

# EUROPE BIOBANK WEEK

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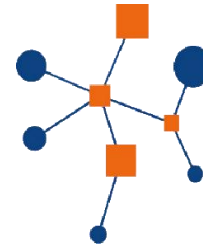
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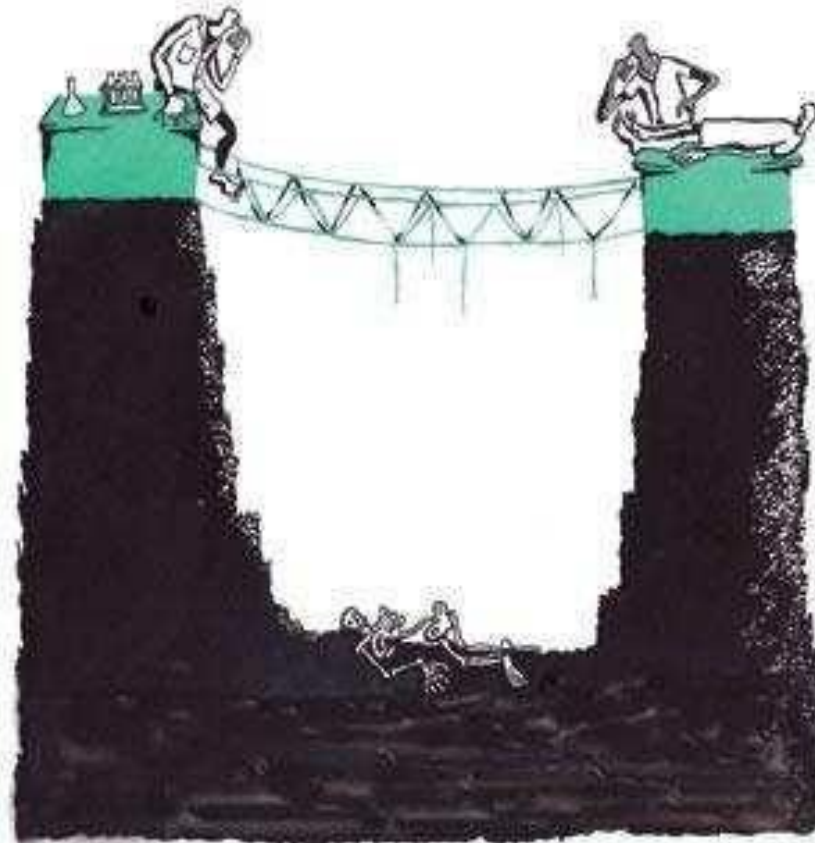
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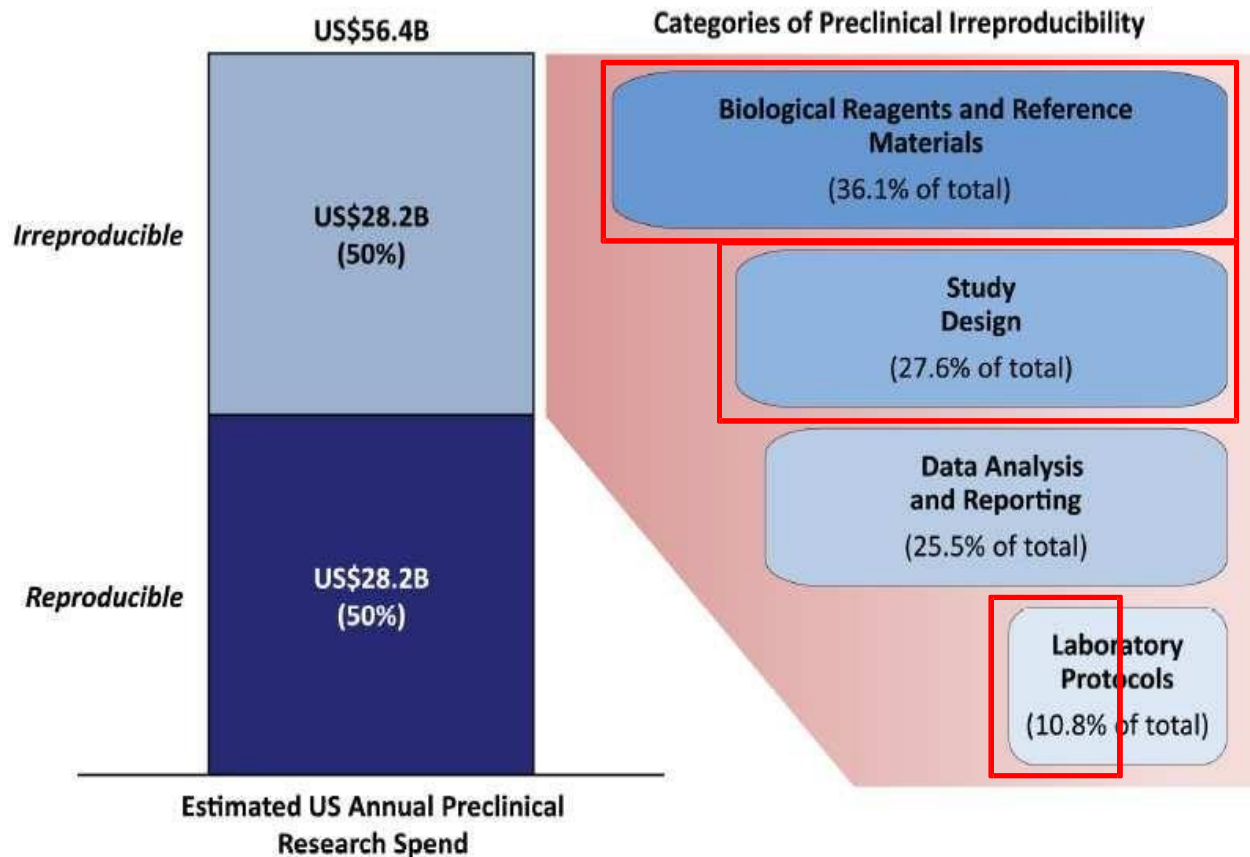
On behalf of BBMRI-ERIC WP4 – Quality Workgroup 3 – venous whole blood

