



## Assessing Changes In Biomarkers Of Effect In Smokers Who Switch To A Closed System Electronic Cigarette

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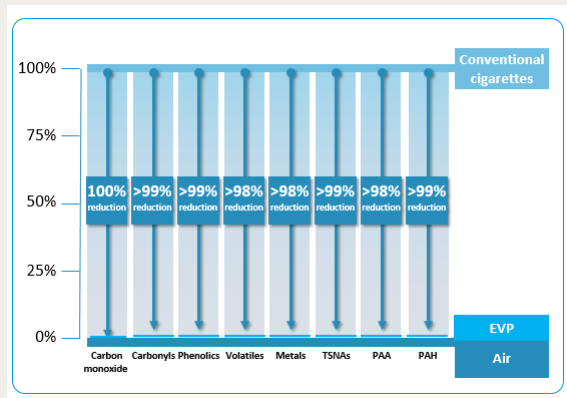


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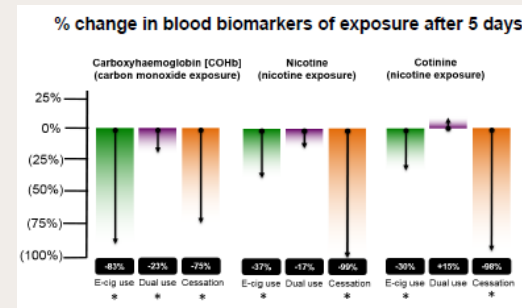
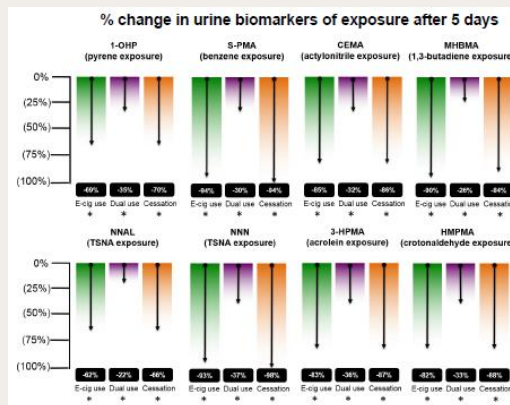
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Previous studies have demonstrated that when a smoker switches to a vapour product, they are exposed to significantly lower levels of carcinogens and toxicants in the aerosol...

Reduced formation of toxicants in blu™ e-cigarette aerosol vs. conventional cigarette smoke



...and significant reductions in biomarkers of exposure...



"Chemical Composition of myblu™ Pod-System E-Cigarette Aerosols: A Quantitative Comparison with Conventional Cigarette Smoke", Poster presentation, 1st Scientific Summit Tobacco Harm Reduction ([http://www.fontemscience.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/2018-04-18-aerosol-chemistry-thr-summit-2018-poster\\_final.pdf](http://www.fontemscience.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/2018-04-18-aerosol-chemistry-thr-summit-2018-poster_final.pdf)); Tayyarah R and Long GA, "Comparison of select analytes in aerosol from e-cigarettes with smoke from conventional cigarettes and with ambient air," Regulatory toxicology and pharmacology 70 3 (2014). O'Connell et al (2016): Reductions in biomarkers of exposure (BoE) to harmful or potentially harmful constituents (PHCs) following partial or complete substitution of cigarettes with electronic cigarettes in adult smokers, Toxicology Mechanisms and Methods, DOI: 10.1080/15376516.2016.1196282. <http://www.fontemscience.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/fontem2research-1.pdf>

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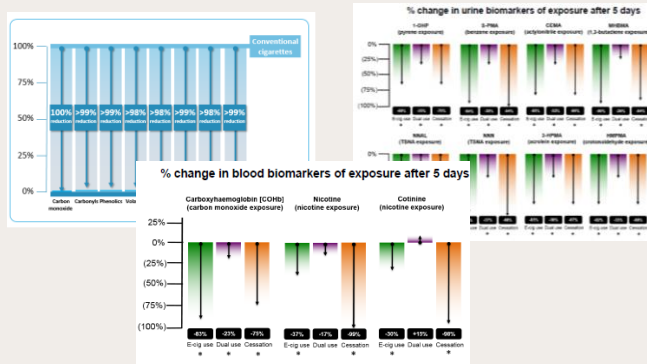
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# What is the biological impact when a smoker switches to a vapour product?



