



a flavour of patients' organisations views on
ICH E6 guidelines
GOOD CLINICAL PRACTICES

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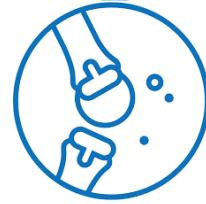
An excellent opportunity to revise or even set standards about

Scope: clinical trials for the regulation of medicines, or more?



Beyond “pivotal” trials

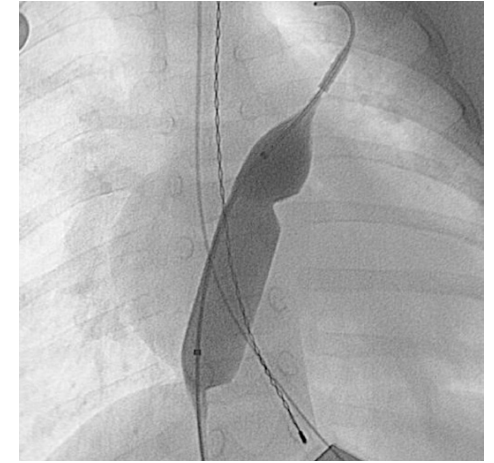
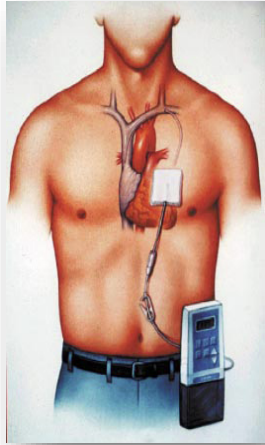
- Treatment strategy trials with authorised products
- To answer questions
 - Which products work best when first line treatment fails?
 - Combination therapy?
- Observational study with an off-label use: not a CT?
- Annex 1 - Interventional clinical trials



Medicines/medical devices

- Active substances combined with a medical device
- Testing medical devices alone
- Do we need different standards for trials to test medical devices than for medicines?

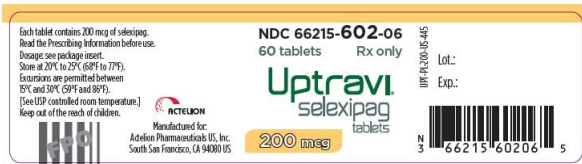
Compared to SOC: but what is SOC? Pulmonary hypertension



Atrial septostomy



Lung transplantation



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The conduct of clinical trials is evolving



Virtual and mixed trials

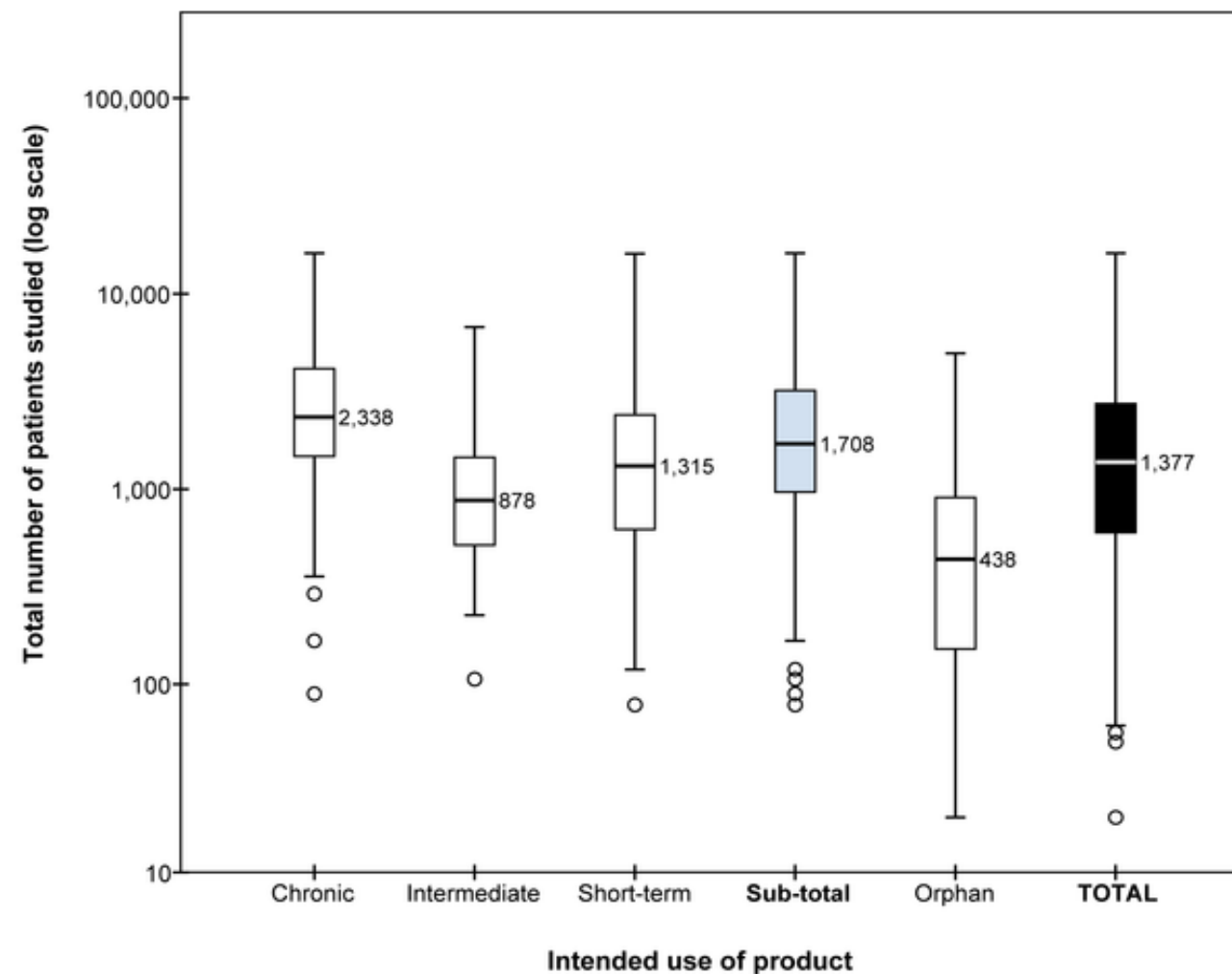
- Telemedicine with clinical investigator / research nurse
- Connected devices to measure patient outcomes
- IMP shipped to participant's address
- e-consent



