



## IQ MPS Affiliate GI RFP Q & A

**Q: Purpose for the RFP – is this a funded study which the IQ MPS is going to execute on as a group or is this to provide information to members for studies they may do in the future? I am not entirely clear as it says affiliates will provide compounds.**

A: Sharing of this Request for Proposal (RFP) is the second step by the IQ MPS Affiliate to solicit interest in collaborating on the testing of gastrointestinal MPS for specific contexts of use (e.g., pharmacology, drug metabolism, toxicology, etc.) in drug development.

One or more members of the IQ MPS Affiliate may elect to serve as project sponsors, to be determined following review of responses to the RFP. Eligible members of the IQ MPS Affiliate that may potentially serve as project sponsor(s) include: AbbVie, Inc., Alnylam Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Amgen, Inc., Astellas Pharma US, Inc., AstraZeneca, Biogen, Boehringer Ingelheim, Bristol-Myers Squibb Company, Eisai, Inc., Eli Lilly and Company, Genentech, Inc., GlaxoSmithKline, Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Merck & Co., Inc., Merck Healthcare KGaA, Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation, Pfizer, Sanofi, Takeda, Vertex Pharmaceuticals Incorporated.

**Q: If this is an IQ MPS study, would the compounds be delivered one by one or would they come in groups (if so, how large), or will all 50 come at once? As you can imagine, costs come down as scale/automation ability goes up, right now, we have not factored this in.**

A: Capabilities and pricing of study design are requested for 1 molecule, 2-10 molecules, 10-30 molecules, 30-50 molecules, and 50+ molecules. For the study, each molecule should include 5 doses, 2 vehicles, and 3 replicates per dose concentration. Respondents should provide a quote for each of those scenarios and note any considerations that might impact pricing.

**Q: If this is an IQ MPS study, do you have approximate timing for the study (ie: late 2022, early 2023, late 2023?)**

A: This will be determined by the terms agreed upon with selected RFP respondents

**Q: If this is not an IQ MPS study but is rather meant to share pricing for various study sizes with the member organizations, is there any sort of confidentiality clause? As you can imagine our pricing is dependent on many variables and each service project is custom, of course we also offer platforms which people use in their own labs and there are other organizations which offer services on our platforms but not at the scale you are requesting, all of these options would offer different pricing and we are sensitive to pricing that we provide for a specific request being interpreted as blanket pricing**

A: See the response to Q1.