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# GENERAL INFORMATION

* *Project number:* **ARL\_2/2018**
* *Project acronym:* **PRIMATE**
* *Project title:* **An integrated precision medicine approach to malignant mesothelioma: from mutation load to epidemiology and therapy**
* *Start date:* **01-01-2018**
* *Project duration (in months):* **36+5**
* *Name of the project’s coordinator:* **Prof: Tommaso Dragani**
* *Organization of the project's coordinator:* **Fondazione IRCCS Istituto Nazionale dei Tumori, Milan**
* *Period covered by the report:* **from 01-01-21 to 31-12-21**

# DELIVERABLES

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| **Deliverables** | **Timing** | **Accomplished** | | |
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| **D1**: collection of a few slices of MM FFPE tissue samples and the non-tumor counterpart of 1,000 cases | 12 |  |  |  |
| **D2**: quantification of the asbestos bodies in non-involved lung tissue of 500 certified MM cases; association of asbestos body counts with patient’s OS and age at diagnosis | 12 |  |  |  |
| **D3**: collection of MM tissues in RNAlater, for patients who will have been treated by surgery, or a few slices of FFPE tissue samples, for inoperable patients, for a total of 150 cases | 30 |  |  |  |
| **D4**: collection of 80 blood samples from MM cases | 30 |  |  |  |
| **D5**: identification of immune markers associated with OS, age at diagnosis and therapy | 36 |  |  |  |
| **D6**: identification of somatic mutations in the coding portion of the genome that are peculiar to MM and significantly associated with OS, age at diagnosis, therapy, and asbestos body count of MM patients | 36 |  |  |  |
| **D7**: whole genome genotyping and identification of SNPs associated with clinical parameters, such as age at diagnosis, OS, therapy or asbestos body count | 36 |  |  |  |
| **D8**: identification and quantification of metabolites and cytokines in the plasma of MM patients, associated with age at diagnosis, OS, therapy, or asbestos body count | 36 |  |  |  |
| **D9**: identification of integrated networks of MM biomarkers | 36 |  |  |  |
| **D10**: indications of feasibility and assessment of biomolecular effects of BNCT for MM and definition of the characteristics of new boronated formulations, necessary to ensure a high cellular uptake | 36 |  |  |  |
| **D11**: a database with complete information on the patients’ exposure history | 36 |  |  |  |
| **D12**: quantitative correlation between asbestos body burden and exposure estimation and identification of major determinants for exposure assessment when asbestos body burden is not available | 36 |  |  |  |
| **D13**: quantitative measures of association between objective measures of asbestos exposure and somatic mutations and plasma inflammatory markers | 36 |  |  |  |
| **D14**: New sources of evidence for the current legal debates and practices on causation in asbestos trials; new guide lines for judges and lawyers who are called to deal with the issue of causal links between multiple exposure and the occurrence or the development of MM | 36 |  |  |  |

# WORK PACKAGES

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| **WP1: Retrospective mesothelioma series collection** |

### **AIM 1: Collection of mesothelioma formalin-fixed, paraffin-embedded (FFPE) samples**

#### Partners involved

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### **AIM 2: Collection of non-involved lung tissue samples from MM patients**

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| **WP2: Prospective mesothelioma series collection** |

### **AIM 1: Collection of FFPE or RNAlater samples from MM patients**

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### **AIM 2: Collection of blood samples**

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### **AIM 5:Integration of -omic data for the identification of networks of biomarkers in MM**

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### **AIM 6: Investigation of new therapeutic strategies for the treatment of MM by boron neutron capture therapy (BNCT) in cell cultures**

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### **AIM 2: Retrospective exposure assessment (REA)**

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# DISSEMINATION

## Exploitation of results

*Type of Dissemination: Organization of a Conference, Organization of a workshop, Press release, Non-scientific and non-peer reviewed publications, Exhibition, Flyers, Social media, Website, Communication campaign (e.g. radio, TV), Participation in a conference, Participation in a workshop, Participation in an event other than a conference or workshop, etc.*

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# EXPLANATION ON THE USE OF RESOURCES

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