

BostonGene and Kyoto University accelerate precision drug development

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Al-powered multiomics platform to drive predictive biomarker identification and personalised therapies



US-based BostonGene, developer of the leading AI foundation model for cancer and the immune system, and Kyoto University, a Japanese research institution known for its groundbreaking advancements in medicine and science, have announced a research collaboration to develop advanced biological signatures to enhance targeted treatment strategies for patients with esophageal squamous cell carcinoma (ESCC).

This research will leverage BostonGene's Al-powered, multi-scale, omnimodal platform to analyse tumour molecular profiles and assess their correlation with response to a novel immune checkpoint inhibitor (ICI) and chemoradiotherapy (CRT) combination therapy.

The study builds on the NOBEL trial, an investigator-initiated clinical study led by Dr Manabu Muto of Kyoto University, by integrating genomic and transcriptomic profiling from ESCC patients to identify immune-related biomarkers that drive drug development, optimise clinical trial design and enable more accurate patient stratification. The NOBEL trial is being conducted as an investigator-initiated trial with financial support from Ono Pharmaceutical.

As part of the collaboration, Kyoto University will provide clinical samples and patient data and BostonGene will apply its Alpowered molecular analytics to uncover key biological pathways and associated biomarkers influencing treatment response.