Clinical markers:

- can be defined as a measurable biochemical, physiologic, behavioural, or other alteration in an organism.
- can point to sub-clinical changes which, if left unchecked, may lead to a disease state.

Monitoring changes in clinical markers when a smoker switches to a vapour product may provide us with a better understanding of the harm reduction potential of these products.

<sup>1</sup>Chemical Composition of myblm™ V2 Pod-System E-Cigarette Aerosols: A Quantitative Comparison with Conventional Cigarette Smoke", Poster presentation, 1st Scientific Summit Tobacco Harm Reduction ([http://www.fortescience.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/2018-04-18-aerosol-chemistry-thr-scientist-2018-poster\\_final.pdf](http://www.fortescience.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/2018-04-18-aerosol-chemistry-thr-scientist-2018-poster_final.pdf)); Tayaarh R and Long GA. "Comparison of select analytes in aerosol from e-cigarettes with smoke from conventional cigarettes and with ambient air." Regulatory toxicology and pharmacology 70 3 (2014). O'Connell et al (2016). Reductions in biomarkers of exposure (BoE) to harmful or potentially harmful constituents (PHHCs) following partial or complete substitution of cigarettes with electronic cigarettes in adult smokers, Toxicology Mechanisms and Methods. DOI: 10.1080/15376516.2016.1196282

# CLINICAL MARKERS CAN BE DETECTED BY TARGETED OR UNTARGETED ANALYSES



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## Targeted

- Defined and specific number of metabolites
- Chemically and biochemically characterised
- Greater selectivity and sensitivity
- Biased by what we already know



## Untargeted

- Unbiased
- 100s to 1000s of metabolites can be measured
- May see unexpected changes
- Data processing of untargeted analysis can be challenging



- AIM: To evaluate changes in clinical markers when healthy smokers switch from conventional cigarettes to a typical closed system electronic cigarette.

| Study                                 | Device  | Time points compared | Analytical method  |
|---------------------------------------|---|----------------------|--|
| 5 day confined clinical study         | Blu<br>Tobacco flavour, 2.4% nicotine                 | BL vs 5 day          | - Targeted analysis of potential clinical markers*   |
| Two year 'real-life' ambulatory study | Puritane<br>Tobacco or menthol flavour, 1.6% nicotine | BL vs 24 month       | - Targeted analysis of potential clinical markers*<br>- Non-biased untargeted metabolomics approach to find potential clinical markers |

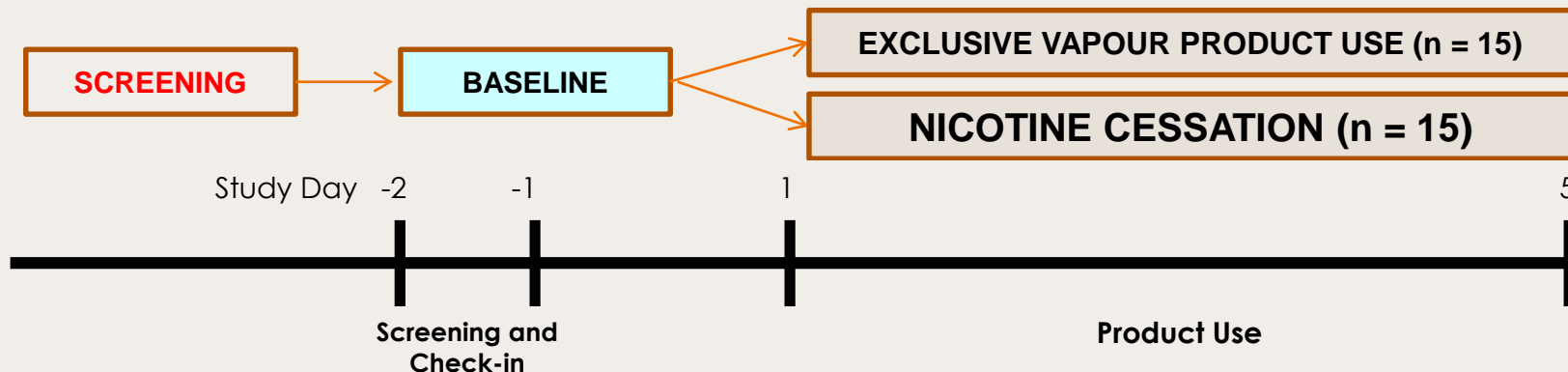
\*147 potential clinical markers from Myriad RBM's CardioMAP, ImmunoMAP, and InflammationMAP biomarker panels

