

Axio Research Appoints Dr. Kathryn Steiger as Biostatistician

Seattle, WA – July 21, 2008 -- Axio Research Acquisition Co. LLC, a premier provider of biostatistics, data management, and event adjudication services to pharmaceutical and healthcare providers, has announced that Kathryn Steiger, Ph.D. has been appointed to the positions of biostatistician and project director. Dr. Steiger will play a key role in assisting with data collection design and analysis of clinical trial data at Axio.

“We are very excited to have Dr. Steiger join Axio as a member of our biostatistics team,” commented Colin L. Hooks, Axio’s Chief Executive Officer. “Her addition further enhances Axio’s ability to address the needs of our clients in the pharmaceutical and medical research communities in designing, conducting and analyzing the results of their clinical trials.”

Most recently, Dr. Steiger worked as a biostatistician at Epigenomics, a molecular diagnostics company focusing on development of in vitro tests for early cancer detection. At Epigenomics, Dr. Steiger was involved in identifying differential DNA methylation patterns associated with colon and prostate cancer status. Methylation is a primary biological process impacting gene regulation and stabilization of the genome. Prior to that she served as senior statistical scientist at Illumigen Biosciences and at Affymetrix as a statistical analyst. Dr. Steiger spent nearly a decade working in the general analytic field with five of those years at MIT.

She received an M.A. in Biostatistics at the University of California Berkeley and her doctorate from the University of California Los Angeles.

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