

# Instructions for Entering Correlatives Testing into FMV Budget Template

## Correlatives Testing

- It is important to break out “correlatives testing” into each specific test under the **Per Patient Costs** section of the FMV Budget, **so that the individual tests can be benchmarked.**
- **Do NOT** enter “Correlatives Testing” as a lump sum amount anywhere in the budget, including under “Additional Site Costs”.
- If there are separate salary amounts related to specific correlatives testing, salary amounts should be entered as an hourly rate in the Per Pt Costs section of the budget template.
- It is very helpful to include explanatory comments for each test in the Notes Column ‘J’.

## Common Correlatives Codes

Often, a **biopsy** is performed, and then an analysis (assay) is conducted on the biopsy tissue/body fluid. Both of these can be benchmarked.

“Biopsy” is currently a line item in the budget template for which you need to enter explanatory info in the ‘Notes’ Column “J” so that the FMV vendor can code it:

49	BIOPSY	Tumor biopsies (Please indicate location of Biopsy and whether pathology is included in the notes section (column J))
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Please enter what **assay** is being performed and typically it will fall under either a specific coded pathology procedure or code 81479 Unlisted Molecular Pathology Procedure (Unlisted Genotyping).

If an **immunohistochemistry** is being performed: codes 88342 - Immunohistochemistry or Immunocytochemistry per Specimen; Initial Single Antibody Stain Procedure; and code 88341 - Immunohistochemistry or Immunocytochemistry per Specimen; Each Additional Antibody Stain Procedure can be used.

If a **Flow cytometry** is being performed use code N88184 - Flow Cytometry, Cell Surface, Cytoplasmic, or Nuclear Marker; First Marker; plus code N88185- Flow Cytometry, Cell Surface, Cytoplasmic, Or Nuclear Marker, Technical Component Only; Each Additional Marker can be used.

\*\*\*For all correlatives tests not listed above, please add them to the ‘**Additional Per Pt Procedures**’ section of the budget with clarifying info in ‘Notes’ Column J, so that the FMV vendor has sufficient information to code them.