# 5 DAY CLINICAL STUDY UNDER CONFINED CONDITIONS – STUDY DESIGN



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- Compared smokers who switched to a closed system e-cigarettes (blu) against those who quit conventional cigarettes unassisted after 5 days
- Blood samples taken at baseline and Day 5; these underwent targeted biomarker analysis



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## NONE OF THE TARGETED BIOMARKERS SHOWED SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN THE ACUTE STUDY



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- When comparing the cessation group vs. exclusive vapour product group, between group analysis did not highlight any significant changes in the 147 clinical markers measured in this study following a 5-day product switch.
  - The changes between the groups were small compared to the general donor-to-donor variability.
- After correcting for donor-to-donor variability, ICAM1 showed a non-significant decreased for e-cigarette users compared from the nicotine cessation group but this wasn't statistically significant



# NONE OF THE TARGETED BIOMARKERS SHOWED SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN THE ACUTE STUDY



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- As part of this study, we previously reported\* that although significant reductions in biomarkers of exposure were observed, only small but not statistically significant improvements in cardiovascular and pulmonary function were seen after 5 days

Is 5 days enough time to see changes in clinical markers?

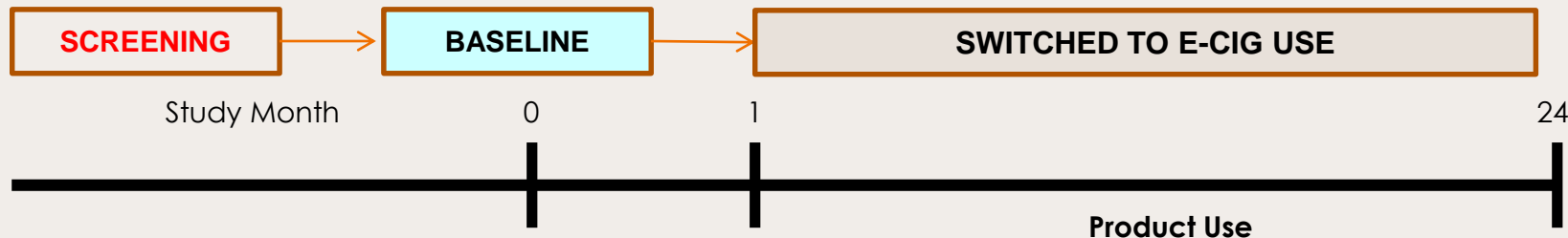
\*D'Ruiz et al (2017) Reg Tox & Pharm, 87;36-53

# TWO YEAR 'REAL-LIFE' AMBULATORY STUDY – STUDY DESIGN



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- 209 subjects enrolled in the study
- Two flavour choices: tobacco or menthol (subjects were allowed to change flavour over the course of the study).
- The nicotine concentration of the product was 1.6%.
- Ambulatory study design; blood samples taken and protocol compliance checked at regular intervals