Patient populations

- Large populations of 3,000 or more trial participants in a dossier and precision medicine or rare diseases?
- New approaches to generate more data

Figure 1. Boxplots with medians of the number of patients studied before approval.



Trial population of 3,000 per dossier?

Duijnhoven RG, Straus SMJM, Raine JM, de Boer A, et al. (2013) Number of Patients Studied Prior to Approval of New Medicines: A Database Analysis. PLoS Med 10(3): e1001407. doi:10.1371/journal.pmed.1001407

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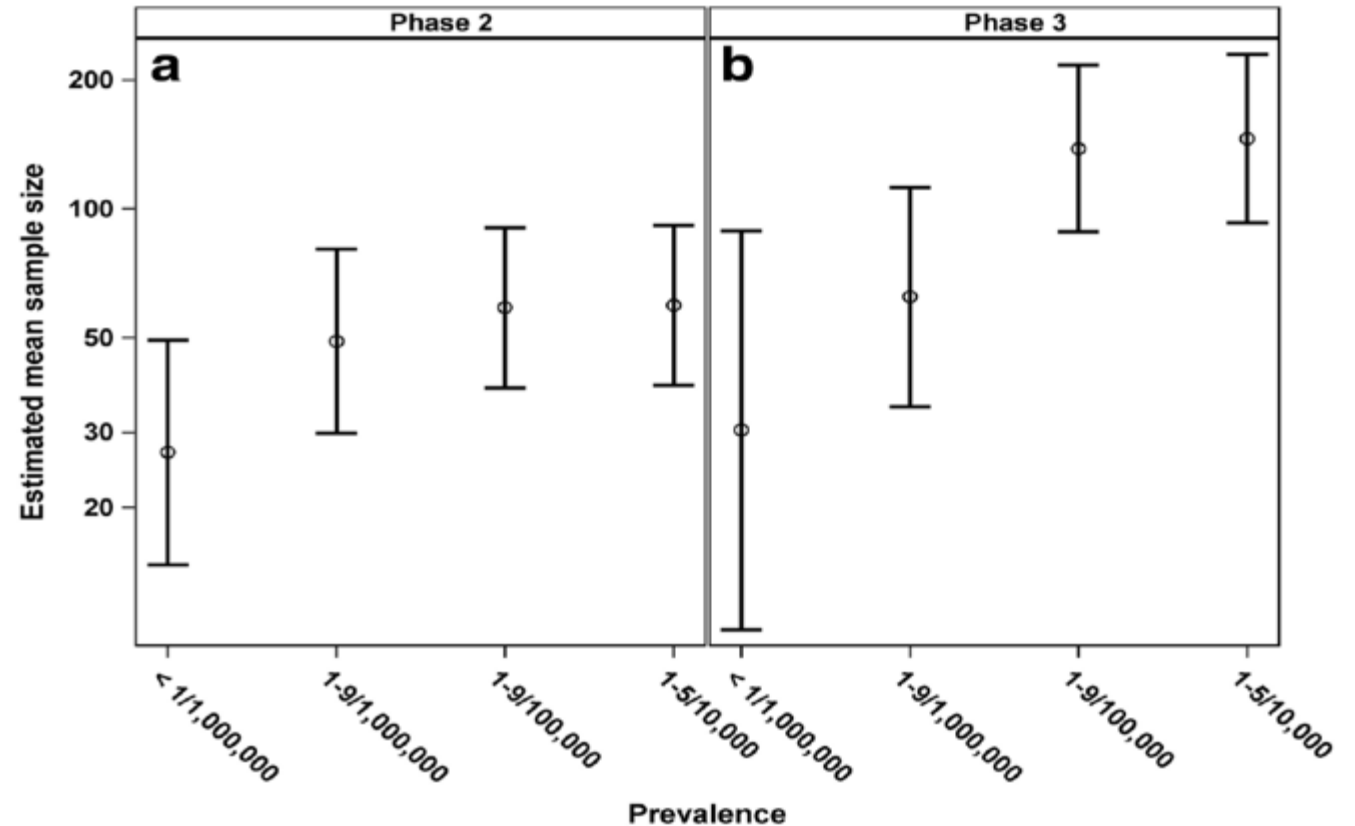


