

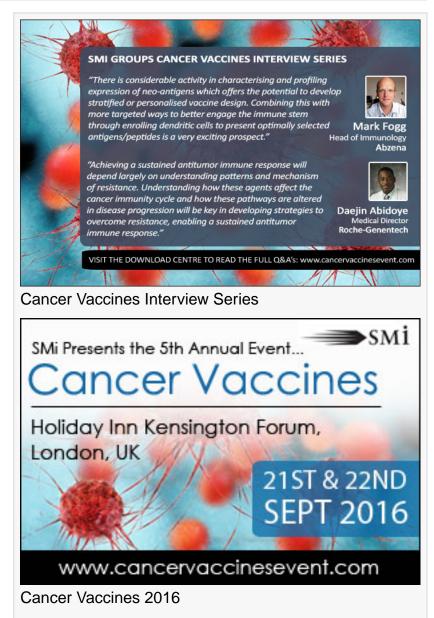
Cancer Vaccines: Abzena and Genentech go Under the Microscope in Exclusive New Interviews

SMi Group add two new Q&A's to the cancer vaccines interview series with Abzena and Genentech in the run up to their keynote addresses at Cancer Vaccines 2016

LONDON, ENGLAND, UNITED KINGDOM, August 10, 2016 /EINPresswire.com/ -- SMi's 5th annual Cancer Vaccines conference will return to London this autumn to showcase the latest advances in clinical breakthroughs. In the run up to the industry congress taking place on 21st and 22nd September, SMi Group caught up Abzena and Genentech to discuss current medical developments and their upcoming talks.

Personalised therapy came up as an area showing most potential when asked about research demonstrating promise. Genetech's Medical Director, Daejin Abidoye said:

"Achieving a sustained antitumor immune response will depend largely on understanding patterns and mechanism of resistance. We are actively investigating this at Roche-Genentech. Understanding how these agents affect the cancer immunity cycle and how these pathways are altered in disease



progression will be key in developing strategies to overcome resistance, enabling a sustained antitumor immune response. Personalising immunotherapy is necessary to optimize selection of combination therapy to improve response rates and salvage disease progression."

Mark Fogg, Head of Immunology, Abzena commented:

"Clearly the combination of cancer vaccines with the successful checkpoint treatment strategies is the most active area of research. There is considerable activity in characterising and profiling expression of neo-antigens which offers the potential to develop stratified or personalised vaccine design.



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Combining this with more targeted ways to better engage the immune stem through enrolling dendritic cells to present optimally selected antigens/peptides is a very exciting prospect."

The full interviews are available to read in the event download centre at: www.cancervaccinesevent.com

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