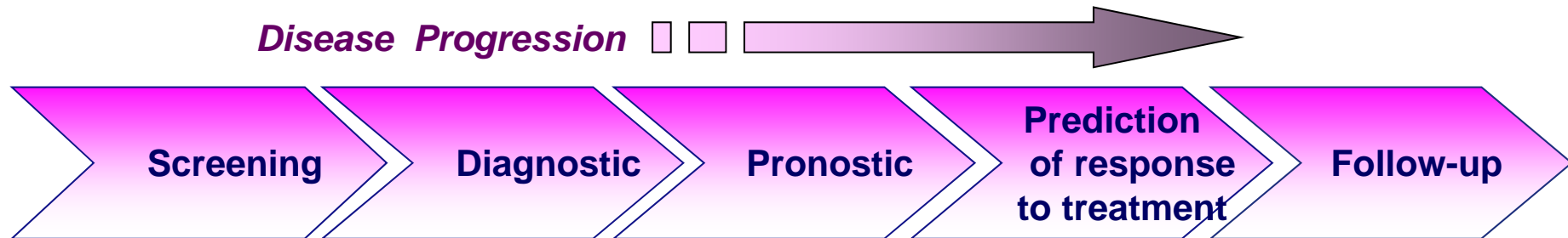
Triangles (green) represent the number of FDA-approved markers per year (data from FDA and Nat Rev Can 2005). Red squares and circles indicate publications under the Medline medical subject heading biomarker

Methods

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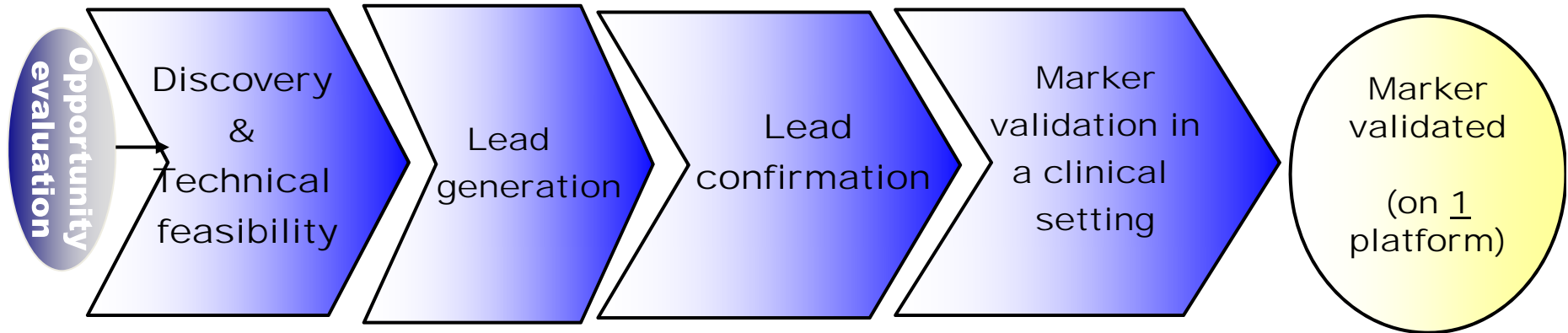
# What types of biomarkers do we have ?



1. Screening (e.g. mammography, fecal occult blood)
2. Diagnostic (e.g. cardiac troponin)
3. Prognosis (e.g. cytokeratins, estrogen receptors)
4. Prediction of response to treatment (e.g. HER2)
5. Patient follow-up (e.g. PSA)



