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2 Abstracts

2.1 ISBER 2010 – abstract “Swiss Biobank Survey”

Survey of Biobanks at a Swiss University Hospital

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Human biobanks are a valuable source of biospecimens and personal data to be used for research. Little is known of how many biobanks exist at a given Swiss University Hospital.

The purpose of this survey conducted at the CHUV hospital (>40’000 patients hospitalized per year) and the faculty of biology and medicine (FBM) at the University in Lausanne, Switzerland was a) to provide an overview of the number of biobanks, b) to assess their purpose and size, c) to determine the kinds of biospecimens collected and d) to analyse the extent to which the biobanks follow the Swiss Academy of Medical Sciences (SAMS) guidelines on biobanks.

Eighty-three services (FBM: 15, CHUV: 68) were contacted. Twenty did not respond, 35 had no collection of human biospecimens. 28 services had 37 research biobanks and 6 collections for diagnosis and treatment; the latter were excluded from further analysis. Fifty-seven % of biobanks store > 1’000 biospecimens. One third of biobanks stored tissue (92% fresh frozen, 46% FFPE, 31% DNA, 23% RNA, and 23% frozen cells), 65% stored blood components (58% serum, 63% plasma, 46% frozen cells, 38% DNA, 17% RNA, and 4% whole blood). The majority of biobanks have accepted the SAMS guidelines. Forty-one % of biobanks used the biospecimens and data only for their own research, almost half share biospecimens and data, but only a quarter use a material transfer agreement.

The data collected in this survey will allow biobank infrastructure optimization at the CHUV and will improve research support.

3 Confirmation of Submission

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