Presented by Olivier Collignon, PhD, on 16 April 2018
EMA, National expert seconded from the Luxembourg Institute of Health

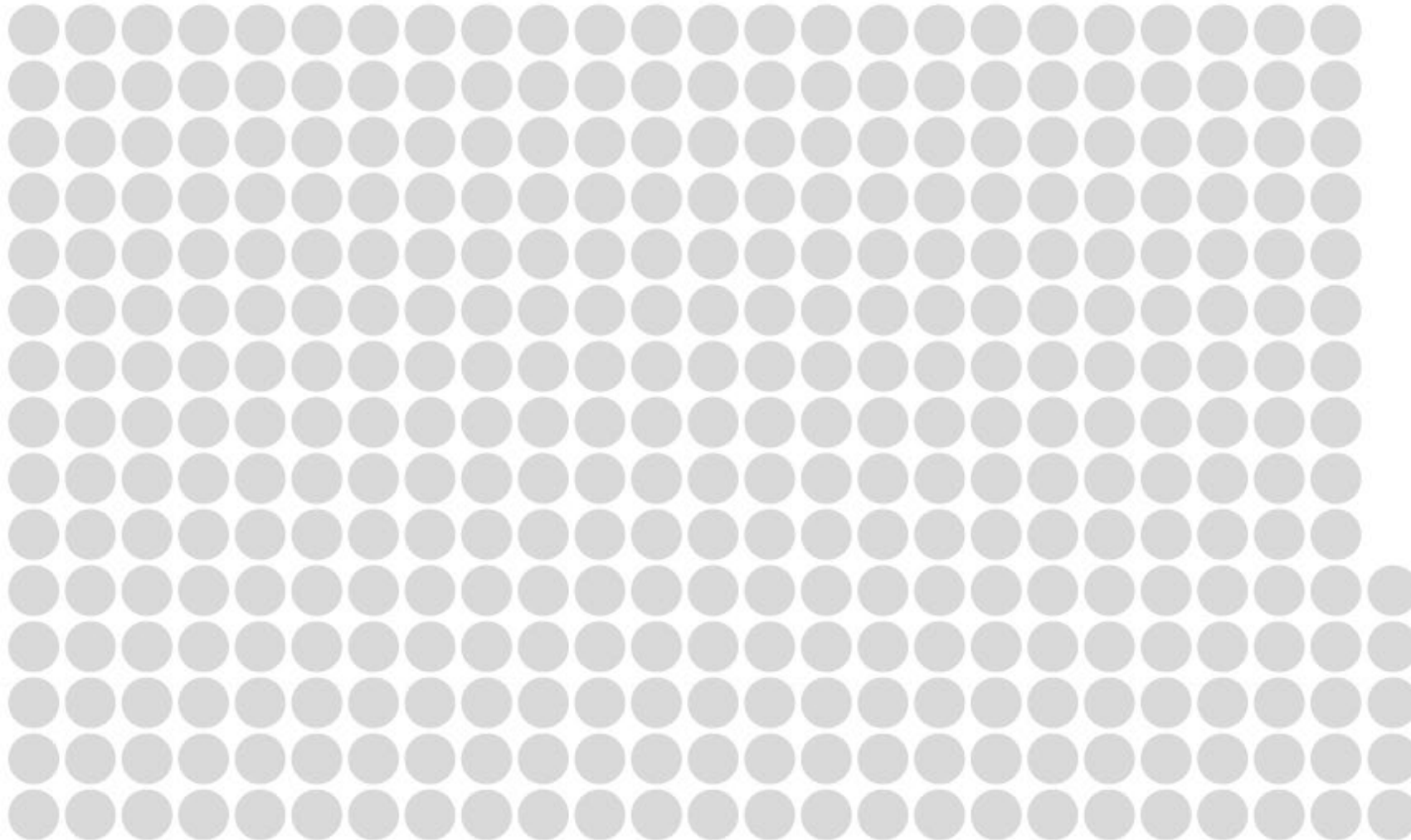
Does the low prevalence affect the sample size of interventional clinical trials of rare diseases? An analysis of data from the aggregate analysis of clinicaltrials.gov

