Osteopontin as a Diagnostic biomarker in cancer research - Analysis using GOBIOM database

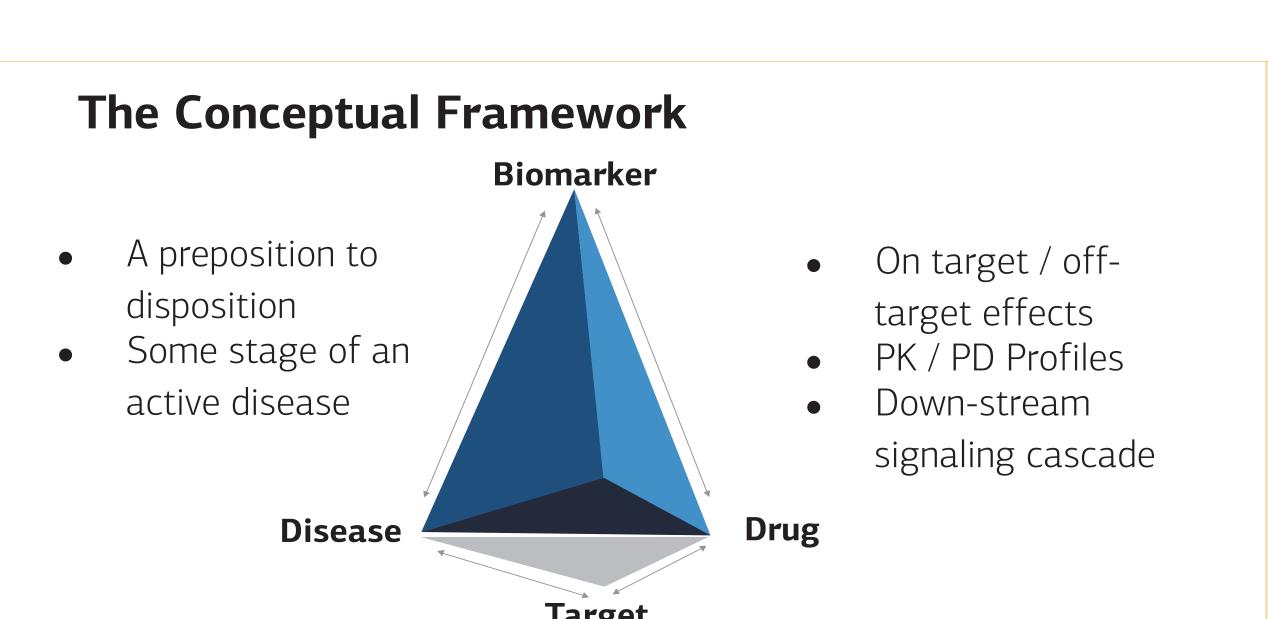
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Introduction

- Overexpression of Osteopontin (OPN), the extracellular matrix protein, is emerging as a promising marker for multiple cancers
- Multiple and complex mechanisms are involved in the role of osteopontin in cancer, including interactions with cell surface receptors, growth factor/receptor pathways, and proteases
- Several contradictory studies are reported over the extent of OPN overexpression and its relation to the malignancy
- Aim of the study was to analyze the literature that is published on OPN as a biomarker for multiple cancers and establish its association with a single disease to which it is highly sensitive compared to others
- To do the analysis, we used the data from GVK BIO Online Biomarker Database (GOBIOM), which is a repository of all clinical, preclinical and exploratory biomarkers reported for various indications

BIO Online Biomarker Database

- GOBIOM database is developed by GVK BIO in collaboration with USFDA and a Big Pharma
- Currently, GOBIOM has information on 13,277 known biomarkers for 551 indications with 55,625 references. Data is manually curated from
 - Clinical Trial Registries
 - Validated clinical trial results from pharma companies
 - Scientific Conferences
 - Published Literature and other web resources
- Database gives information on the details of the clinical study in which a biomarker is measured along with its reported utilities like diagnosis, prognosis, monitoring disease progression, treatment response, surrogate, efficacy and toxicity
- A proprietary Tetrahedron model is adopted in the framework of the database by linking biomarkers, therapeutic area, Drug and the Target. This model simplifies the process of biomarker data analysis using GOBIOM

