



PROTECT



Pharmacoepidemiological Research on Outcomes of Therapeutics by a European Consortium

PROTECT : from outputs to outcomes

Turning regulatory science into better pharmacovigilance

Tenth stakeholder forum on the pharmacovigilance legislation

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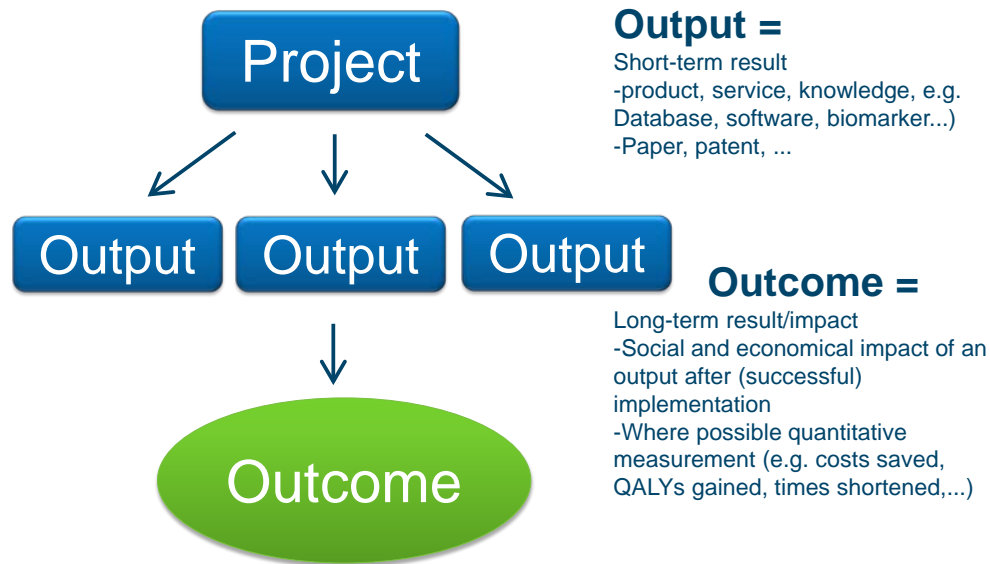
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Objective of this presentation

To discuss outcomes of PROTECT in terms of impact on benefit-risk monitoring and decision-making of medicines and potential socio-economic impact.

Translation of outputs into outcome



In this presentation

- Goal and objectives of PROTECT
- Key outputs
- Main outcomes
- Conclusions

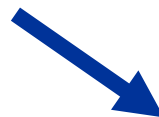
PROTECT Goal and objectives

First IMI call, 30 April 2008

To strengthen the monitoring of benefit-risk of medicines in Europe by developing innovative methods



to enhance early detection and assessment of adverse drug reactions from different data sources (clinical trials, spontaneous reporting and observational studies)



to enable the integration and presentation of data on benefits and risks

Key Deliverables from Call text

KD 1. **New methods of data collection in pharmacovigilance** including methods for collecting data in the natural language and research on how to simplify data collection from reporters whoever they are

