



## Alzheimer's Association Small Company Consortia Meeting Minutes

May 13, 2015; 1 pm CT

### Attendees

Accera – Charles Stacey

Acelot - Christian Lang

Alzheimer's Association - Jim Hendrix

Alzheimer's Association – Jay Thompson

Amylyx - Joshua Cohen

Amylyx - Justin Klee

Cerespir - Richard Margolin

DC Limited - Ramesh Shah

InterVivo Solutions - Joseph Araujo

NanoSomix - John Osth

NanoSomix – Dennis Van Epps

NeuroPhage Pharmaceuticals - John Levenson

Neurotrope - Sam Kongsamut

nPharmakon - Felix Sheinerman

Oral Genomics – Daniel Sindelar

Sarcix - Dolph Ellefson

Sarcix - Tim Gallaher

Telocyte – Michael Fossel

Jim welcomed the attendees to the meeting and reviewed the agenda. Jay Thompson of the Corporate Relations Department at the Alzheimer's Association introduced himself to the group.

Richard Margolin provided an update of AAIC Poster. The abstract has been submitted and we expect to find out if it is accepted for the conference in early June. The Poster Subcommittee is willing bring on additional volunteers and should be able to add them as co-authors. The abstract will be distributed and will be posted on the web-page.

The AASCC Questionnaire has been distributed as a word document. The results of the Questionnaire will help to provide some of the content in the AAIC poster. Four companies have already submitted completed Questionnaires

- **All members companies are requested to complete the Questionnaire by the end of May.**
- **It was suggested that the Questionnaire could be distributed via Survey Monkey. Jim will explore this possibility. Companies should wait to complete the Questionnaire until the Survey Monkey Questionnaire is available.**

The AASCC Web-page is now live on the Alzheimer's Association web-site (see below). The purpose of the page is to contain consortia materials such as agendas, minutes, the one-page summaries and the AAIC poster abstract.

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<http://www.alz.org/research/funding/AASCC.asp>

- **All members companies are requested to complete their One-Page summaries and to review the posted One-Page summaries.**
- **Jim will explore the possibility of making the Web-Page more visible.**

The next AASCC meeting will be held at AAIC, Tuesday, July 21, noon eastern time in Washington, D.C. A save the date notice will be sent out soon. Possible agenda topics were discussed and could include:

- Review of Questionnaire Results
  - Funding & VC's
    - What are the common objections from funders and how do you overcome them?
    - What granting agencies are a good fit for small companies?
  - Collaborations
  - Learning from pre-competitive consortia such as ADNI
  - Increasing visibility such as publishing
  - Networking
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- **Jim will draft an agenda for the July meeting. Other suggestions for topics or guest speakers are welcome.**

Next steps were discussed.

- **Charles Stacey encouraged the members to reach out to other small companies working on AD and tell them about the consortia.**
- **Charles also suggested assembling a database of small companies in the AD space. This could be another subcommittee. Charles has agreed to lead it and will welcome volunteers from other member companies to help in this effort.**

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