# Translational Research Gap

- No confirmation of research results



# Root causes for irreproducibility



**Fig 2. Estimated US preclinical research spend and categories of errors that contribute to irreproducibility.** Note that the percentage value of error for each category is the midpoint of the high and low prevalence estimates for that category divided (weighted) by the sum of all midpoint error rates (see [S1 Dataset](#)). Source: Chakma et al. [18] and the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) [19].



- 2014: 8 new projects for ISO Standards approved in ISO/TC 212 „Clinical laboratory testing and in vitro diagnostic test systems”



- 2015: 9 CEN Technical Specifications to be published
- 2013: 9 new projects approved in CEN/TC 140 „In vitro diagnostic medical devices“
- 2010: Start of standardization work

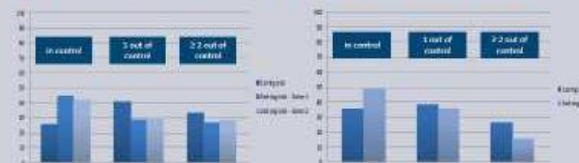
### 1. Problem - Errors in Diagnostics



### 2. Technical Solutions



### 3. Ring-Trials – Blood RNA (l.) and DNA (r.)



European Conference. Standards: Your Innovation Bridge. Brussels (2014). SPIDIA Booth.



## CEN/TS molecular in vitro diagnostic examination - 16835

- Specifications for pre-examination processes for venous whole blood
  - Part 1: Isolated cellular RNA
  - Part 2: Isolated genomic DNA
  - Part 3: Isolated circulating cell free DNA from plasma

# BBMRI WP4: quality - WG3

- WG 3 members: 14/17 NN
  - BBMRI.at, .be, .de, .ee, .fi, .it, .mt, .nl, .no, .pl, .se, .tr, IARC, BBMRI-ERIC
- Aims
  - Intra- & interbiobank benchmark
    - Current status
    - Hurdles for implementation
  - Self Assessment Tool
    - Current compliance
    - BBMRI quality flag

# CEN/TS assessment

- Molecular in vitro diagnostic examinations > ISO15189
- Validate full process from collection to final test result
- “SPREC”: timings and conditions
- RNA
  - Stability of specific blood cellular RNA profile should be investigated
  - Stabilizer tubes should be used
- DNA
  - Blood should be collected on EDTA or ACD
  - Recommendation on storage before processing
- cfDNA
  - Stability of specific blood ccfDNA profile should be investigated
  - Stabilizer tubes recommended (or EDTA)



# Intra/Interbiobank benchmark



- Based on assessment excel bbmri.at
  - Courtesy of C. Stumptner, bbmri.at
- WG 3 members
  - Benchmark
  - Compliance: Y/N/P
  - 11/7 NN responses