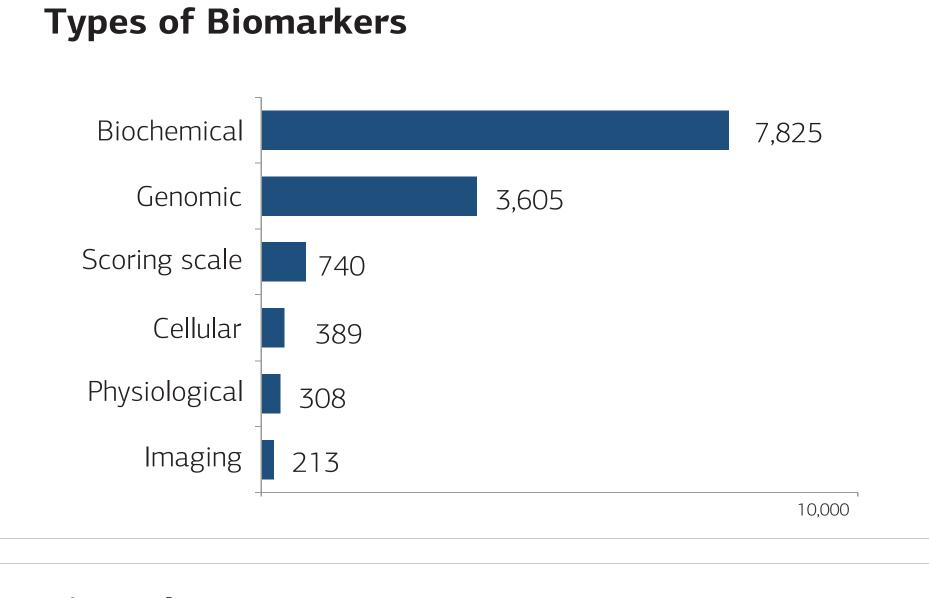


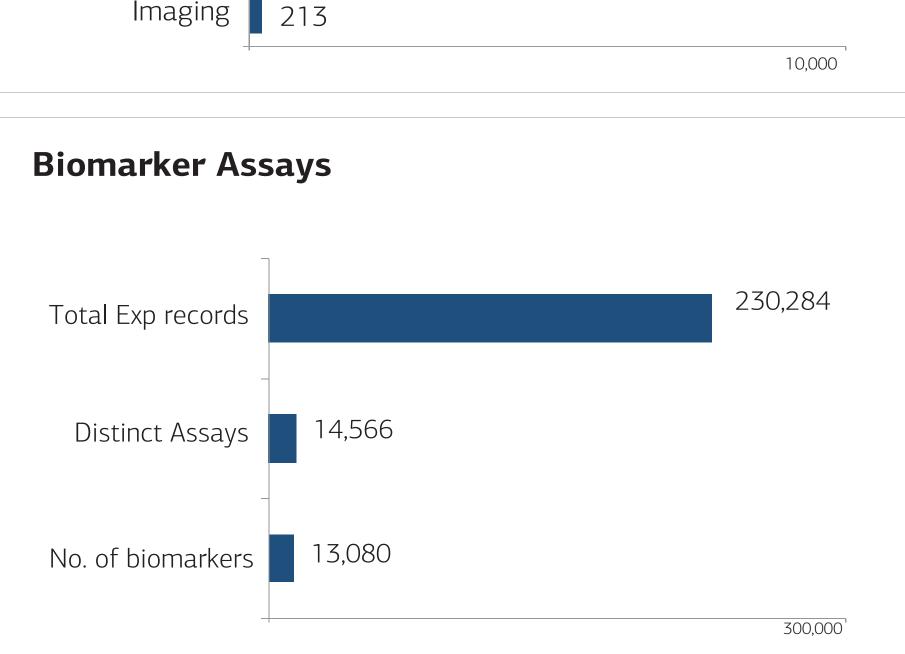
The Proprietary Tetrahedron database model evolved in conjunction with relevant industry participants, allows the user in understanding the complexity of the process involved in biomarkers

