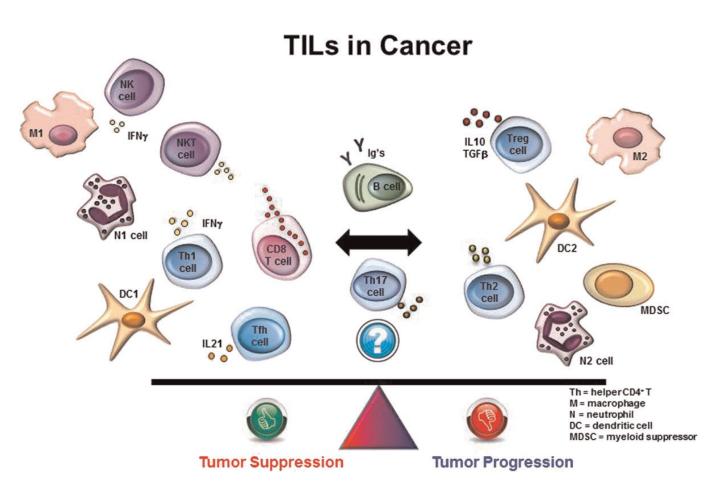
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# A regulatory science approach for morphology-based biomarkers in tissue sections

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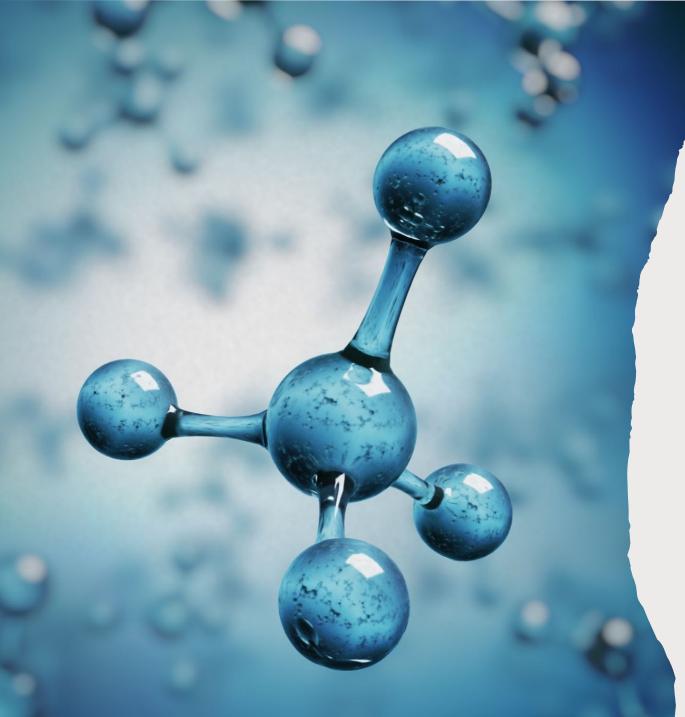
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#### Background

- There is insufficient understanding regarding regulatory approaches for morphology-based biomarkers (e.g., TILs in H&E or IHC/IF sections)
- It is unclear as to what would be the "best practices for consideration"

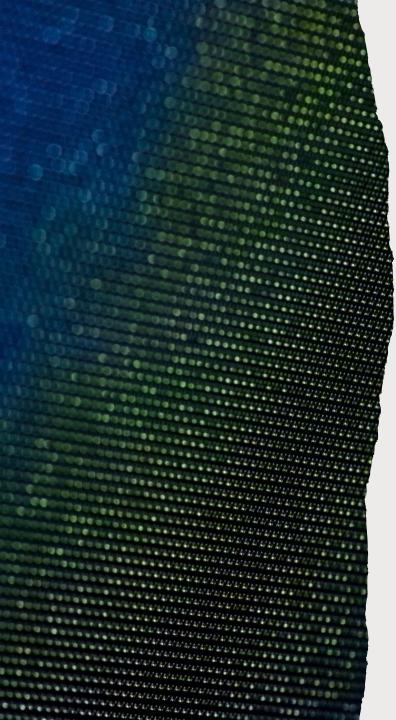


# Approach & Objectives

- Collaboratively contribute to the creation of regulatory science approaches
  - <u>Objective 1</u>: Write a whitepaper that proposes a regulatory science approach for morphologybased biomarkers
  - <u>Objective 2</u>: Explore options for existing regulatory programs (e.g., MDDT) and pathways (e.g. CoDx) or insufficiencies or propose a new pathway

#### Deliverables

- 1. Produce the whitepaper (e.g., as a peer-reviewed manuscript)
- 2. Share it with the TILs WG and PIcc communities
- 3. Submit it to the FDA for commenting (e.g., QSub program)



## Value proposition

"How will the proposed project be valuable to each of these categories?"

**Regulatory:** contribute regulatory science approaches to an area in which these approaches currently do not exist

Clinical: (1) benefit to regulators – provide possible "best practices for consideration" and (2) benefit to patients (in particular, low-to-middle income communities/countries) – opportunity to utilize low-cost standard H&E TILs for assessment of the immune microenvironment of tissue

**R&D:** enable researchers and software developers to develop compliant tools