

# CBI Capabilities Overview

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#### COMPARATIVE BIOSCIENCES, INC.

## Premier Preclinical Contract Research Organization

- 20 years of experience
- Conveniently located in the heart of Silicon Valley, amidst many biotech companies
- State of the art, purpose-built facility
- Approximately 30 employees
- Highly experienced staff
- GLP, OECD, FDA, USDA, OLAW
- AAALAC Accreditation

#### **Scientific Overview**

We specialize in developing a custom study plan in order to best meet your preclinical research needs and prepare for regulatory submission.

- GLP and Non-GLP
- Toxicology
- Efficacy
- Pharmacokinetics
- Pharmacology
- Ocular studies
- In-house histopathology, immunohistochemistry & TCR



### **CBI Animal Facility**

#### Dedicated Rooms:

- Six small animal and four large animal rooms
- Two procedure rooms, two surgery rooms
- Two rooms with ventilation for immuno-compromised animals

#### Air Quality Systems:

- HVAC, light control in each room
- 10-15 air changes per hour with positive air flow and filtered air

#### Cleanliness:

- Dual corridor system with pass-thru Basil cage washer
- Daily environmental monitoring
- Regular disease, bacterial and water surveillance

#### 24/7 Staff



#### **Species**

- Mice and Rats: transgenic, knockout, immunocompromised, and wild-type strains
- Guinea Pigs, Hamsters, Gerbils
- Rabbits: New Zealand White, Dutch Belted
- Ferrets
- Chinchillas
- Dogs: Lab Beagles
- Mini-Pigs: Gottingen, Yucatan

#### **Test Articles**

- Small molecules
- Biologics
  - Peptides
  - Antibodies
  - Vaccines
  - siRNA & Nucleic Acids
- Stem cells & cell therapies
- Devices
- Device and drug combinations
- Regenerative Medicine

### **Toxicology Studies**

- GLP and Non-GLP studies
- Single-dose and multiple-dose studies
- All routes of administration
- Acute & chronic studies
- Discovery and Investigative toxicology
- Non-standard routes of administration
- Complete, prompt reports

#### **Pharmacokinetic Studies**

- GLP and Non-GLP studies
- Single-dose or multiple-dose studies
- Sample analysis from blood, urine, CSF, feces
- Measure Cmax, Tmax, AUC
- Metabolic and pharmacodynamics studies
- Non-standard routes of administration

### **Pharmacology and Efficacy Studies**

- Pharmacology and efficacy modeling in multiple areas
- Custom model development
- Surgical modeling
- Investigative studies
- Combination GLP efficacy and toxicology

### **Pharmacology and Efficacy Studies**

#### Animal Disease Models for Multiple Indications

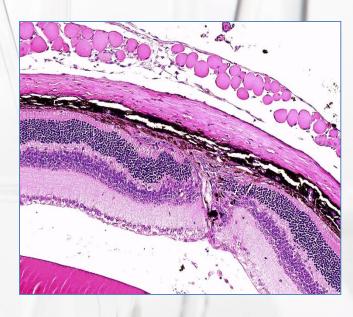
- Ocular
- Otic
- Cardiovascular
- Inflammation
- Dermatology
- Arthritis
- Allergic and Immune
   Mediated studies
- Wound healing and scarring

- Fibrotic: skin and lung
- Anti-infective studies
- Oncology and xenograft
- Botulinum toxin
- Central nervous system
- Regenerative medicine



### **Histopathology Services**

- Complete In House Laboratories
  - Paraffin, cryotomy, plastic
  - Immunohistochemistry
  - Special Stains
- Digital Image Analysis
   and Histomorphometry
- Highly skilled staff
  - Trained technicians
- Validated pathology data acquisition system
- Evaluation and report by Board Certified Pathologist



- Ocular toxicology
- Ocular pharmacokinetics

- Ocular efficacy testing in animal models
- Unusual routes of ocular administration

- Ocular Test Articles:
  - Small molecule
  - Large molecule
  - Stem Cells
  - Contact Lens
  - Medicated contact lens
  - Ocular implants
  - Antibodies
  - Proteins
  - Gene therapy/AAV
  - Punctal plugs
  - Ocular devices

#### Equipment and procedure capabilities

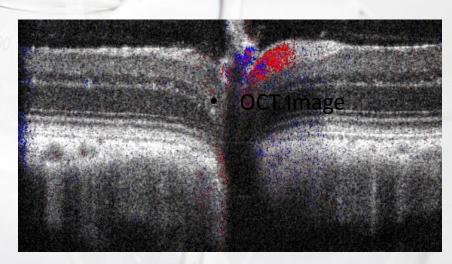
- Optical Coherence Tomography
- Retinal scanner
- ERG
- Schirmer test
- Aqueous or vitreal protein
- Fundus examination
- Fundus photography
- Corneal fluorescein staining
- Fluorescein angiography
- Oxygen chamber for OIR
- Optic nerve staining
- Surgical microscope