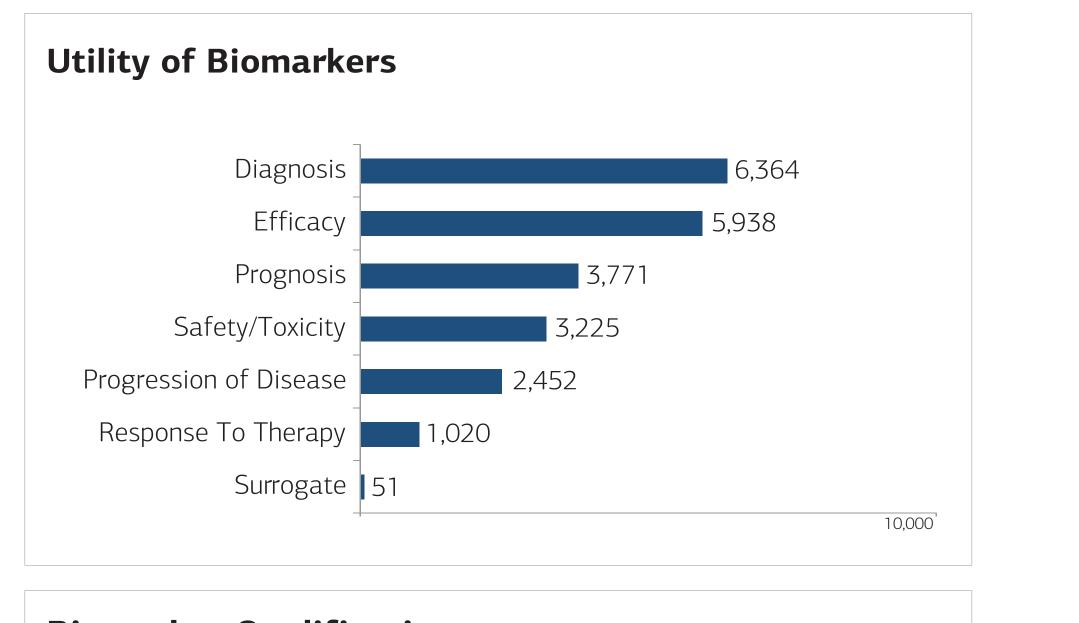
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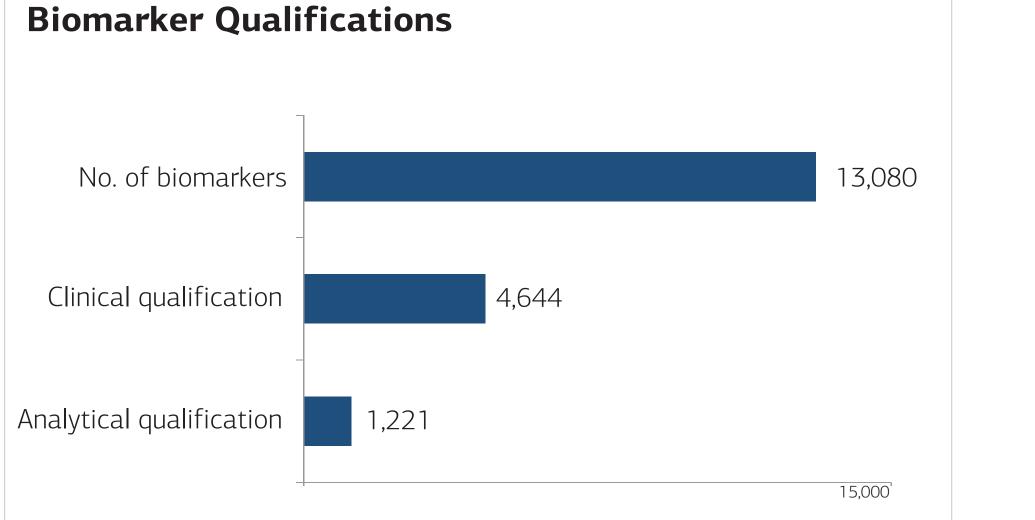
GOBIOM Statistics

Therapeutic Area	Number of Biomarkers	Number of Indications
Oncology	6335	123
Diseases of the circulatory system	1204	111
Endocrine, nutritional and metabolic diseases	932	78
Diseases of the musculoskeletal system and connective tissue	668	30
Mental and behavioral disorders	610	27
Diseases of the digestive system	563	37
Diseases of the nervous system	538	34
Infectious and parasitic diseases	421	28
Diseases of the genitourinary system	355	29
Diseases of the respiratory system	330	17
Injury, poisoning and certain other consequences of external causes	199	6
Diseases of the skin and subcutaneous tissue	118	12
Diseases of the blood and blood-forming organs and certain disorders involving the immune mechanism	68	9
Diseases of the eye and adnexa	35	8
Diseases of the ear and mastoid process	4	1
Others	897	1
Total:	13277	551