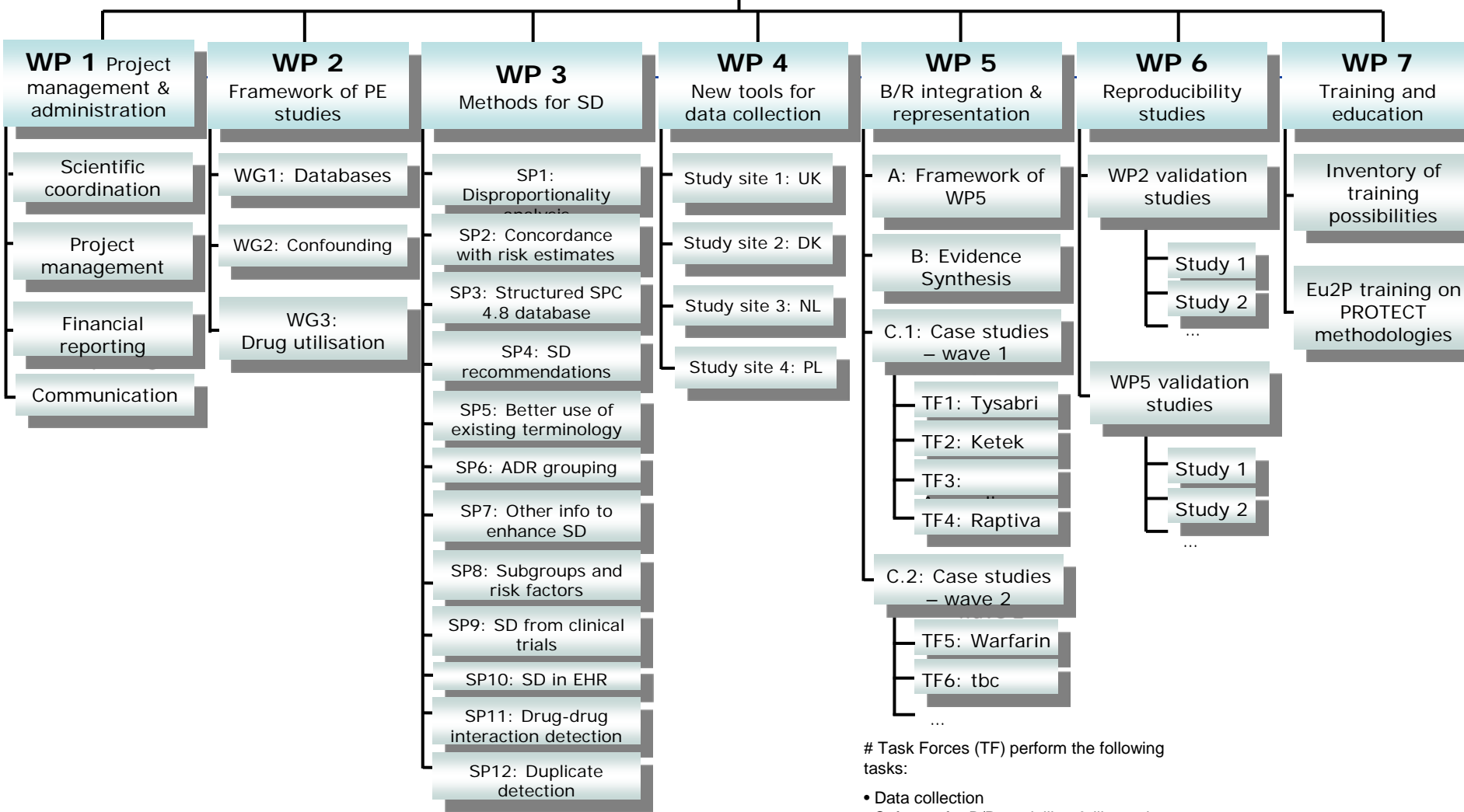
KD 2a and 2b. **Evaluation of methods for signal detection and signal evaluation.** Determination of these methods' performance characteristics and capacity for early detection of AEs.

KD 2c. **Establishment of methods for graphical expression of the benefit and risk of medicinal products** using evidence from clinical trials, epidemiology studies and spontaneous reports.

KD 3. **Investigation and development of standards and processes for interoperability and sharing of European epidemiology data sources** to determine their capacity for pharmacovigilance, signal detection and large epidemiology studies for quantification of benefit and risk outcomes.

Steering Committee

(Deputy) Coordinator including alternates
&
WP co-leaders



Task Forces (TF) perform the following tasks:

- Data collection
- Software for B/R modelling & illustration
- Publications

35 partners

01/09/2009 – 31/08/2014 + 6-month extension to 28/02/2015

Outputs – some numbers

- 75 original articles in peer-review journals to-date
- > 100 (published) presentations in conferences and meetings
- 2 specific symposia at the International Conference of Pharmacoepidemiology (ICPE)
- 2 databases
- 2 websites (<http://www.imi-protect.eu> - <http://protectbenefitrisk.eu>)
- Final Symposium (18-20 February 2015)

- 14 doctoral theses, 3 master theses

- Integration of results in educational programmes (e.g. Eu2P)
- Integration of results in annual revisions of EnCePP Guide on Methodological Standards in Pharmacoepidemiology and Pharmacovigilance

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Key achievements of PROTECT

Framework for pharmacoepidemiology studies

- [Presentations](#) (33)
- [Publications](#) (38)
- [Reports and Databases](#) (1)

Methods for Signal Detection

- [Presentations](#) (15)
- [Publications](#) (12)
- [Reports and Databases](#) (2)