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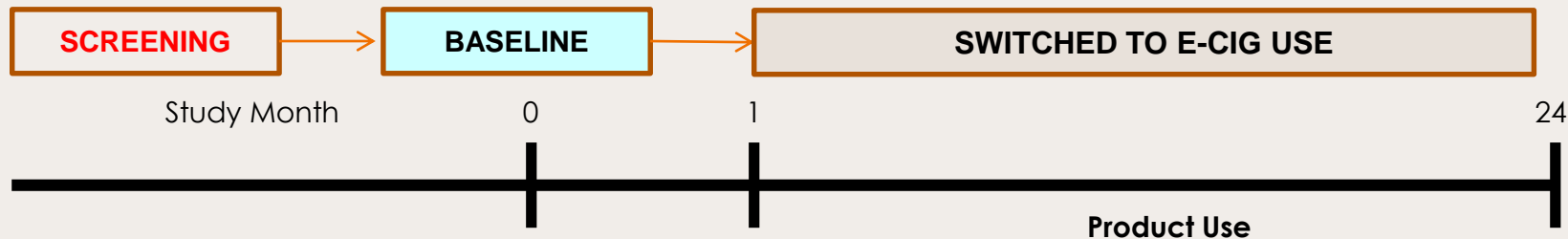
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- Reported primary outcomes from this clinical trial after 24 months:
  - Significant decreases in biomarkers of exposure
  - Small decreases in lung function were observed but were not clinically relevant
  - Other parameters such as heart rate, blood pressure and body weight stayed stable
  - White blood cell, HDL and LDL, and haemoglobin levels also remained stable.



Walele et al (2018) Evaluation of the safety profile of an electronic vapour product used for two years by smokers in a real-life setting. Regulatory Toxicology and Pharmacology 92 (2018) 226–238.

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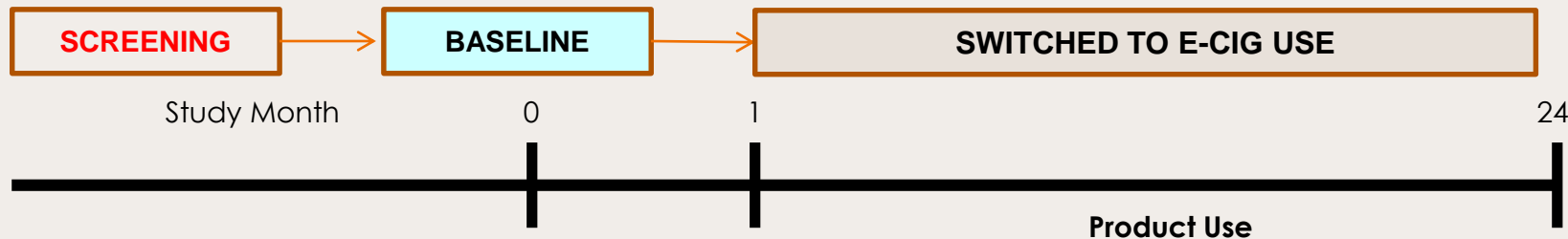
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- 70/209 completed the two year trial with 80% compliance (43 males, 27 females)
- Baseline and 24 month samples were analysed:
  - Specific and targeted analysis of potential clinical markers, and
  - Non-biased untargeted metabolomics approach



# UNTARGETED ANALYSIS SUGGESTS SEVERAL BIOCHEMICAL PATHWAYS MAY BE AFFECTED BY VAPOUR PRODUCT USE



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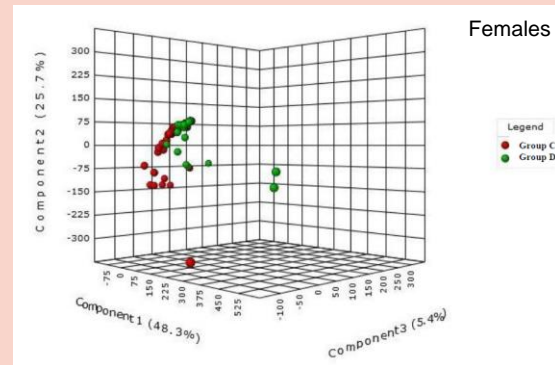
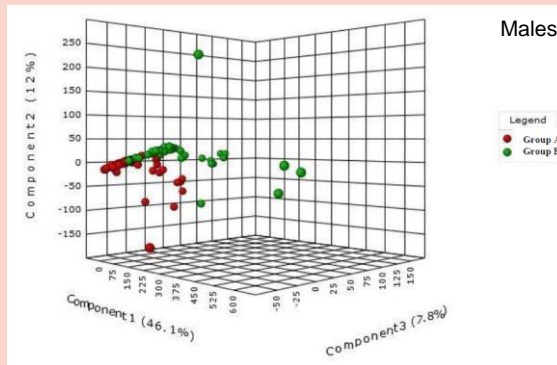
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## Targeted