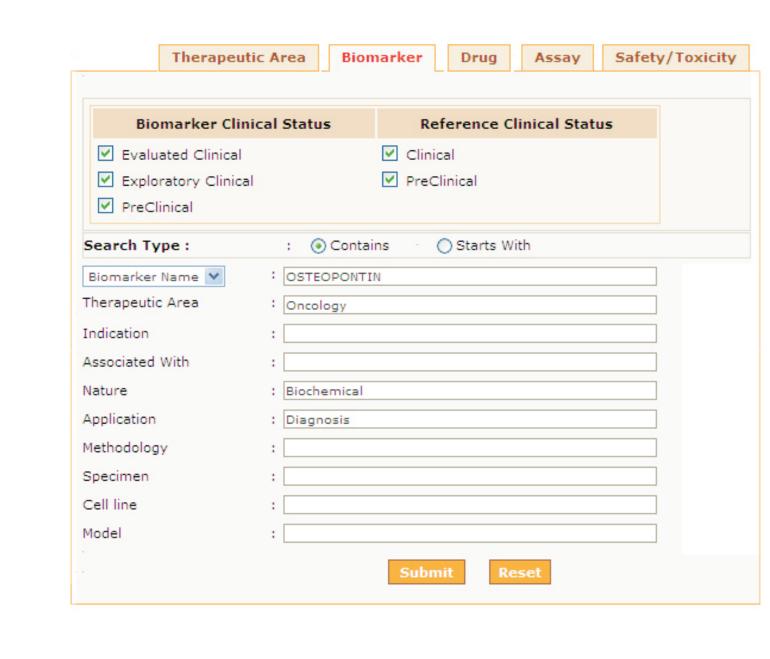






Methodology

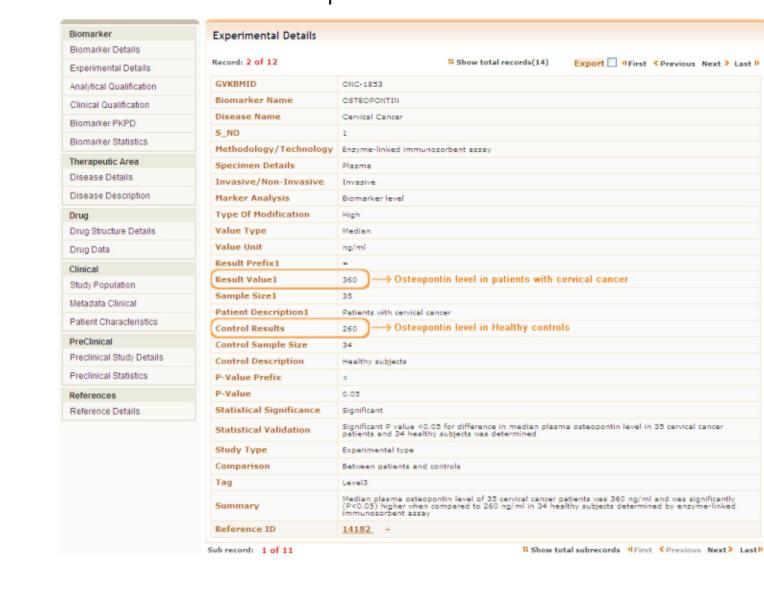
Identify the cancers for which Osteopontin is reported as a biochemical diagnostic marker in the published literature.



