



Ancillary Studies Evaluation Subcommittee (ASES)  
*Meeting Minutes*

**Meeting:** March 10, 2014

**Present:** Chhavi Chadha, Cyrus Desouza, Bess Dawson-Hughes, Taso Pittas, Philip Raskin, Patricia Sheehan

**Absent:** Michael Lewis, Rich Pratley, David Robbins (sent comments ahead of time), Cliff Rosen (sent comments ahead of time), Myrlene Staten

**Meeting Minutes**

**1. General business**

- a. Dr. McGrath withdrew his LOI (AS13-08)
- b. Importance of having good ancillary studies as part of D2d discussed
- c. Overall ancillary study status reviewed (attached). This sheet will be updated with the added participant and coordinator burden for each proposal for the next meeting.
- d. Subcommittee membership: Suggestion to invite other individuals to join the subcommittee to expand the pool of potential reviewers as well as to ask at least one research coordinator to join the subcommittee to review proposals from an operational perspective
- e. Subcommittee meeting time: the meeting will continue taking place on the 2nd Monday of the month at 3:00pm eastern. This issue may be revisited in the future.

**2. Review of LOI - Dr. Mason (AS14-01)**

*Dr. Pittas left the call for the review of this application (in conflict a co-I)*

This LOI proposes to investigate the effect of vitamin D on common bio chemical markers of several cancers (lymphoma, colorectal, breast).

The subcommittee expressed the need for additional detail:

- a. specify the assay for measuring IGF-I
- b. further develop the scientific merit of such a study
- c. provide a more specific power calculation to ensure that D2d will be able to provide the necessary sample size
- d. provide justification for amount of repository serum and specify the amount of DNA needed (and reduce it if possible)

All subcommittee members voted in favor of inviting the PI to submit an application, providing more detail overall and specifically addressing the issues raised by the subcommittee.

**Next Scheduled Meeting:** Monday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 3:00 pm EDT