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
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6		Based on:					
7		Ven wh Blood - ccfDNA (ONR CEN/TS 16835-3:2015-12-15)			<b>BASIC</b>		<b>ADVANCED</b>
8		Ven wh Blood - RNA (ONR CEN/TS 16835-1:2015-07-15)			<b>y/p/n</b>		<b>Specific Sample Data</b>
9		y = yes, p = partially, n = no Rating??					
10		<b>Outside the laboratory</b>			<b>y/p/n</b>		<b>Sample data</b>
11		Collection of venous whole blood			y/p/n		Source of data
36		Temporary storage & transport requirements			y/p/n		Source of data
42		<b>Inside the laboratory</b>			<b>y/p/n</b>		<b>Sample data</b>
43		<b>Primary sample receipt</b>			<b>y/p/n</b>		Source of data
44		Receipt documented			y/p/n	points	<dd:mm:yyyy> Timestamp
45	shall	Date		y/p/n	points	<hh:mm>	Timestamp
46	shall	Time		y/p/n	points	<text>	
47	shall	Non-conformities documented <i>e.g. with labelling, transport conditions, blood volume, leaking/broken tubes, etc.</i>			y/p/n	points	<text, new ID>
48	should	sample with non-conformities that could affect the analytical test result rejected and new sample collected			y/p/n	points	
49		<b>Storage requirements for venous whole blood</b>			<b>y/p/n</b>		Source of data
50	shall	Storage temp. and duration documented			y/p/n	points	<dd:mm:yyyy> Timestamp
51	shall	Date documented		y/p/n	points	<hh:mm>	
52	shall	Temp. documented		y/p/n	points	<°C or range>	Timestamp
53	shall	With RNA stabilizers: Storage temp and duration according to manufacturer's instructions of the blood collection tube/set or if more stringent of the analytical test			y/p/n	points	<temp., duration> Manuf. Instru
54	shall	Without RNA stabilizers: Storage temp and duration according to the manufacturer's instructions of the analytical test or at wet ice or 2-8°C			y/p/n	points	<enter temp., duration> Manuf. Instru
55		<b>Isolation of total RNA</b>					
56		General information			y/p/n		Source of data
69		Quantity and quality assessment of ccfDNA			y/p/n		Source of data
75		Storage of isolated RNA			y/p/n		Source of data
84							
85							
86		Temporary blood storage time at blood collection facility					
		from blood collection to start of transport / sending sample to the lab					
		VEN BLOOD RNA					

# Main issues

- Test driven > implementation for biobanks?
    - Have to validate full process from collection to final test result
  - Not all steps of process in hands of biobank “outside the laboratory”
    - Documentation of name/ID of person collecting blood
    - Control? Quality?
  - Stabilizer tube use & RNA/cfDNA profile?
    - No stabilizer 100 % efficient/comparable > validate process for molecule of interest
    - Profile? RNA: 4 genes; cfDNA?
  - +: collection time shall be documented vs ISO15189 (when needed)
    - HIB, other lab dependencies
- Formulate comment to ISO TC with biobank concerns

# BBMRI-ERIC Self Assessment Tool

Self AssessmentResize font:Enable speech

Molecular in vitro diagnostic examinations for venous whole blood -  
Part 1: Isolated cellular RNA

The profiles of molecules can change during primary sample collection, transport, storage and processing thus influence the research results. Standardisation of the entire process from collecting sample to applicable analysis techniques is key.

The European Committee for Standardisation (CEN) published Technical Specifications to determine influencing factors and provide recommendations for the handling, documentation and processing of venous whole blood intended for cellular RNA analysis.

CEN/TS 16838-1:2016 E Molecular in vitro diagnostic examinations for venous whole blood - Part 1: Isolated cellular RNA

[For further details, please visit the CEN website.](#)

This Self-Assessment-Survey will help you to assess and improve your sample processing.

The colour coding of the 83 questions asked in this survey indicating in orange that you shall meet given criterion respectively in blue that you should meet the given criterion.

True and accurate response will give you genuine feedback on your sample collection procedures and will help you to improve certain processes in future.

### Main Contact

1)	Biobank	<input type="text"/>
2)	Name of the contact person	<input type="text"/>
3)	E-Mail of the contact person	<input type="text"/>
4)	Address	<input type="text"/>
5)	ZIP	<input type="text"/>
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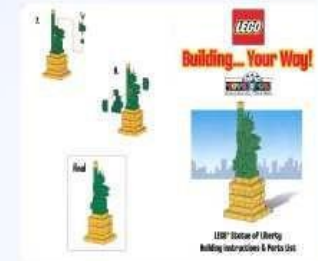
### Overview

9)	Biobank type	<input type="text"/>
10)	ICD-10	<input type="text"/>
11)	BBMRI-ERIC Partner Charter signed	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No

100%

# Conclusion

- CEN/T
  - Majority of criteria are/can be implemented by biobanks
    - Some hurdles identified
    - Comment to be formulated to ISO
- SAT
  - Expected end 2016
  - WG3 validation
- Consensus based SOPs



# WG3 Whole Blood

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# Questions?

“Everything starts somewhere,  
although many physicists disagree.

[Terry Pratchett](#)

