

## Summary of Feedback received from participants



A Feedback Questionnaire distributed at the workshop was completed by 13 participants (65% response rate). Below are some extracts from comments made to open questions.

### Responses to the question: "What was the best aspect of the workshop?"

*Mix of people different to most things I get involved with, esp. patient perspectives (commercialisation & policy/regulation)*<sup>1</sup>

*Multi-angle discussions (synthetic biology & commercialisation & policy/regulation)*

*Very useful interactions between scientists + other stakeholders; good diversity of viewpoints (social science)*

*The diversity and high quality of the participants (synthetic biology & commercialisation)*

*Having the various stakeholders at the table (patient perspectives)*

*Multidisciplinary views and expertise; interaction from different group of people (synthetic biology)*

*Excellent choice of speakers from highly complementary subject areas; very good discussion sessions (synthetic biology & policy/regulation)*

*Discussion with broad range of interested parties (synthetic biology)*

*The really good nature of discussions and approaches (patient perspectives)*

*Excellent mix of people with different areas of expertise; everyone was very open to interacting with everyone else (synthetic biology & policy/regulation)*

*Representation diverse and good (synthetic biology & policy/regulation)*

*Discussion sessions very useful (policy/regulation)*

*The interesting mix of people (other)*

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<sup>1</sup> Respondents to the Feedback Questionnaire were asked to specify their area(s) of expertise as: Synthetic biology. Commercialisation of biologics/ATMP; Patient perspectives; Social Science; Policy/Regulation; Other. Their response is indicated in brackets after their comments.

**Responses to the question: “From your perspective, what were the key issues to emerge from the workshop?”**

*Value of this kind of very open discussion amongst diverse stakeholders; need for earlier engagement with issues by scientists (social science)*

*There is a need for cell therapies and inclusion of patients and regulators in their development will help shape and accelerate it (synthetic biology & commercialisation)*

*[PKU was] very interesting case study that illustrates regulatory issues (synthetic biology & policy/regulation)*

*We need more scientific understanding of the public as well as public understanding of science (other)*

**Responses to the question: “How, if at all, will you use what you have learnt at this workshop for your work?”**

*Patient concerns are not what I believed (synthetic biology & commercialisation)*

*Design scientific project oriented to realistic use of the technology (synthetic biology)*

*Probably not directly or immediately but it has provided some excellent strategic background knowledge that will likely be useful in future discussions (synthetic biology & policy/regulation)*

*Identified researchers, funders, regulators and others with whom I plan to interact to take work forward (synthetic biology)*

*Greater awareness of some aspects of regulatory landscape (synthetic biology & policy/regulation)*

*General exposure to variety of perspectives from both ends of the drug development spectrums (synthetic biology & policy/regulation)*

**Other comments made on the Feedback Form:**

*Fantastic meeting. I found every session and presenter informative. I learnt more in 1.5 days than most meetings. (synthetic biology & commercialisation)*

**Extracts from emails received by workshop organisers after the workshop:**

*Thank you very much for inviting me to the CCBT workshop. I thoroughly enjoyed and made many great connections. I am in the process of starting a business to commercialize my research. I cannot express how appropriate all of the discussions we had at the workshop were for me. I went home inspired and excited to go faster. It also gave a clearer idea of what regulatory hurdles I will face. The opportunity to meet patient advocates was amazing. I thought [name of patient representative] was fantastic. We had a few great discussions that have given me much to think about.*

*Thanks again, I thought it was a very valuable event*

*Thank you all, it was enjoyably different.*

*Thank you for being invited into the workshop, it was really useful [...] Especially I liked the discussions between different experts, as it showed how many different angles there are wrt these novel therapies.*

*Thank you very much for my invitation to this excellent meeting. I enjoyed the time and discussions.*

*Thank you again for inviting me to speak at the workshop. It was a great meeting!!*