# The steps of biomarker discovery and validation



Clinical studies


Sample availability and quality

Quality insurance

Information management

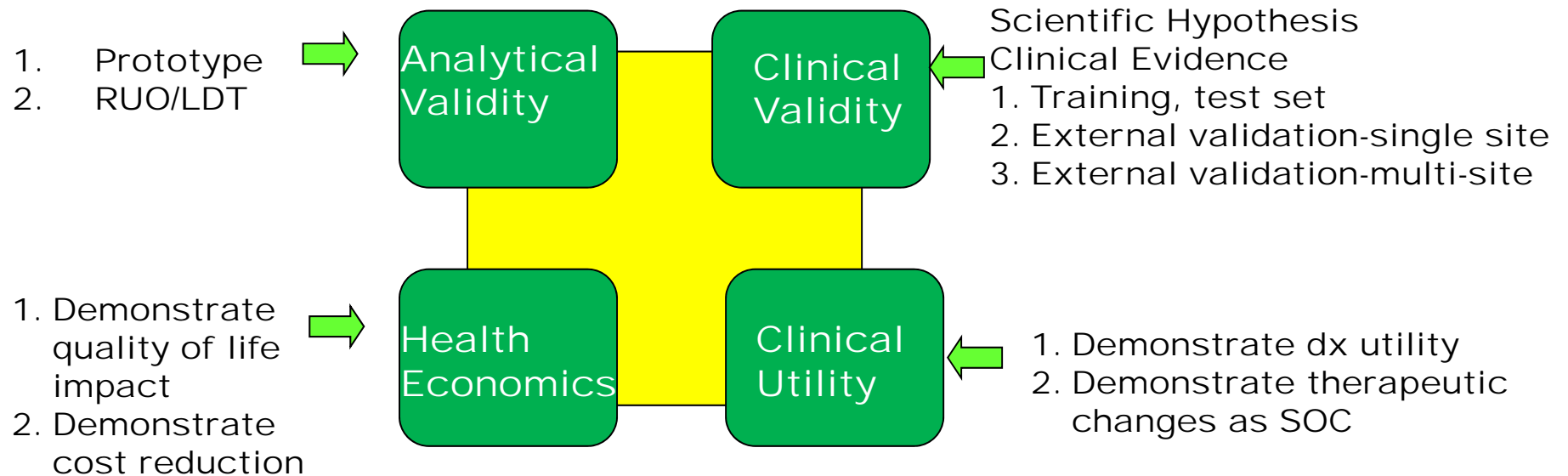
# Main challenges in biomarker discovery

## Evidence-based biomarker validation

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- +++++ long-term randomized prospective study in the general population
  - ++++ prospective study in a selected population
  - +++ retrospective study in a set of non-representative patients
  - ++ retrospective study in a set of representative patients
  - + lab investigation

# What Drives Successful Diagnostic Test (DX) Development?

## DX regulatory approval drivers



## DX reimbursement drivers

For market success, developing a test represents a compelling investment for DX company

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# Main challenges in biomarker discovery

## Biological samples

Blood : *plasma, serum*

Tissue ; Cells

Urine ; Stools

Saliva ; Exhaled breath...

## Tools

DNA

mRNA, miRNA

Metabolome

Proteome

Glycome

Microbiome

Imaging

# Personalised Medecine: Difficulties and challenges

A novel model, based on data integration and validation of biomarkers:

-**Technology:** genomics, proteomics, metabolomics

imaging etc..

-**Clinical studies**

**Different genetic background**

**Different environmental contexts (life style, nutrition...)**

**Clinical studies: quality, ethics etc..**

- **Public health**

- **Economics: Cost-benefit, reimbursment etc..**

# Personalised Medicine: Difficulties and challenges

A novel model, based on data integration and validation

- A change of paradigm :
  - Shift from unique to multiple, complex, biomarkers (multi-parameters = data intégration, bioinformatics, Computational biology, systems biology)
  - Intellectual property?.
  - Management and transfer of information: **physicians, patients (cell phone, etc...).**

# Criteria for success

. Access to biobanks infrastructures, clinical data, standardization (sampling procedures etc.)

