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Martin J. Murphy, DMedSc, PhD, FASCO
Chief Executive Officer
Project Data Sphere, LLC

Subject: Letter of Support


Dear Dr. Murphy:

We are issuing this Letter of Support for *Project Data Sphere, LLC* to encourage industry, academic centers, and others to share de-identified patient-level data for creation of a small cell lung cancer (SCLC) database.

In recent years, the standard of care and overall survival of patients with SCLC has remained largely unchanged. FDA's Oncology Center of Excellence supports *Project Data Sphere's* efforts to collect, curate and aggregate relevant SCLC clinical trial data for creation of a database as a benchmark reflecting clinical outcomes.

As an independent, nonprofit, open-access repository of patient-level clinical trial data with a demonstrated track record of successful collaborations, *Project Data Sphere* is a platform for constructing a globally-accessible external control reference database in SCLC. Investigation of the data would be open to all interested researchers, including those from industry, the FDA, and academia.

Signed:


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