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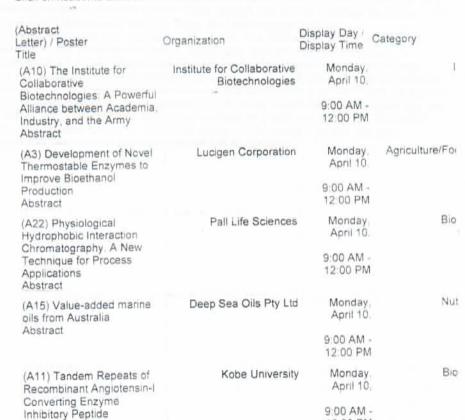
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At the Innovative Corridor Bio 2005, BioSciCon presented results and potentials of the MarkPap® biomarker-based technology for worldwide cervical cancer control. Based on the results obtained on 2,000 patients, the MarkPap® test proved to be superior (accuracy, sensitivity), less expensive (kit, screening procedure), easy-to-use (simple specimen processing), more productive (faster screening) and better controlled (control slides included), with less liability than conventional Pap test and liquid-based Pap tests. The presence of the biomarker of cellular abnormality visualized as a bright red granular intracellular deposit provides also an advantage for image analysis and telecytopathology (MarkPap® Digital). The slides may be stained with the MarkPap Kit by a generally trained technician in a small remote laboratory, or a nurse in a doctor's office with customer-friendly kit which contains control slides, search only for "red labeled" abnormal cells on the microscope, capture the images by a digital camera and transmit them into a laboratories with pathologists/cytopathologist for evaluation. The result could be returned within hours. In a pilot study, we assembled an image acquisition module, barcode reader and image acquisition software, image and data transferring and image evaluation modules. The preliminary results obtained on MarkPap slides from the BioSciCon Slide Library showed that during transcontinental transfer of images the quality of images allowed the evaluation to be performed. The optimization of the MarkPap procedure for image analysis application, customization of software and development of MarkPap® Digital are in progress in collaboration with several institutions. The IT technology applied in MarkPap Digital further decreases the cost of Pap test, has a potential to move it in small remote laboratories and doctor's offices and become reality for cytological mass cervical cancer screening worldwide with unprecedented benefit for all women in the world. The test has also potentials to become a low-cost alternative for monitoring of the success of HPV vaccination.