No significant changes in the 147 measured clinical markers

## Untargeted

Moderate separation between baseline and 24 month samples by PCA



Significant alteration in metabolites involved in:

- Amino acid metabolism
- Serotonin/tryptophan metabolism
- Arachidonic acid metabolism

# IMPLICATED BIOCHEMICAL PATHWAYS

## AMINO ACID METABOLISM



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- Several amino acids showed a significant alterations following a two year switch from smoking to a Vapour Product

Males and  
Females



alanine, asparagine



lysine

Males



alanine, leucine, serine,  
phenylalanine, lantionine,  
cysteine

Females



proline



glycine

- Similar changes in amino acid metabolism were observed in a previous study when looking at changes in untargeted biomarkers in smokers who quit nicotine unassisted.

Goettel et al, (2017) Metabolomic fingerprinting in various body fluids of a diet-controlled clinical smoking cessation study using a validated GC-TOF-MS metabolomics platform. 16(10):3491-3503.

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## SEROTONIN/TRYPHTOPHAN METABOLISM



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Metabolomic changes in the serotonin biosynthesis in plasma and urine of smokers after having quit for 3 months

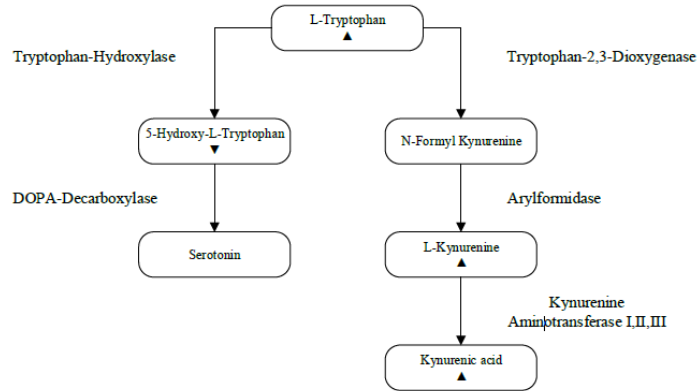


Figure from Goettl et al, (2017) Metabolomic fingerprinting in various body fluids of a diet-controlled clinical smoking cessation study using a validated GC-TOF-MS metabolomics platform. 16(10):3491-3503.

In this study:

- Females showed significant decreases in serotonin after 24 months Vapour Product use ( $p < 0.001$ ).
- Males and females showed a significant increase in 5-hydroxyindoleacetic acid at 24 months ( $p < 0.001$ ).
- Indicates a shift towards serotonin in smokers and away from serotonin in vapers, in agreement with the results from the smoking cessation study.

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## ARACHIDONIC ACID METABOLISM

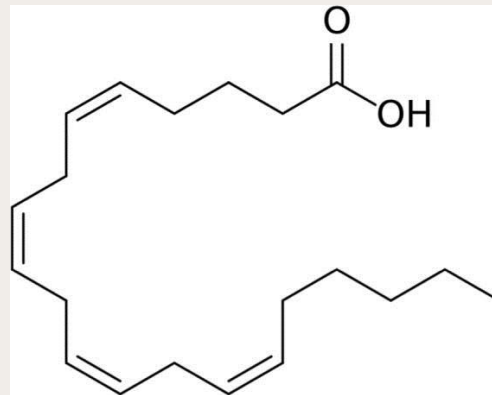


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- Arachidonic acid is a precursor of several eicosanoid species
  - Eicosanoids are well-established clinical markers indicating oxidative stress and inflammation
- Arachidonic acid significantly increased after 24 months in smokers who switched to vaping
- These findings are in agreement with the results from the smoking cessation study, showing increased levels of arachidonic acid after 3 months of smoking cessation

Arachidonic acid hairpin conformation



Hanna and Hafez (2018) J Adv Res. 2018 May; 11: 23–32.



