

A flexible approach to Immunogenicity

### WHEN YOUR FOCUS IS BIOTHERAPEUTICS,

**QPS'** Global Laboratories provide a full range of bioanalytical solutions to support immunogenicity evaluations during drug development from discovery through clinical development and filing.

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## **Immunogenicity**

While Biotherapeutic drugs such as monoclonal antibodies (mAbs), recombinant proteins and oligonucleotides are emerging treatments for diseases, they may illicit an immune response in the form of anti-drug-antibodies (ADA) resulting in potential reductions in efficacy, and sometimes, safety concerns. As such, immunogenic potential needs to be assessed.

QPS is a Global CRO with stateof-the-art bioanalytical facilities and immunogenicity testing laboratories strategically located in the United States (Delaware) and Europe (The Netherlands).

QPS first implemented ADA analysis for proteins and mAbs in 2003 and of oligonucleotides as early as 2013. Since that time our laboratories have performed ≥700 regulated ADA studies supporting over 150 biologic drug development programs.

QPS is an expert in nAb testing and since 2002 we have applied our extensive knowledge and application of new assay technologies to over 60 programs.

# Method Development and Optimization

With the knowledge that the evaluation of ADAs is often a multi-step analytical approach with differing assay formats and platforms, QPS offers custom method development and optimization.

Method development at QPS can involve antibody enrichment and sample pretreatment techniques to improve assay sensitivity and drug tolerance or to reduce target interference:

- Affinity capture elution (ACE) and SPEAD (Solidphase Extraction with Acid Dissociation)
- Critical Reagent labeling (biotin and sulfo-tag, etc.)

### Assay Optimization:

- Drug Tolerance
- Target Interference
- Sensitivity
- Specificity
- Precision

# Immunogenicity Monitoring ADA & nAb

#### ADA capabilities:

- Screening, confirmation and titering by ELISA or MSD Electrochemiluminescence (MESO SECTOR S 600)
  - Screening for positive responses in study samples
  - Confirmation test for samples displaying positive responses during screening
- Titering of confirmed positive samples to determine the relative degree of antigenicity
- On staff statistician for cutpoint analysis
- Domain confirmation to bispecific therapeutic drugs

### nAb capabilities:

- Screening
- Titer assessment (quasiquantification)
- Competitive ligand binding assay or cell-based neutralizing antibody detection
- Cell banking and maintanance

## Data Quality is Key

Our laboratories are Good Laboratory Practice (GLP) compliant/certified since 2002 and for Clinical Bioanalysis Good Clinical Practice (GCP) standards are embedded within our GLP Quality systems. Our robust methods are fully validated in compliance with the FDA and EMA guidelines.

Our Experts at the QPS Labs in Delaware, USA and Groningen, The Netherlands are Ready to Support Your Next ADA & nAb Project



