

Capabilities and Expertise Overview



At PPD Laboratories, more than **1,000 scientists** and staff provide bioanalytical services for pharmaceuticals, biomarkers and vaccines. Together, they provide the **scientific and regulatory expertise** necessary to ensure you receive reliable data. Our senior management team averages more than **20 years of industry experience**. Our bioanalytical lab with locations in Richmond, Virginia and Middleton, Wisconsin, provides comprehensive services for both **small molecules and biologics**.

Scientific and technical expertise

- Method feasibility
- Method development and optimization
- Method validation
- · Cutpoint determination
- Sample analysis
- Long-term matrix stability

Small molecule expertise

- Liquid chromatography, mass spectrometry (LC/MS)
- Multi-dimensional chromatography
- High performance liquid chromatography (HPLC), ultra-highperformance liquid chromatography (UPLC)
- Derivatization and metabolite identification
- · Chiral assays
- Sample analysis in multiple biological species and matrices
- First-to-file generic pharmaceuticals experience

Extensive biologics expertise

- Extensive LC-MS/MS experience with biologics
- Assay platforms include: enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA), cell-based assays (CBA) and other ligand-binding assays (LBA)
- Custom design and validation of assays
- Immunogenicity/anti-drug antibody testing (ADA)

Broad-ranging biologics experience

- CAP/CLIA, GLP, and fit-for-purpose assays
- LC/MS, CBA, LBA, flow cytometry, and immunohistochemistry (IHC)
- Companion diagnostics
- Genomics and molecular assays

25 years of vaccine experience

- CBA, molecular, neutralization and, viral and bacterial functional assays
- Antigen detection
- · Dedicated biostatistics team
- Cell-mediated immunity methods

Specialized veterinary pharmaceutical offering

- Customized/proprietary assays
- Discovery analysis, formulation development, studies for final product specifications
- Study protocol, sample analysis plan to streamline the pre-concurrence process

Cell and gene therapy expertise

- Immunogenicity/ADA assays
- Target identification and confirmation
- Metabolite analysis and quantification
- PCR and sequencing
- Oligonucleotide analysis

BIOANALYTICAL LAB SERVICES AT ANY PHASE

	Preclinical Development	Development Strategy / Regulatory Guidance	
	Phase I	Targeted Studies / Safety Evaluations	
	Phase II-III	Established Product / Efficacy	
	Pre-Approval	Regulatory Filing Strategy / Submission	
Post-Approval		Risk Management / Long Term Safety	

Comprehensive Services for Small Molecules and Biologics

Discipline/Methodology	Example Biomarkers/Types of Assays	Key Instrumentation/Platform
Cell-based Assays	 > 80 cell-based assays validated Drug-specific Nab assays (including biosimilars) Biomarkers Toxin neutralization assay (TNA) Virus-specific Nab assays 	 MSD® Sector® S 600 reader BioTek Cytation™ reader Beckman Coulter Vi-CELL™ analyzer Biosafety cabinets CO₂ incubators
Chromatography/ Mass Spectrometry	 Highly diverse range of analytes from small to large Difficult endogenous, reactive or unstable analytes Ultrahigh sensitivity assays with sub-pg/ml lower limits of quantification (LLOQ) Metabolite identification using Q-ToF/Q-Trap systems High-resolution mass spectrometry 	 Hamilton® MICROLAB® STAR and STARlet Sciex Triple Quad™ 6500 and Sciex Q-Trap Shimadzu Nexera UHPLC system with 2-D capabilities Thermo Scientific™ Q Exactive™ Plus (HRMS) Thermo Scientific™ Aria® multiplexing system Waters Xevo® TQ-S (triple quad) Waters Acquity UHPLC system with 2-D capabilities
Flow Cytometry	 Assay development and validation CAP/ CLIA, GLP and/or GCLP regulations Intracellular cytokine assays Platelet, neutrophil and basophil activation assays Receptor occupancy Complex phosph-flow assays Peripheral blood mononuclear cell (PBMC) enumeration 	• BD FACSCanto™ II flow cytometers
Immunochemistry	 > 400 immunogenicity/ADA assays > 200 oligonucleotide methods > 40 plate-based neutralizing antibody assays Quantitation and validation of endogenous analytes Robotic liquid handling to support high-volume testing needs and improve precision/accuracy Automated immunogenicity screening 	TECAN EVO® automated liquid-handler Hamilton MICROLAB® STAR ELISA Meso Scale Discovery (MSD)® ECL technology Gyros Gryolab™ Xp workstation Quanterix® Simoa HD-1 analyzer Fluorescence
Molecular Genomics	 Development, qualification, validation, and sample analyzation for assays Viral and bacterial detection, quantification and typing by PCR SNP detection Copy number variation Gene expression and sequencing Vector (transgene) copy number and persistence Epigenetics 	 Agilent Mx3005 Qpcr Agilent TapeStation 2200 bioanalyzer Applied Biosystems (AB)* 3730xl genetic analyzer AB* 7500 and QuantStudio6 BioRad Gel Doc XR+ imaging system BioRad QX200 ddPCR* Illumina* MiSeq next generation sequencer Qiagen BioRobot Universal System QiagenQ QlAsmphony* SP nucleic acid extraction TECAN EVO* automated liquid handler