# OVERALL CONCLUSIONS



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- Minimal changes in targeted clinical markers were observed in the acute or longer-term study
- Untargeted clinical markers were identified with small but statistically significant changes upon switching from a tobacco cigarette to a Vapour Product after 24 months
- These biomarkers belonged to similar biochemical pathways that have been implicated during a smoking cessation study
- Further long-term studies with stricter compliance thresholds may demonstrate more substantial effects of product switching



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# Supplementary Information

# TARGETED BIOMARKERS

CUSTOM MAP USING MYRIAD RBM CARDIOMAP, IMMUNOMAP, AND  
INFLAMMATIONMAP BIOMARKER PANELS



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|        |   |              |              |  |             |        |  |                  |
|--------|---|--------------|--------------|--|-------------|--------|--|------------------|
| Cardio | Adiponectin   | Adiponectin  | Inflammation | Alpha-1-Antitrypsin                              | AAT         | Immuno | Angiotensin-2                                      | ANG-2            |
| Cardio | Apolipoprotein A-I                                  | Apo A-I      | Inflammation | Alpha-2-Macroglobulin                            | A2Macro     | Immuno | AXL Receptor Tyrosine Kinase                       | AXL              |
| Cardio | Apolipoprotein A-II                                 | Apo A-II     | Inflammation | Beta-2-Microglobulin                             | B2M         | Immuno | B Lymphocyte Chemoattractant                       | BLC              |
| Cardio | Apolipoprotein B                                    | Apo B        | Inflammation | Brain-Derived Neurotrophic Factor                | BDNF        | Immuno | CD40 Ligand  | CD40L            |
| Cardio | Apolipoprotein C-I                                  | Apo C-I      | Inflammation | C-Reactive Protein                               | CRP         | Immuno | Epithelial-Derived Neurophil-Activating Protein 78 | ENA-78           |
| Cardio | Apolipoprotein C-III                                | Apo C-III    | Inflammation | Complement C3                                    | C3          | Immuno | Eotaxin-3  | Eotaxin-3        |
| Cardio | Apolipoprotein D                                    | Apo D        | Inflammation | Eotaxin-1  | Eotaxin-1   | Immuno | Erythropoietin                                     | EPO              |
| Cardio | Apolipoprotein E                                    | Apo E        | Inflammation | Factor VII                                       | Factor VII  | Immuno | E-Selectin   | E-Selectin       |
| Cardio | Apolipoprotein H                                    | Apo H        | Inflammation | Ferritin   | FRTN        | Immuno | FASLG Receptor                                     | FAS              |
| Cardio | N-terminal pro-hormone of brain natriuretic peptide | NT proBNP    | Inflammation | Fibrinogen                                       | Fibrinogen  | Immuno | Monokine Induced by Gamma Interferon               | MIG              |
| Cardio | C-Reactive Protein                                  | CRP          | Inflammation | Granulocyte-Macrophage Colony-Stimulating Factor | GM-CSF      | Immuno | Granulocyte Colony-Stimulating Factor              | G-CSF            |
| Cardio | CD40 Ligand   | CD40-L       | Inflammation | Haptoglobin                                      | Haptoglobin | Immuno | Chemokine CC-4                                     | HCC-4            |
| Cardio | Chromogranin-A                                      | CgA          | Inflammation | Interleukin-10                                   | IL-10       | Immuno | Hepatocyte Growth Factor                           | HGF              |
| Cardio | Clusterin   | CLU          | Inflammation | Interleukin-12 Subunit p40                       | IL-12p40    | Immuno | Interleukin-13                                     | IL-13            |
| Cardio | Cystatin-C  | Cystatin-C   | Inflammation | Interleukin-12 Subunit p70                       | IL-12p70    | Immuno | Interleukin-16                                     | IL-16            |