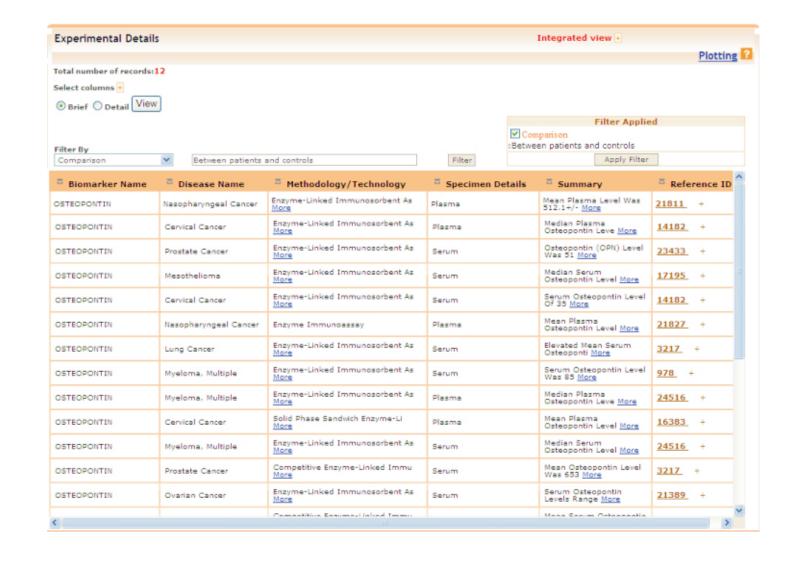
Osteopontin is reported as a diagnostic marker for 12 oncology indications.

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Identify the variation in the Osteopontin level in disease condition compared to the healthy controls in all the reported indications.

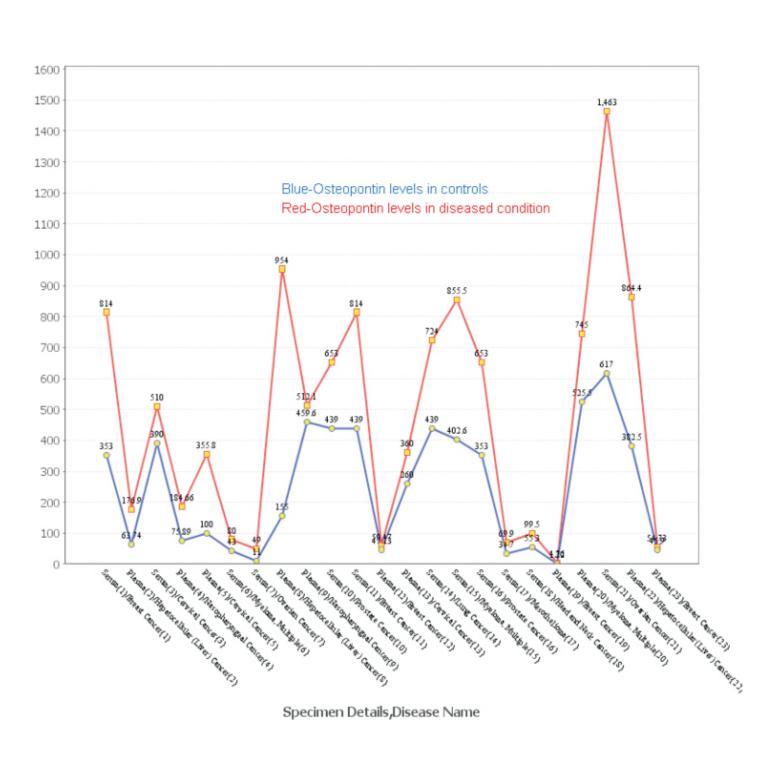


To analyze the variation of osteopontin levels in different cancers simultaneously, select all the records and click on integrated view and Filter the datapoints which give information on the Osteopontin levels in diseased condition compared to healthy controls.