Siew Wan Hee^{1*}, Adrian Willis², Catrin Tudur Smith³, Simon Day⁴, Frank Miller⁵, Jason Madar Sarah Zohar⁷ and Nigel Stallard¹

"We found that there were very few multi-nation trials suggesting that the opportunities to conduct larger or 'adequately' size trials were underused."



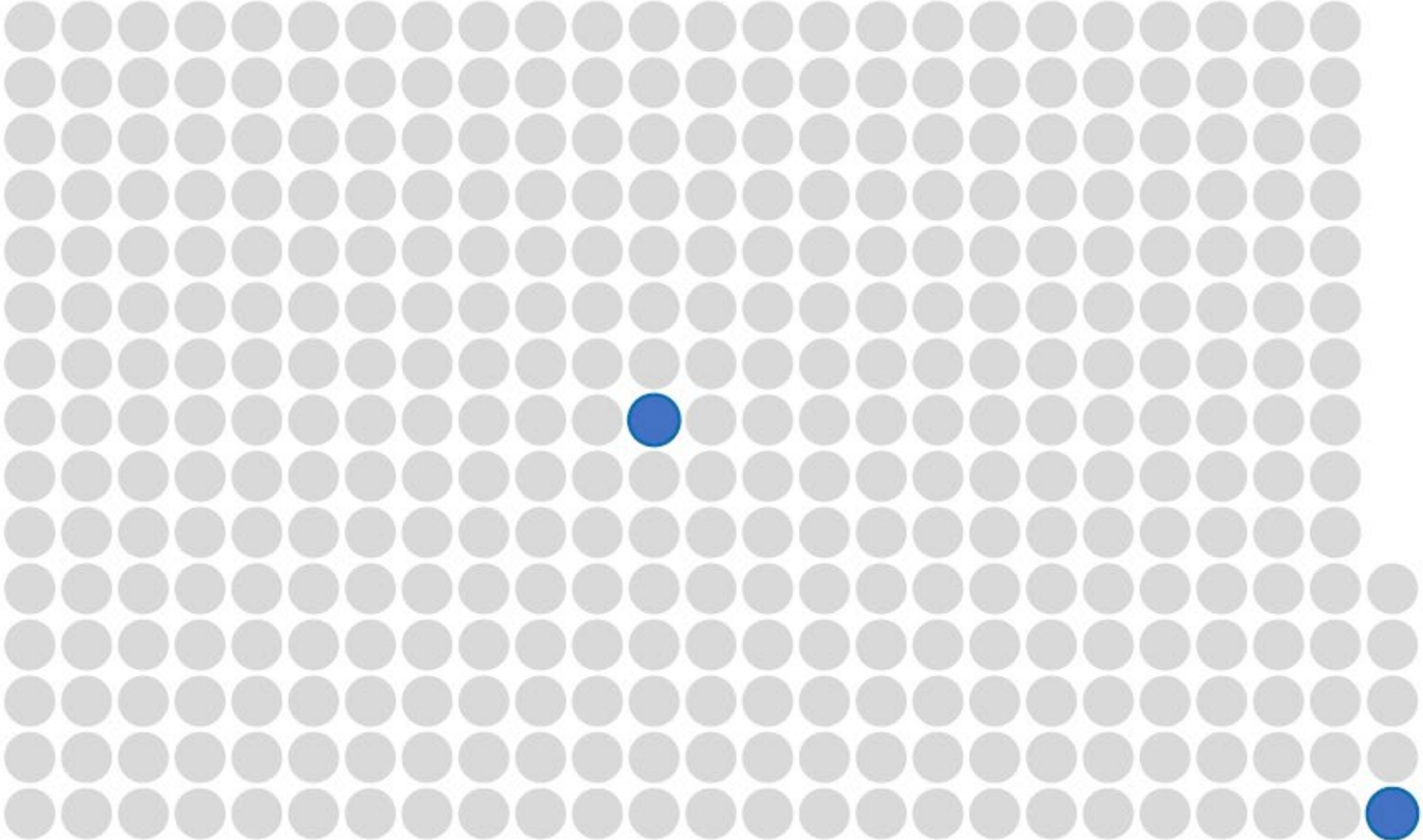
How is the patient doing outside of the clinic?