| Cardio | EN-RAGE   | EN-RAGE      | Inflammation | Interleukin-15                                   | IL-15       | Immuno | Interleukin-6 receptor                             | IL-6r            |
| Cardio | E-Selectin  | E-Selectin   | Inflammation | Interleukin-17                                   | IL-17       | Immuno | Interferon gamma Induced Protein 10                | IP-10            |
| Cardio | Factor VII  | Factor VII   | Inflammation | Interleukin-18                                   | IL-18       | Immuno | Monocyte Chemoattractant Protein 2                 | MCP-2            |
| Cardio | Fatty Acid-Binding Protein, heart                   | FABP, heart  | Inflammation | Interleukin-1 alpha                              | IL-1 alpha  | Immuno | Monocyte Chemoattractant Protein 4                 | MCP-4            |
| Cardio | Ferritin  | FRTN         | Inflammation | Interleukin-1 beta                               | IL-1 beta   | Immuno | Macrophage-Derived Chemokine                       | MDC              |
| Cardio | Fetuin-A  | Fetuin-A     | Inflammation | Interleukin-1 receptor antagonist                | IL-1ra      | Immuno | Macrophage Migration Inhibitory Factor             | MIF              |
| Cardio | Fibrinogen  | Fibrinogen   | Inflammation | Interleukin-2                                    | IL-2        | Immuno | Macrophage Inflammatory Protein-3 alpha            | MIP-3 alpha      |
| Cardio | Granulocyte Colony-Stimulating Factor               | G-CSF        | Inflammation | Interleukin-23                                   | IL-23       | Immuno | Matrix Metalloproteinase-1                         | MMP-1            |
| Cardio | Granulocyte-Macrophage Colony-Stimulating Factor    | GM-CSF       | Inflammation | Interleukin-3                                    | IL-3        | Immuno | Matrix Metalloproteinase-10                        | MMP-10           |
| Cardio | Haptoglobin   | Haptoglobin  | Inflammation | Interleukin-4                                    | IL-4        | Immuno | Matrix Metalloproteinase-7                         | MMP-7            |
| Cardio | Interleukin-10                                      | IL-10        | Inflammation | Interleukin-5                                    | IL-5        | Immuno | Matrix Metalloproteinase-9, total                  | MMP-9, total     |
| Cardio | Interleukin-18                                      | IL-18        | Inflammation | Interleukin-6                                    | IL-6        | Immuno | Myeloid Progenitor Inhibitory Factor 1             | MP1F-1           |
| Cardio | Interleukin-1 alpha                                 | IL-1 alpha   | Inflammation | Interleukin-7                                    | IL-7        | Immuno | Myeloperoxidase                                    | MPO              |
| Cardio | Interleukin-1 beta                                  | IL-1 beta    | Inflammation | Interleukin-8                                    | IL-8        | Immuno | Thrombospondin-1                                   | Thrombospondin-1 |
| Cardio | Interleukin-6                                       | IL-6         | Inflammation | Monocyte Chemoattractant Protein 1               | MCP-1       | Immuno | TNF-Related Apoptosis-Inducing Ligand Receptor 3   | TRAIL-R3         |
| Cardio | Interleukin-6 receptor                              | IL-6r        | Inflammation | Macrophage Inflammatory Protein-1 alpha          | MIP-1 alpha | Immuno | Interferon alpha                                   | IFN-alpha        |
| Cardio | Interleukin-8                                       | IL-8         | Inflammation | Macrophage Inflammatory Protein-1 beta           | MIP-1 beta  | Immuno | Interleukin-22                                     | IL-22            |
| Cardio | Insulin   | Insulin      | Inflammation | Matrix Metalloproteinase-3                       | MMP-3       | Immuno | Stromal cell-derived factor-1                      | SDF-1            |
| Cardio | Interferon gamma Induced Protein 10                 | IP-10        | Inflammation | Matrix Metalloproteinase-9                       | MMP-9       | Immuno | Macrophage inflammatory protein 3 beta             | MIP-3 beta       |
| Cardio | Leptin  | Leptin       | Inflammation | T-Cell-Specific Protein RANTES                   | RANTES      | Immuno | B cell-activating factor                           | BAFF             |
