Exploration Laboratory Analysis

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Exploration Laboratory Analysis (ELA) – FY15 Project Overview

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  – ELA Objective

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• Summary & FY16 Plans
Exploration Medical Capability (ExMC) 
Risk and Gap

Risk –

Risk of Adverse Health Outcomes & Decrement in Performance due to Inflight Medical Conditions

Med 13:

We do not have the capability to implement medical resources that enhance operational innovation for medical needs.

Research Approach for ELA:

Develop the capability to measure clinically significant laboratory analytes in a minimally invasive manner during exploration missions.
ELA Objective

Demonstrate the feasibility of emerging ELA operational and analytical capability as a biomedical diagnostics precursor to long duration manned exploration missions.
Exploration Laboratory Analysis

TECHNOLOGY DOWNSELECT
## ELA Operational Measurements

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<th>Basic Metabolic Panel</th>
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<td>Glucose Calcium Sodium Potassium CO₂, Total Chloride BUN Creatinine Lactate</td>
<td>PaO₂ PaCO₂ SaO₂ HCO₃ pH</td>
<td>WBC Count RBC Count HCT Hgb Neutrophils Abs. Neutrophils Count Lymphocytes Monocytes Eosinophils PLT</td>
<td>Troponin I</td>
<td>Albumin ALP AST ALT</td>
<td>Specific Gravity pH Leukocytes Nitrites Proteins Glucose Ketones Urobilirubin Bilirubin Blood</td>
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Technology Status

Point-of-Care (POC) Devices

• For more than a decade, POC devices have emerged for:
  – Bedside care; doctor’s office.
  – Care in remote locations (e.g. 3rd World, developing nations).
  – Military operations in forward combat locations.

• POC technologies are generally compact instruments.
  – However, often limited in the breadth of measurements
  – Typically offer a subset of the ExMC operational analyte

• Clinically validated, commercial-off-the-shelf (COTS) instruments are emerging that can provide all measurements.
  – Mass, volume, power and space readiness do not align with exploration mission restrictions.
# ELA Technology Downselect Criteria

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Downselect Technology #1
Cell Phone-Based Lateral Flow Assay for Blood Biomarker Detection

Intelligent Optical Systems (IOS) & Holomic LLC

IOS: LFA Development for Blood-Based Testing

Target Assay Panels:
- Cardiac Biomarkers:
  - Troponin I (TnI)
- Liver Function Panel:
  - Alanine Aminotransferase (ALT)
  - Aspartate Aminotransferase (AST)
  - Alkaline Phosphatase (ALP)
- Blood Chemistry Panel
  - Creatinine, Glucose, Na, K, BUN
- Dissolved Blood Gas Panel
  - Dissolved Oxygen, CO2, pH
Holomic, LLC: Development of a Prototype Fluorescent Reader and Data Processing Software for On-cell Phone

On Going Development:
- Design and deliver a fully automated reader for various fluorescent assays.
- Automated mechanical switching of band-pass filters will enhance automation for measuring multiple panels.

Reader Dimensions
- Designed with limited space consideration.
- Reader weight (including phone) is 10.8 oz.; reader volume is ~420 cm³
- At the cost of a smaller imaging field-of-view, the height may be reduced to <5 cm by substituting an imaging lens with a shorter focal length.

Reader application screenshots of recently added features

On Going Development:
- Design and deliver a fully automated reader for various fluorescent assays.
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Downselect Technology #2
rHEALTH Technology – DNA Medicine Institute

Spiral Vortexer
Optical Block
Nanostrip
Vitals Patch
C.H.A.S.
Microgravity
Small Sample
rHEALTH X Capabilities

Optical Block Performance

- Optical block
- 405 nm, 532 nm lasers
- 3 single photon counters

WBC 3-Part Diff

- 3-part counts
- Differential antibody staining

Chan, E. et al. rHEALTH Sensor: Universal In-Flight Biomedical Analysis Technology. in 2013 NASA Human Research Program Investigators’ Workshop (Galveston, Texas, 2013)
Summary & FY16 Plans

• ELA Downselect technologies identified.
  – Intelligent Optical Systems/Holomic, LLC
    • Lateral flow strip assays read by smartphone analyzer.
  – DNA Medicine Institute
    • Handheld rHEALTH flow through analyzer.
• Delivered the ExMC Exploration Laboratory Analysis Downselect Recommendation Report (ARC Document No. 6973).
• FY16 objectives
  – Develop strategy that identifies roadmap to guide project completion.
  – Identify ELA integration points with an exploration medical system.