New Methods for data collection from consumers

- [Presentations](#) (6)
- [Publications](#) (3)
- [Reports and Databases](#) (1)

Benefit-Risk integration and representation

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Replication studies

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Training and Communication

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Main Outcomes

- SmPC-ADR Database
- Inventory of drug consumption databases
- Good signal detection practices
- Recommendations for pharmacoepidemiological studies
- Recommendations for benefit-risk assessment methodologies and visual representation
- Recommendations for Direct-to-Patient Research

SmPC-ADR Database

- Publicly available structured Excel database of all ADRs listed in section 4.8 of the SmPC of CAPs;
- Based exclusively on MedDRA terminology;
- Provides characterisation of ADRs (frequency, age, gender, causality, class warning, source of information, date).

PRODUCT	SUBSTANCE	DATE OF MOST RECENT SPC	ADR AS IT APPEARS IN THE SPC	MEDDRA PT	PT CODE	SOC CODE	AGE GROUP	GENDER	CAUSALITY	FREQUENCY	CLASS	WARNI	NICAL TRI	ST-MARKET
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Abasaqlar	GLARGINE	09/09/2014	ANGIOEDEMA	ANGIOEDEMA	10002424	10040785	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
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Abasaqlar	GLARGINE	09/09/2014	DYSGEUSIA	DYSGEUSIA	10013911	10029205	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Abasaqlar	GLARGINE	09/09/2014	HYPOGLYCAEMIA	HYPOGLYCAEMIA	10020993	10027433	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0
Abasaqlar	GLARGINE	09/09/2014	HYPOTENSION	HYPOTENSION	10021097	10047065	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
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SmPC-ADR Database

Used for the monthly/bimonthly creation of the electronic Reaction Monitoring Reports by EMA for national competent authorities for >1500 active substances.

Updated by EMA - last DLP: 30 June 2015

downloaded 150-200 x/month

Impact on public health:

- targeting of signal detection activities to adverse events not listed in SmPC
- facilitate assessment of masking effect of well known ADRs

Impact on resources:

- faster evaluation of prior knowledge on ADRs

Inventory of drug consumption database

Publicly available and downloadable comprehensive and structured source of information on drug consumption in Europe.

- Master document + Country profile document
- Covers 28 countries – last updated February 2015

National drug consumption database: Minimum Basic Dataset (MBDS)	
Organisation	Federal Public Service (FPS) Health, Food Chain Safety and Environment.
Web	Ministry of Health. http://www.health.belgium.be/eportal/index.htm?fodnlang=fr
Source	Prescribed and dispensed medicines during hospital stay. Data collected since 1991.
Setting	Inpatient. 46 hospitals representing 16,141 beds and 2,467,698 patient stays (21.5%; information on 214 hospitals in Belgium).
Population coverage	21.5% (in 2007).
Accessibility	http://www.health.belgium.be/eportal/Healthcare/Healthcarefacilities/Registrationsystems/index.htm?fodnlang=fr (English website under construction). Not clear whether the data is available for researchers outside Belgium. adhoc_admDM@sante.belgique.be
Drug codification	ATC.
Data	Data from the Minimum Hospital Data (MHD), Minimum Clinical Data (MCD), Minimum Nursing Data (MND), and Minimum Psychiatric Data (MPD).
Record period	Since 1991.
Language	French.
Record linkage	Yes, with other hospital statistics.

Inventory of drug consumption database

Impact on public health:

- Identification of reliable and validated data sources on drug consumption (aggregated level)
- Used to estimate incidence rates of ADRs at population level and population attributable risks (PAR) of ADRs

Impact on resources:

- Time gained in identifying reliable and valid source of data and how to retrieve this information.

Good Signal Detection practices

Set of recommendations on signal detection from spontaneous reports, electronic health records and clinical trials that can be converted into meaningful and implementable outputs and for further research.



