QIBA PET-Amyloid Biomarker Committee Friday, March 11, 2022, at 9 AM CT

Call Summary

In attendance:

Anne M. Smith, PhD (Co-chair)
Dawn Matthews, MS, MBA (co-chair)
Orest Boyko, MD, PhD
Rachid Fahmi, MSc, PhD
Clara Ferreira
Norman Foster, MD

Adriaan Lammertsma, PhD Peter Ngum, MSc Nancy Obuchowski, PhD Jean-Luc Vanderheyden, PhD Dean F. Wong, MD, PhD Joe Koudelik Julie Lisiecki

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Moderator: Dr. Smith

The following were discussed:

- Manuscript was submitted to SNMMI's The Journal of Nuclear Medicine (JNM) on 2/16
- Reviewed specific recommended changes to address technical confirmation questionnaire site feedback
- Outstanding items on questionnaire were reviewed and refined through group discussion, to be implemented in Profile and its checklist
- Technical Confirmation vote planned once changes are incorporated and posted
- Recent insights from the field regarding Amyloid PET usage and standardization were discussed

Next steps

- Ms. Matthews to provide: (1) updated Profile, (2) marked up Profile, (3) updated Checklist, and (4) a document summarizing agreed upon Profile changes (for wiki-posting)
- Move forward to Technical Confirmation vote at BC level (and later CC level)
 - o RSNA Staff to prepare e-ballot for Technical Confirmation vote, with two-week deadline
- Opportunity for the Profile to be used to standardize PET Amyloid imaging
 - o New methods are being sought for clinical trials
 - o Researchers seek to determine what is the amyloid PET scan that should be used to stop treatment
 - Standardization per the QIBA Profile may be used to aid with these decisions
- Challenges of the use of amyloid PET as a treatment response biomarker (more discussion needed)
 - Lack of access to treatments for rural locations and underrepresented minorities
 - o Delay between amyloid clearance (from the brain) and stabilization (of brain function)
- A practical method will be needed to indicate which PET centers are best suited to quantification

Action items (ongoing) - please strike those that are complete

- Produce an online questionnaire with scoring capability, modeled after FDG-PET BC
- CMS decision for final coverage to be announced on April 11, 2022
- Dr. Smith to provide speaker suggestions for PET Amyloid presentation at SNMMI to Dr. Zahlmann
- Drs. Wong and Smith to ask the SNMMI brain imaging council to consider providing an endorsement
- Consider contacting EANM neuroimaging committee
- Dr. Lammertsma to share citations from Alzheimer's research
- Co-chairs to respond to Mr. O'Donnell's suggestions
- Following preparation for Technical Confirmation:
 - Ms. Matthews to list key highlights for the best opportunities for harmonization: recommendations requested
 - Ms. Matthews and Dr. Foster to schedule a call with Dr. Koeppe to discuss the ADNI-QIBA gap analysis
 - Dr. Wong to be included
 - Ms. Matthews to reach out to Dr. Seibyl regarding introduction to Invicro
 - o BC discussion on how to handle resistance to Profile requirements