

# 6 Signs You Need a New CRO for Your Preclinical Research

You have goals for every project, and your CRO should be as committed to those goals as you are. But if things take too long to get done, don't rush to flip the kill switch on your project. It might be time to switch CROs instead. Learn to spot these six signs your preclinical work needs a new CRO.

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**Apply Lessons Learned:** Protect your compound from pitfalls by applying lessons learned from existing late-stage research. Identify opportunities for your drug to succeed where others have failed by putting in due diligence on the front-end, even if doing so makes for a slow start.

**Find what's hard-to-find.**

TD2 has more than 300 cell line and murine tumor models to provide the right test system for your drug.

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**You're fed up with all the change orders.**

Research is dynamic—and often, you don't know how it's going to go until you get the study started. Adjustments in dose, schedule or collections are par for the course. But if your requests for mid-study tweaks are met with a stern requirement for a change order on every single change, it's time to change the partner, not the order.

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**Progress has stalled, and you don't know why.**

What's with all the timeline delays, and why aren't you kept in the loop of status updates? Or worse, why are you on a waitlist to get started? Your work is too precious to stall out—so say goodbye to the dreaded waiting period and work with a partner who will get you started on day 1, and keep you updated all the days after.

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**You've got plenty of models, but are they clinically relevant?**

You need models, and your CRO provides them—but are they validated in relevant clinical settings? Ask your current partner for their thoughts on clinical strategy and what models support that approach, and if they can't provide that level of insight, it might be time to ask their competitors the same.

**Get help in a snap.**

TD2's technical staff is onsite 7 days a week, 365 days a year to make sure your study runs exactly as planned.

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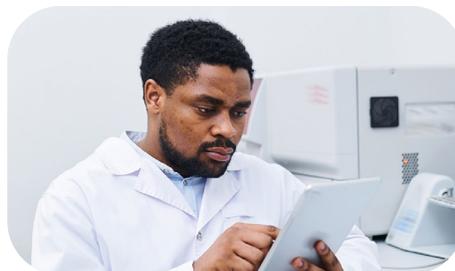
### **You need more meaningful data from biomarker assays.**

When it comes to biomarker assays, chances are you'll have a ton of options. But which ones provide the biggest impact with relevant data? If your CRO isn't giving that expert counsel, or if your questions are met with doubt, it's time to find someone versed in all things assay—from multiplex cytokine analyses and tumor immune cell infiltrate profiling to quantitation of the effect of therapy on the microbiome.

#### **Immunotherapy Assay Tip:**

You can't have an immunotherapy drug that kills immune effector cells, so don't forget to run that assay.

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### **You're left to your own devices for model selection.**

Your drug's mechanism of action (MOA) is unique, and you need the right models based on that MOA. But if your CRO isn't providing MOA-based filters to help you find the right models for your project—and following that search up with targeted interrogation—it can be like finding a needle in a haystack.

## **Ready to Get Started?**

If you're frustrated with the progress, don't kill the project—find a new CRO. With TD2, we'll help you fast-track your research with an integrative and diverse suite of preclinical tools, from more than 300 tumor models that align with a well-defined clinical and regulatory strategy (in vivo, in vitro and specialized models) to bioanalytical and ADME support. And when it comes time for execution, we'll help you launch a clinical study with a focus on early detection of clinical benefit.

**Contact us to get started today**