Coronavirus Standards Working Group Meeting

Dear Colleagues —

Last week we had a good discussion about the possibility of conducting a harmonization study for standard SARS-CoV-2 serological panels -- thanks May Chu and Jon Windsor from University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus -- Center for Global Health!

May and Jon’s slides are here and the recording of our meeting is here. Critically, they have developed a serology standard panel using dried-tube specimens with well-studied stability and utility across a variety of platforms. These standards are developed with the intent of wide global distribution. Establishing the interoperability of such standards with other widely available materials AND the WHO International Standard and Reference Panel for anti-SARS-CoV-2 antibody might be a good next work program for the CSWG.

We will meet again on this topic this week, Friday 12 February 2021 at 0800 PST. I’ve been working with Jon and May to formulate a study design perhaps inspired by our Harmonization Study for SARS-CoV-2 RNA.

UPDATE on CSWG Harmonization Study for viral RNA
An update on our timeline for the viral RNA study -- we’re awaiting arrival of 2 materials to complete the sample panels. Our shipping date may be delayed until 8 March 2021. I will update on this at our meeting Friday.

Here is the Zoom link for Friday’s meeting (complete version below). Here’s a link to download the series for the full year to your calendar.

See you on Friday!

Marc

P.S. -- This meeting will be recorded, and the slides and a transcript made available.