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High-Throughput Metabolomic Biomarker Measures in Diverse Ancestries

Progress Update

Ancestries

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Team Members

- John Connolly, Patrick Sleiman (CHOP)
- Praveen Surendran (South Asian Cohorts)
- Alexandre Pereira (ELSA)



Background

- Chronic diseases impose a high burden on the health system.
- Health outcomes can be significantly improved through early diagnosis and intervention.
- Early diagnosis often unavailable particularly for individuals in low and middle income countries and minority populations in high income countries.
- Metabolic profiling represents a highly-scalable model for risk prediction and prevention.
 - Because of its relatively low cost, it offers a route to individualized medicine for these populations.



Aims

- Generate Metabolic Profiles on 5,000 Individuals with Genetic and/or Health Outcome Data.
- Analyses of associations with phenotypes of interest
- Analyses of association between metabolic metabolite levels (such as lipid profiles) and genetic data



Participating Cohorts

Cohort Name	Study samples	Principal Investigator/Lead(s)
South Asian Cohorts (BELIEVE)	1,500 samples of South Asian ancestry from Dhaka, Bangladesh	Adam Butterworth
ELSA-Brasil	1,000 samples from Brazilian civil servants	Andre Brunoni
Golestan Cohort Study	1,000 samples from Northeast Iranian general population	Arash Etemadi
Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP)	1,500 samples of African American children	Hakon Hakonarson



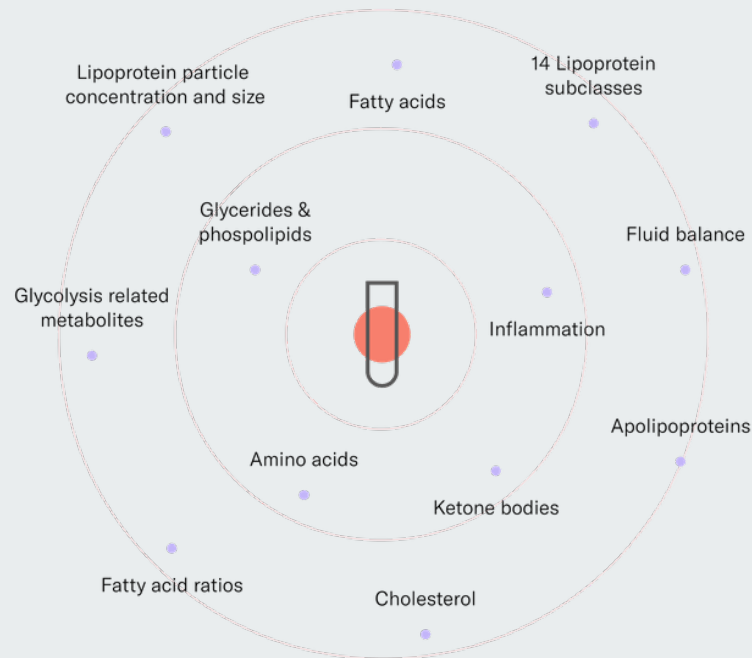
Target Phenotypes

Cohort Name	Study samples	Phenotypes
South Asian Cohorts (BELIEVE)	1,500 samples of South Asian ancestry from Dhaka, Bangladesh	Diabetes
ELSA-Brasil	1,000 samples from Brazilian civil servants	Broad-based
Golestan Cohort Study	1,000 samples from Northeast Iranian general population	Ischemic heart disease
Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP)	1,500 samples of African American children	22q11.2 deletion Autoimmune and autoinflammatory