Tonometry (IOP)

Retinal lasering

Slit lamp examination

Pachymetry (corneal thickness)



\*OCT image

- Ocular routes of administration
  - Topical
  - Anterior and posterior chamber
  - Conjuntival or subconjunctival
  - Subtenon
  - Intra or transclera
  - Periocular
  - Lacrimal glands
  - Intravitreal
  - Subretinal
  - Intrastromal
  - Retrobulbar
  - Ocular Implants



#### Ocular tissue sampling

Aqueous humor	Vitreous humor
Ciliary body	Retina
Conjunctiva	Choroid
Cornea	Ocular muscles- adenexa – lacrimal glands
Iris	Optic nerve
Lens	Sclera
Tear fluid	Retinal pigmented membrane

### **Toxicology Studies**

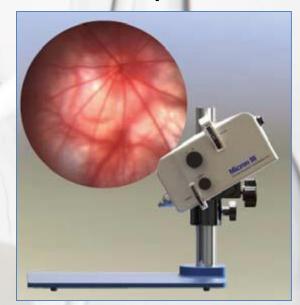
#### Ocular focus

- Topical, adenexal, anterior chamber, intravitreal, implantation, subconjunctival
- Ocular assessment by boarded Ophthalmologist (DACVO)
  - Slit lamp, tonometry, pachymetry, fundus photography, funduscopy assessments
  - Specialized ocular histopathology
  - in vivo ERG assessments in all species



CBI offers a robust variety of validated ocular models for assessment of test article activity

- Retinopathy models
- Dry eye models
- Inflammation models
- Immune-mediated inflammation models
- Glaucoma and ocular hypertension
- Ocular pain models





- Models of angiogenesis and retinopathy
  - Laser induced choroidal neovascularization (CNV) model in mice, rats, minipigs
  - Oxygen-induced retinopathy (OIR) in neonatal mice and rats
  - PVR (Proliferative vitreoretinopathy)
  - Streptozotocin-induced diabetic retinopathy in rats.
  - VEGF-induced retinal vascular leakage
  - Corneal pocket or suture model
  - Angiotensin II induced retinal vascular leakage



- Models of Ocular Inflammation
  - LPS-induced acute uveitis in rodents and rabbits
  - F40 80-induced acute uveitis in rabbits
  - Albumin-induced conjunctivitis in rabbits
  - Bacterial and viral induced keratitis model



- Dry eye models
  - Scopoloamine-induced dry eye in mice
  - Botulinum-induced dry eye in mice
  - ConA-induced model in rabbits
  - Glycopyrrolate-induced model in rabbits.
  - Benzalkonium chloride-induced model in rabbits



- Glaucoma and ocular hypertension
  - Laser induced glaucoma in rodents
  - Corticosteroid-induced
  - Water loading
  - Chymotrypsin



- Ocular Pain
  - Capsaicin-induced
  - Formalin-induced
- Immune-mediated inflammation
  - Melanin associated antigen induced anterior uveitis in rats
  - IRBP or S-antigen induced posterior uveitis
     in mice and rats

- Surgical ocular models
  - Ocular device-drug combinations
  - Artificial/replacement lens
  - Corneal abrasion/laceration
  - Vitreous replacement studies
  - Ocular hypertension/Glaucoma



#### **Service and Quality**

- Thoroughness in planning and execution is key to a successful study. All protocols are vetted and approved by multiple personnel. Our QAU has a rigorous training program. All non-GLP studies are conducted in the spirit of GLP.
- We believe in sound science. Our ratio of scientists to nonscientists is one of the highest in the industry. Every study director is a PhD-level scientist.
- We believe in communication. Timely responses to your inquiries and frequent updates on your study are mandatory.
- We welcome visitors. You are always welcome at CBI to meet the staff, tour the laboratory and discuss the progress and results of your study.

#### **Our Staff**

#### Study Directors

- PhD level scientists
- Appointed by management for each job
- Serves as single point of control and is responsible and accountable for study conduct and scientific interpretation
- Experienced attentive and communicative
- Rapid study initiation and report preparation

#### Research Associates

- Bachelor Level Scientists
- Extensive technical training

#### Quality Assurance

Rigorous Training Program



#### **Summary**

- CBI provides state of the art:
  - Toxicology
  - Pharmacokinetics
  - Efficacy
  - Pharmacology
  - In house histopathology
- Experienced attentive and communicative study directors
- Rapid study initiation and report preparation
- Established, stable business
- Regulatory compliance
- Favorable pricing structure