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Guideline on good pharmacovigilance practices (GVP)
Module IX Addendum I – Methodological Aspects of Signal Detection from
Spontaneous Reports of Suspected Adverse Reactions

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SPECIAL ARTICLE

Good Signal Detection Practices: Evidence from IMI PROTECT

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Recommendations integrated in:

- electronic Reaction Monitoring Report
- GVP Signal Management (Module IX),
- users' guide for EudraVigilance
- Revision 5 of ENCePP Guide on Methodological Standards in Pharmacoepidemiology

Good Signal Detection practices

Impact on public health:

- Timeliness and validity of signal detection, impact on decision-making
- Targeted signal detection
- Better assessment of novel methods of signal detection

Impact on resources:

- Gain in efficiency
- Increased performance
- Choice of statistical measures for signal detection from spontaneous reports should be based on ease of implementation, interpretation and optimisation of resources.
- Choice of terminology
- EHRs may not be more effective than spontaneous data for signal detection

Recommendations for pharmacoepidemiology

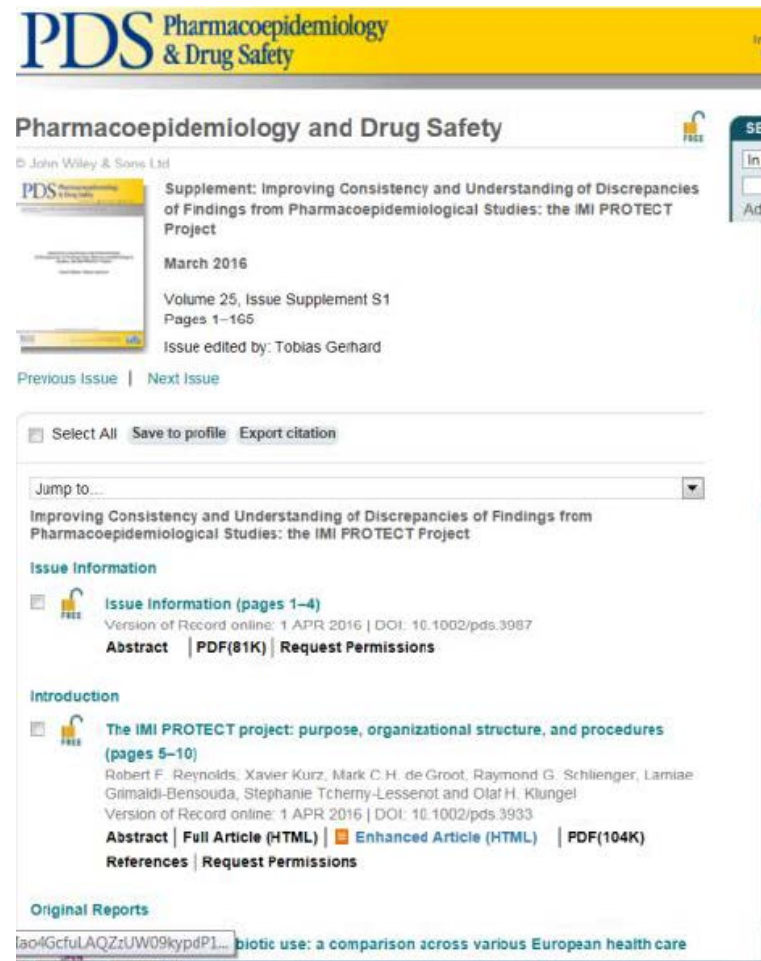
- Comprehensive review, analysis and testing of methods to control for confounding
- Methods for drug utilisation studies
- Recommendations for increasing consistency of findings of multi-centre database studies based on different designs and analytic methodologies
- Measurement of effects of differences in definitions, database characteristics and study designs on results of drug safety studies.
- European research network created for safety signal assessment and method development.

Recommendations for pharmacoepidemiology

Integrated in Annex 1 (Methods) of Rev.3 of GVP Module VIII (Post-authorisation safety studies)

Integrated in Rev.5 of ENCePP Guide on Methodological Research Standards

“Common study protocol model” for multicentre, multi-database studies



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Recommendations for pharmacoepidemiology

Impact on public health

- Increased overall study quality
- Increased consistency in findings from drug safety studies across multiple designs, analyses and databases

Impact on resources

- Efficient approach for multi-database studies based on common-protocol
- Development of new infrastructure, data resources and methodologies
- Faster multi-country studies?

Recommendations for benefit-risk assessment methodologies and visual representation

- Comprehensive description, review, testing and selection of methods and graphical representations for benefit-risk assessment.