| Cardio | Apolipoprotein(a)                                   | Lp(a)        | Inflammation | Stem Cell Factor                                 | SCF         | Immuno | Interferon-inducible T-cell alpha chemoattractant  | ITAC             |
| Cardio | Lectin-Like Oxidized LDL Receptor 1                 | LOX-1        | Inflammation | Tissue Inhibitor of Metalloproteinases 1         | TIMP-1      | Immuno | 6CKine   | 6CKine           |
| Cardio | Monocyte Chemoattractant Protein 1                  | MCP-1        | Inflammation | Tumor necrosis factor receptor 2                 | TNFR2       | Immuno | Thymus and activation-regulated chemokine          | TARC             |
| Cardio | Macrophage Inflammatory Protein-1 alpha             | MIP-1 alpha  | Inflammation | Tumor Necrosis Factor alpha                      | TNF-alpha   | Immuno | Tumor necrosis factor ligand superfamily member 13 | APRIL            |
| Cardio | Macrophage Inflammatory Protein-1 beta              | MIP-1 beta   | Inflammation | Tumor Necrosis Factor beta                       | TNF-beta    | Immuno | Dickkopf-related protein 1                         | DKK-1            |
| Cardio | Matrix Metalloproteinase-1                          | MMP-1        | Inflammation | Vascular Endothelial Growth Factor               | VEGF        | Immuno | Interleukin-31                                     | IL-31            |
| Cardio | Matrix Metalloproteinase-10                         | MMP-10       | Inflammation | Vascular Cell Adhesion Molecule-1                | VCAM-1      | Cardio | Tumor necrosis factor ligand superfamily member 12 | Tweak            |
| Cardio | Matrix Metalloproteinase-3                          | MMP-3        | Inflammation | Vitamin D-Binding Protein                        | VDBP        | Cardio | P-Selectin   | P-Selectin       |
| Cardio | Matrix Metalloproteinase-7                          | MMP-7        | Inflammation | von Willebrand Factor                            | vWF         | Cardio | Neuropilin-1                                       | Neuropilin-1     |
| Cardio | Matrix Metalloproteinase-9                          | MMP-9        | Cardio       | Serum Amyloid A Protein                          | SAA         | Cardio | Neutrophil Activating Peptide 2                    | NAP-2            |
| Cardio | Matrix Metalloproteinase-9, total                   | MMP-9, total | Cardio       | Serum Amyloid P-Component                        | SAP         | Cardio | Pigment Epithelium Derived Factor                  | PEDF             |
| Cardio | Myeloperoxidase                                     | MPO          | Cardio       | Sex Hormone-Binding Globulin                     | SHBG        | Cardio | Leucine-rich alpha-2-glycoprotein                  | LRG1             |
| Cardio | Myoglobin   | Myoglobin    | Cardio       | Receptor for advanced glycosylation end products | RAGE        | Cardio | Thrombin-Activatable Fibrinolysis                  | TAFI             |
| Cardio | Plasminogen Activator Inhibitor 1                   | PAI-1        | Cardio       | Thrombomodulin                                   | TM          | Cardio | Antithrombin-III                                   | AT-III           |
| Cardio | Vitamin K-Dependent Protein S                       | VKDPS        | Cardio       | Thyroxine-Binding Globulin                       | TBG         | Cardio | Ficolin-3  | Ficolin-3        |
| Cardio | Pulmonary and Activation-Regulated Chemokine        | PARC         | Cardio       | Tissue Inhibitor of Metalloproteinases 1         | TIMP-1      |        |  |                  |
| Cardio | T-Cell-Specific Protein RANTES                      | RANTES       | Cardio       | Tumor necrosis factor receptor 2                 | TNFR2       |        |  |                  |
|        |   |              | Cardio       | Tumor Necrosis Factor alpha                      | TNF-alpha   |        |  |                  |
|        |   |              | Cardio       | Vascular Endothelial Growth Factor               | VEGF        |        |  |                  |
|        |   |              | Cardio       | Vascular Cell Adhesion Molecule-1                | VCAM-1      |        |  |                  |
|        |   |              | Cardio       | von Willebrand Factor                            | vWF         |        |  |                  |