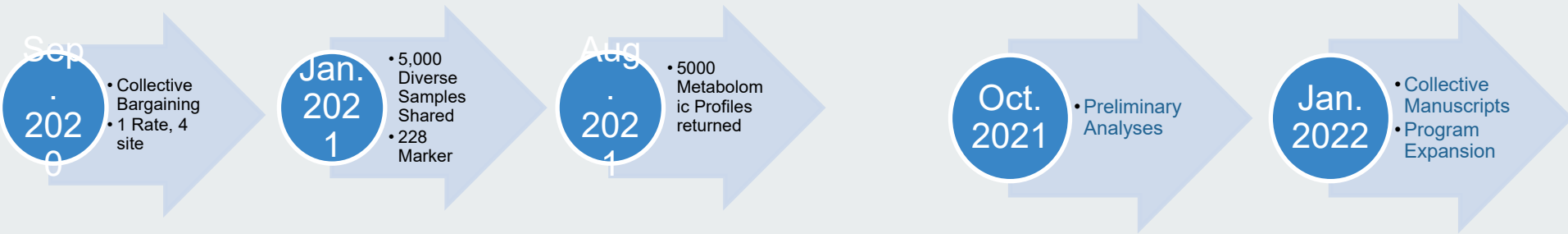
Nightingale Platform

- NMR-based (Nuclear Magnetic Resonance spectroscopy) platform
- 228 biomarkers
- 100µl of plasma or serum





Progress & Timeline Overview





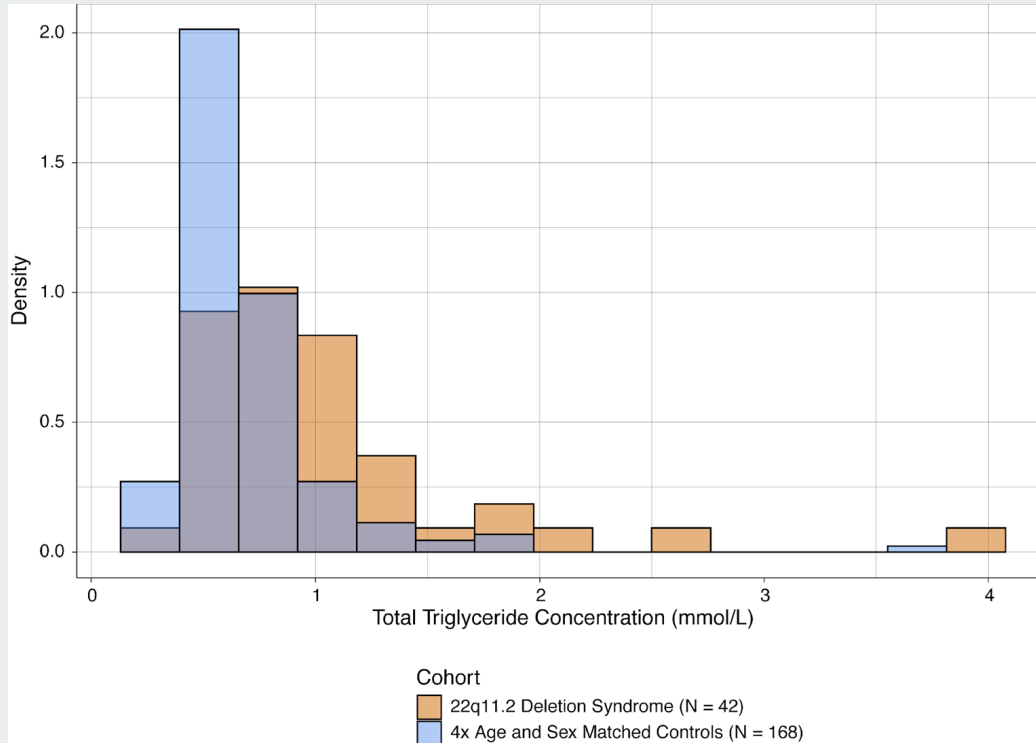
Preliminary Data

- Significant signals for
 - Obesity
 - Asthma
 - Sickle cell disease
 - Type 1 diabetes
 - 22q11.2 deletion syndrome
- Hypothesis driven in analytical approach



Preliminary Data

Metabolomics Recovers Known Elevations in Triglyceride Concentrations Among Individuals with 22q11.2 Deletion Syndrome





Lessons Learned

- Collective bargaining works
- Nightingale platform is efficient with little requirement in terms of overheads
- IHCC publication policy works
- Template for expansion



Next Steps

- Publication
 - IHCC Guidance and policy
- Data-Sharing
 - IHCC Data Atlas
 - Metabolights - EMBL-EBI
- Study Expansion
 - Several cohort members with existing data
 - Prospectively expand to more sites



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Questions/Comments ...