PHARMACOEPIDEMOLOGY AND DRUG SAFETY 2014; **23**: 667–678
 Published online 13 May 2014 in Wiley Online Library (wileyonlinelibrary.com) DOI: 10.1002/pds.3636

REVIEW

Balancing benefit and risk of medicines: a systematic review and classification of available methodologies[†]

Shahrul Mt-Isa¹, Christine E. Hallgreen¹, Nan Wang¹, Torbjörn Callréus², Georgy Genov³, Ian Hirsch⁴, Stephen F. Hobbiger⁵, Kimberley S. Hockley¹, Davide Luciani⁶, Lawrence D. Phillips³, George Quartey⁷, Sinan B. Sarac², Isabelle Stoeckert⁸, Ioanna Tzoulaki^{1*}, Alain Micaleff⁹ and Deborah Ashby¹ on behalf of the IMI-PROTECT benefit-risk participants

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REVIEW

Literature review of visual representation of the results of benefit-risk assessments of medicinal products[†]

Christine E. Hallgreen^{1*}, Shahrul Mt-Isa¹, Alfons Liefucht², Lawrence D. Phillips³, Diana Hughes⁴, Susan Talbot⁵, Alex Asimwe⁶, Gerald Downey⁵, Georgy Genov⁷, Richard Hermann⁸, Rebecca Noel⁹, Ruth Peters¹, Alain Micaleff¹⁰, Ioanna Tzoulaki¹, Deborah Ashby¹ and On behalf of PROTECT Benefit-Risk group

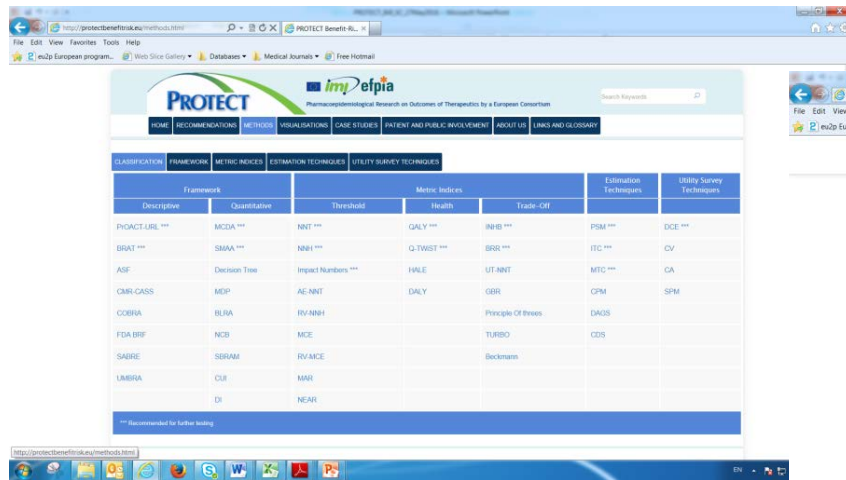
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ORIGINAL REPORT

Recommendations for benefit-risk assessment methodologies and visual representations[§]

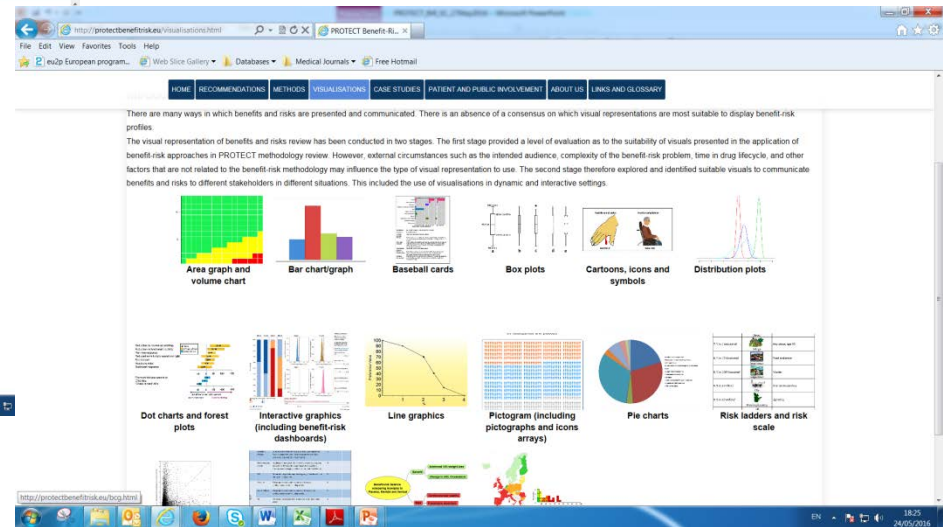
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Recommendations for benefit-risk assessment methodologies and visual representation



