



IQ MPS Affiliate GI RFI Q & A

Q: Will submission be anonymous or will the information be shared with other applicants?

A: The identified, unblinded RFI responses will be shared with member companies in the Affiliate. The RFI responses will not be shared with other respondents to the RFI. However, as outlined in the RFI, responses to this RFI should not include trade secrets or confidential information.

Q: How will data be utilized?

A: The information gathered at the RFI stage will enable members of the IQ MPS Affiliate to determine whether the characteristics of a model are aligned with a study design aimed at testing a specific context of use. The information will also help the affiliate better characterize the range of models currently available and understand what contexts of use may be possible to explore with available models. The data will be used to select model systems to move to an RFP stage at which point the model developer will be presented with a study design(s) and asked for a quote, including such information as cost estimates and timing based on details in the study design. The data gathered during the RFI stage will not be disclosed publicly and will be used only for internal (to IQ MPS Affiliate) decisions with respect to the potential to initiate studies.

Q: What is the desired outcome for this RFI? Is it for a specific company's goals or for information purposes only?

A: The desired outcome of the RFI is to identify model(s) bearing characteristics potentially suitable for testing a specific context of use (e.g., gastrointestinal irritation, stasis, absorption, etc.). The information requested in the RFI is aligned with the IQ MPS Affiliate recommendations for gastrointestinal models as outlined in Peters, et al., Lab on a Chip, 2020. While this represents the collective vision of the IQ MPS Affiliate, one or more IQ MPS Affiliate member companies may participate in one or more study designs to be released at the RFP stage. This RFI was not designed with a specific company's needs or a specific vendor's capabilities in mind.

Q: Are these agreements two-parties-agreements or are we talking about raising consortia?

A: The nature of any contractual arrangement is still being determined and more information will be provided at later stages in this process.