**A novel paradigm for industrial partners:**

**Moving to collaboration instead of « isolation »**

**Refining the intellectual property bases**

- Academic environment: Project-driven
- Pharma-Diagnostics companies win-win interactions
- Simplified discussions with regulatory agencies  
**Early discussions to define the requirements**  
**Reimbursements...**
- Public-Private Partnerships:  
**NCI biomarker network**  
**FDA**

# “How long does it take to reach 10,000 cases in a cohort study with 500,000 people?”

Paul Burton, UK BioBank Technical Report 2005

Breast cancer	17 yrs
Colorectal cancer	22 yrs
Prostate cancer	22 yrs
Lung cancer	34 yrs
Stroke	18 yrs
MI and coronary death	8 yrs
Diabetes mellitus	6 yrs
COPD	13 yrs
Hip fracture	21 yrs
Alzheimer's disease	18 yrs
Parkinson's disease	23 yrs



<b>Disease</b>	<b>Consortium</b>	<b>Number of teams</b>	<b>Subjects</b>
• Parkinson	GEO-PD	18	10,000
• Osteoporosis	GENOMOS	10	30,000
• Preterm birth	PREGENIA	10	20,000
• Allergy/Asthma	GA <sup>2</sup> LEN	50	20,000
• Breast, Lung...K	EPIC	20	500,000
• Lymphoma	INTERLYMPH	15	20,000
• Lung K	ILLCO	30	51,000
• Head & Neck K	INHANCE	13	28,000
• Melanoma	GENOMEL	12	3,000
• Pancreatic K	PACGENE	10	5,000



**Thematic network of biobanks**

## Biobanks => 2 different concepts.....



### Service

- ✓ Samples + minimum data set
- ✓ One-way service
- ✓ MTA + cash
- ✓ Customer service:  
From nothing to optional



### Partnerships

- ✓ Samples + detailed information +  
outcome of patients + ...
- ✓ Bi-directional information
- ✓ MTA, contract ± IPR
- ✓ Customer service:  
Full expertise and advices

# How to select a biobank ?

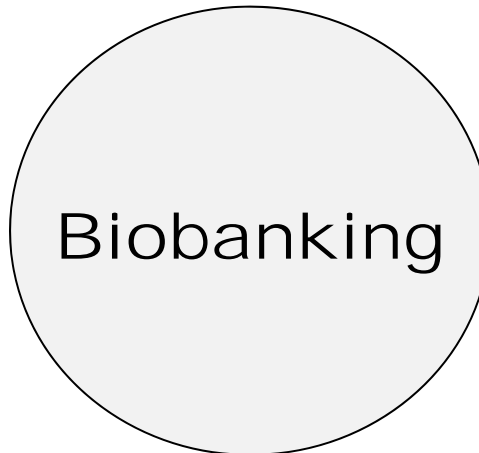
## main bottlenecks

- ✓ **Quality of both biological samples and linked annotations, based on international standards and guidelines**
- ✓ **Scientific and medical background**
- ✓ **Quality of management**
- ✓ **Well defined access policy**
- ✓ **Expertise**
- ✓ **Willingness and reactivity**
- ✓ **Ethical and regulatory issues**

Inter- and Multidisciplinarity

Handling of data: knowledge management  
Bioinformatics, Systems Biology  
« Big Science » and « curiosity-driven » science

Information  
Technology  
For Health  
« services »  
Business model



Public health  
Ethics

Cohorts  
Clinical studies

Technologies: « omics »  
- Sequencing  
- Epigenetic analysis  
- Proteomics  
- Metabonomics

Research  
Consortia  
And  
Networks

## Take-home message

- There is a strong need of large cohorts of clinically [well] defined patients with high quality specimens and annotations
- One-stop access to biological samples is a main bottleneck for companies. This should be overcome by the implementation of thematic networks at the European level.
- Top biobanks fit in top science, and *vice et versa*
- Linkage of biobanks with technical platforms in genomics is an added value
- Scientific/medical experts and key opinion leaders should be associated to the biobanking process



Thank  
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