CLASSIFIER	FRAMEWORK	METRIC INDICES	ESTIMATION TECHNIQUES	UTILITY SURVEY TECHNIQUES
Descriptive	Quantitative	Threshold	Health	Trade-Off
PROCTUREL ***	MCSA ***	NNT ***	QALY ***	INIB ***
BRAI ***	SMMA ***	INR ***	Q-TWIST ***	BR ***
ASF	Decision Tree	Impact Numbers ***	HALE	UT-NNT
CMR-CASS	MEP	AE-NNT	DALY	GBR
COBRA	BLRA	RV-NBH	Principle Of Three	DACS
FDA BRF	NCB	MCE	TURBO	COB
SABRE	SBRAM	RV-MCE	Beckman	
UMBRA	CU	MAR		
	DI	NEAR		

<http://protectbenefitrisk.eu>



- Used in CHMP Methodology project on Benefit-risk assessment and in EMA Add-Value project
- Ground work recommended to be used in other IMI research projects: ADVANCE, GetReal, ADAPT-SMART, PREFER...

Recommendations for benefit-risk assessment methodologies and visual representation

Impact on public health

- Ground work for future development of methods for benefit-risk assessment
- Shared framework for B/R assessment to support communication on benefits and risks
- Better understanding of use of patient preferences for decision-making

Impact on resources

- Comprehensive review and evaluation of methods and visualisation techniques
- Clarity of concepts on B and R for more efficient drug development programmes

Recommendations for Direct-to-Patient Research

Direct-to-patient method for learning about use of prescription and non-prescription medication use; more complete data than those from prescription registers and electronic health records.

Internet and direct-from-patient data collection on medical treatments and lifestyle variables is possible and adds value for drug safety evaluation.

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Original Paper

Direct-to-Patient Research: Piloting a New Approach to Understanding Drug Safety During Pregnancy

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Recommendations for Direct-to-Patient Research

Impact on public health

- Data collection on drug safety in pregnant women
- Data collection in target populations that are difficult to recruit and retain using conventional methods (e.g. adolescents, people in full time work)

Impact on resources

- Comparison of cost-effectiveness of advertising methods to recruit pregnant women.

Test of framework for impact assessment of regulatory science projects

Table 5a. Questions and scoring for the impact evaluation of PROTECT outputs (Revised)

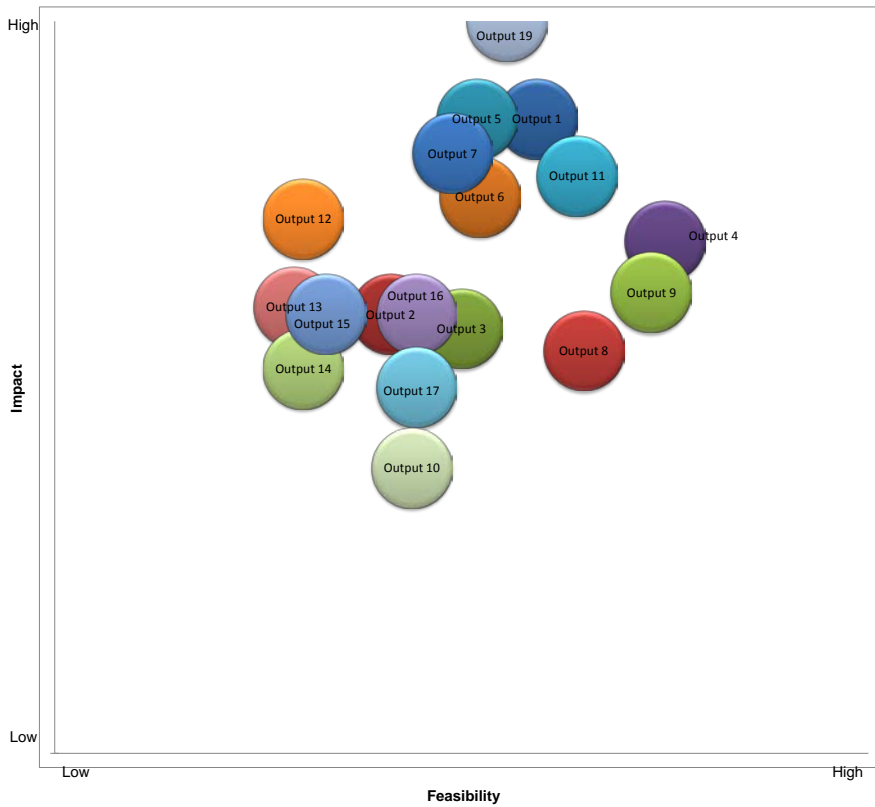
Criterion	Description	Score 1	Score 2	Score 3	Score 4
I1	If the change is implemented, how do you rate its potential impact on public health?	None	Small	Moderate	Important
I2	How do you rate the degree of scientific development of the output?	Inadequate	Incomplete	Nearly complete	Complete
I3	What is your estimate of the delay within which this output could be implemented in practice?	N/A	>2 years	1-2 years	<1 year

