

QIBA Ultrasound Shear Wave Speed (SWS) Biomarker Committee (BC) Call

Friday, August 4, 2017; 11 AM CT

Call Summary

In attendance

Tim Hall, PhD (Co-Chair)

Andy Milkowski, MS (Co-Chair)

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Michael André, PhD

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Matthew Urban, PhD

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Joe Koudelik

Julie Lisiecki

Moderator: Dr. Hall

Review prior call summary: July 7th summary approved as submitted

Discussion included:

- Proposal to calibrate US SWS phantoms utilizing the Verasonics platform (as an open, readily available system) using the open-source implementation code created by Dr. Palmeri and Dr. Urban
- Transducer/probe differences are a concern
 - While some variability is expected, the larger concern is the shape of the acoustic field produced
 - Significant differences in the acoustic field created by vastly different transducer designs (target applications) will likely significantly affect shear wave experiments
 - There is no absolute liver stiffness standard to test against
 - A common software package for calibrating US systems is desired
- How to compensate for probe differences and system variations must be taken into consideration
 - Differences from one probe to the next of the same design from the same manufacturer will likely lead to minimal differences in shear wave experiments
 - Differences from one system to the next from the same manufacturer with the same hardware configuration are likely to be minimal
- One site may be designated as a “calibration site”
 - At least three sites with identical configurations that can cross-validate calibrations is desired.
- Verasonics is interested in collaborating, pending confirmation that no software agreements are violated
 - US SWS leadership to follow up with Verasonics business leadership regarding a software agreement
 - The Duke University software is already posted on GitHub, and the Verasonics leadership is aware of that

Next QIBA WebEx calls are as follows:

- **Sept 01:** SWS BC
- **Sept 08:** CEUS BC
- **Sept 29:** US Coordinating Cttee

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QIBA Working Meeting at RSNA 2017 | Wednesday, November 29, 2:30-5 pm – Lakeside Center