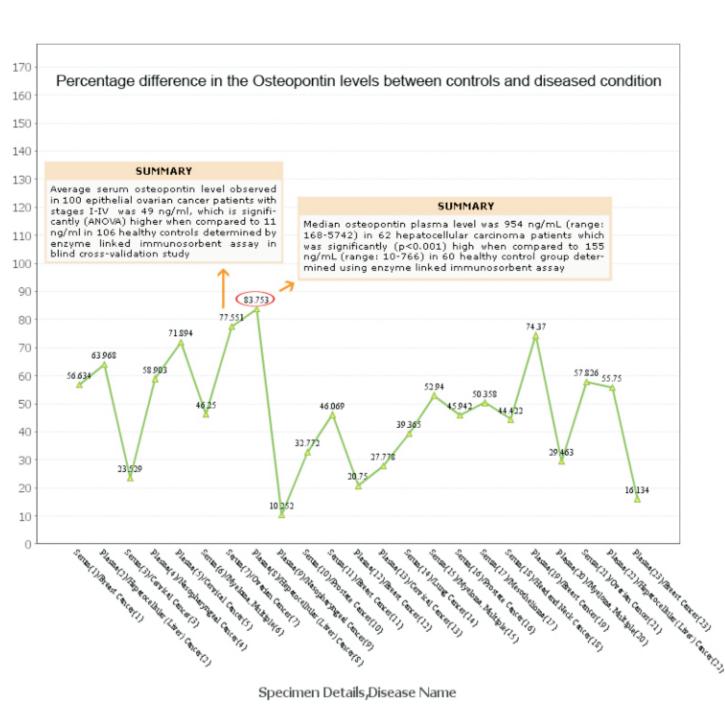


Data Analysis

Plot the Osteopontin levels between the controls and the diseased condition using in-built analysis tools present in GOBIOM.



Plot the % difference in the Osteopontin levels.



Snapshot of the data behind the plot.

Disease Name	Specime n Details		Control Results		Control Description	Summary	% Difference
Hepatocellular (Liver) Cancer	Plasma	954	155	Hepatocellular carcinoma patients	Healthy control group	Median osteopontin plasma level was 954 ng/mL (range: 168-5742) in 62 hepatocellular carcinoma patients which was significantly (p<0.001) high when compared to 155 ng/mL (range: 10-766) in 60 healthy control group determined using enzyme linked immunosorbent assay	83.75262
Ovarian Cancer	Serum	49	11	Stages I-IV epithelial ovarian cancer patients	Healthy controls	Average serum osteopontin level observed in 100 stages I-IV epithelial ovarian cancer patients was 49 ng/ml, which is significantly (ANOVA) higher when compared to 11 ng/ml in 106 healthy controls determined by enzyme linked immunosorbent assay in blind cross-validation study	77.55102
Breast Cancer	Plasma	4.76	1.22	Metastatic breast cancer patients	Healthy controls	Mean plasma full-length osteopontin level was 4.76+/-1.233 ng/ml in 40 metastatic breast cancer patients which was significantly (P=0.0042) differs when compared to 1.22+/-0.446 ng/ml in 51 healthy controls was determined using enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay	74.36975
Cervical Cancer	Plasma	355.8	100	Cervical cancer women patients	Healthy controls	Mean plasma osteopontin level in 81 women with cervical cancer was 355.8 ng/ml and was significantly higher (P<0.001) when compared to 100 ng/ml in 283 healthy controls determined by solid-phase sandwich enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay	71.89432
Hepatocellular (Liver) Cancer	Plasma	176.9	1	Hepatocellular carcinoma patients	Healthy volunteers	Median osteopontin plasma level was 176.90 ng/ml (range 13.73-780.00 ng/ml) in 101 hepatocellular carcinoma patients which was significantly high when compared to 63.74 ng/ml (range 12.20-122.32 ng/ml) in 24 healthy volunteers determined using enzyme linked immunosorbent assay	63.96834

Conclusion

- Osteopontin is reported as a biochemical diagnostic marker for a variety of cancer
- By analyzing its levels in plasma or serum of diseased patients against healthy controls, it looks like OPN is a relatively good diagnostic marker of Hepatocellular cancer as there is highest variation of 83.7% compared to other cancers
- GOBIOM can be used rapidly and efficiently for any biomarker research analysis



Advantages of GOBIOM

- Over 350 datafields captured for every biomarker
- 551 therapeutic indications covered
- Controlled vocabulary through out the database
- Various parameters linking therapeutic interventions like dose, treatment duration, ethnicity and the relation between the biomarker and clinical outcome along with adverse effects are provided in a relational database which makes the end user to carry out easy biomarker analysis
- ~3000 drug-induced toxicity markers covering hepato, neuro, GI, nephro, cardio, endocrinal, vascular and other toxicities
- All the data points are linked to the valid references like pubmed, clinical trial registries or to the scientific conference website
- A user interface is designed to query the database either with biomarker name, indication, drug or the drug-induced organ disorder
- User can export the data to an excel file or XML or can generate a biomarker report in PDF format
- User can analyse the biomarker data using analysis tools linked to the UI
- Manual curation of the data with periodic updation
- Easy integration with client proprietary data
- Alert service on new marker addition or existing marker updation
- On-demand service for any biomarker addition into the database
- 'Alert a colleague' option to share the biomarker data between users
- Competitive intelligence analysis
- On-demand training sessions

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