Table 5b. Questions and scoring for the feasibility evaluation of PROTECT outputs (Revised)

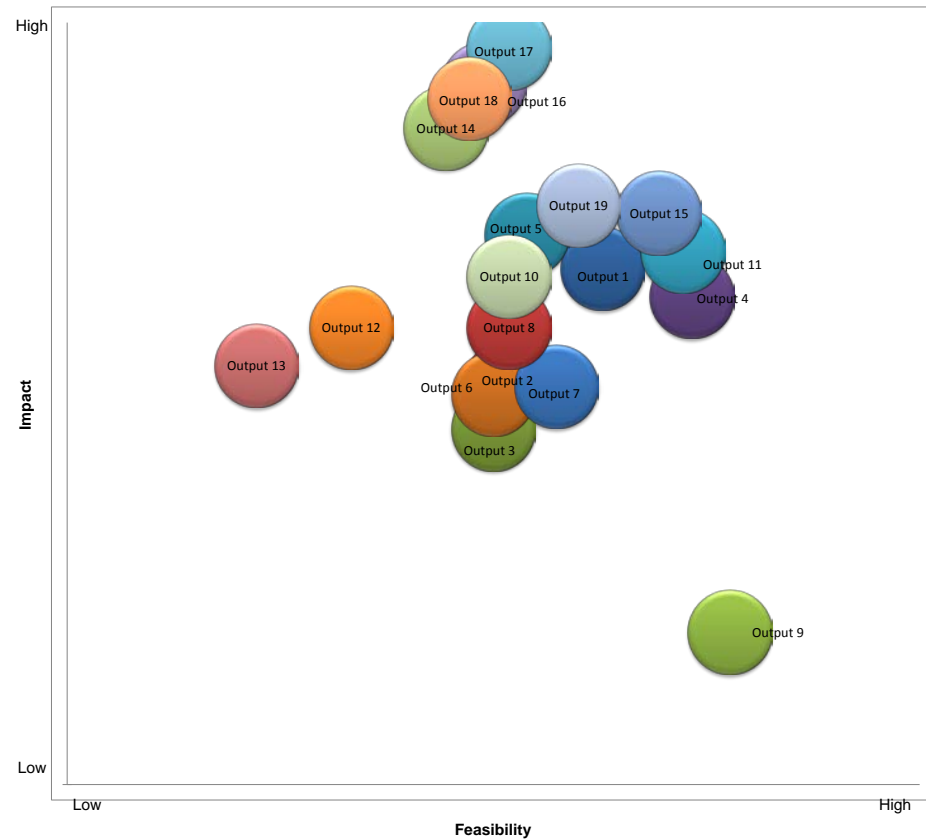
Criterion	Description	Score 1	Score 2	Score 3	Score 4
F1	How do you rate the degree of acceptability by the group of stakeholders to which you belong?	N/A	Small	Moderate	Important
F2	How do you rate the feasibility of the implementation of the output in terms of IT resources?	N/A	Important	Moderate	Small
F3	How do you rate the feasibility of the implementation of the output in terms human resources?	N/A	Important	Moderate	Small

Test of framework for impact assessment of regulatory science projects

Regulators' perspective



Other respondents' perspective (mainly industry)



Conclusions

PROTECT has achieved its objectives.

Outcomes are being implemented into routine pharmacovigilance and regulatory practice with positive impact public health and resources.

Leap forward towards the understanding of the values and usefulness of benefit-risk methods.

Demonstrated potential added value of the internet for pharmacovigilance is important in very quickly changing environment where patients are actively sharing information.

Thank you!

Full report to be published on <http://www.imi-protect.eu>