● Day with weak symptoms

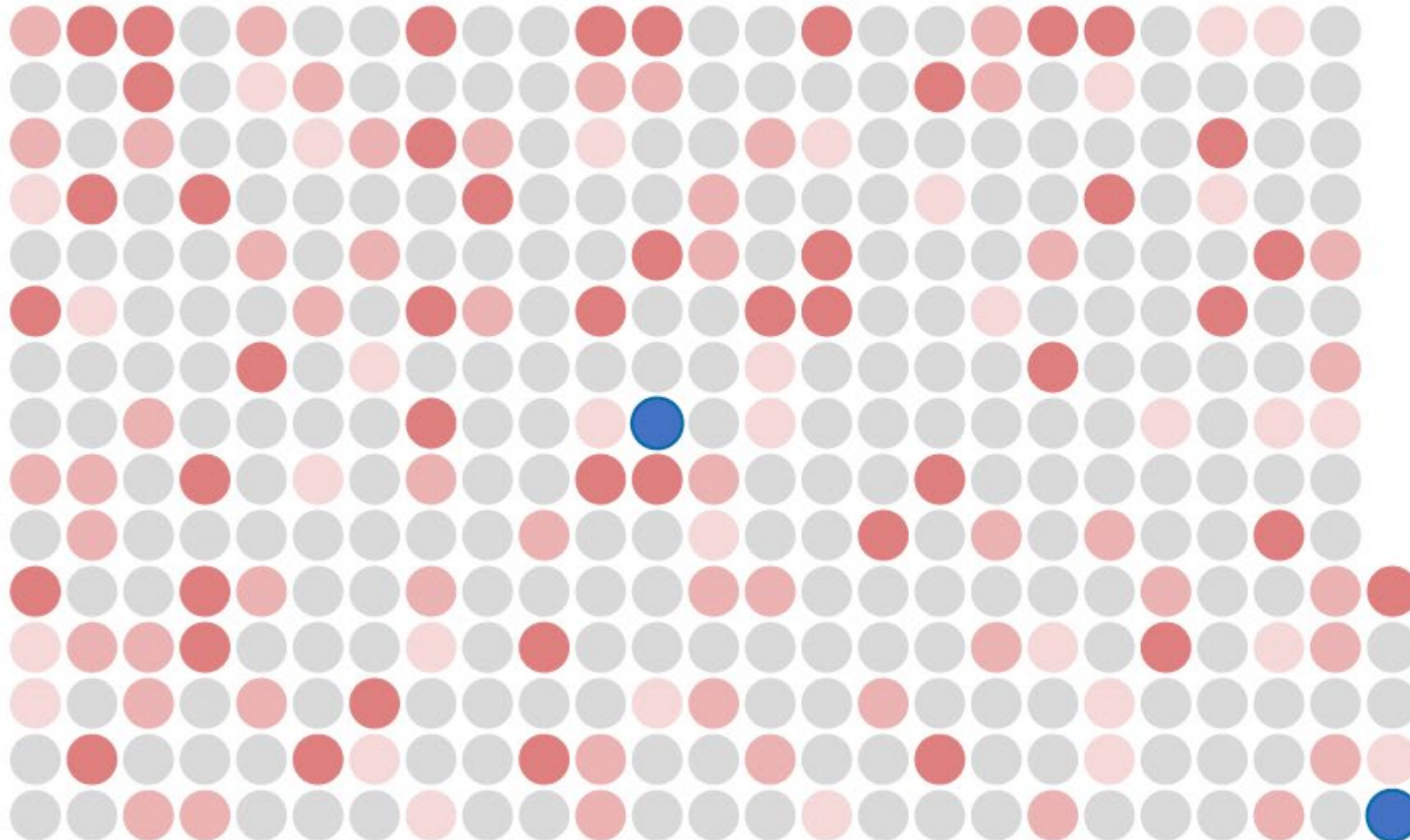
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A year in the life of a patient with e.g. Parkinson's



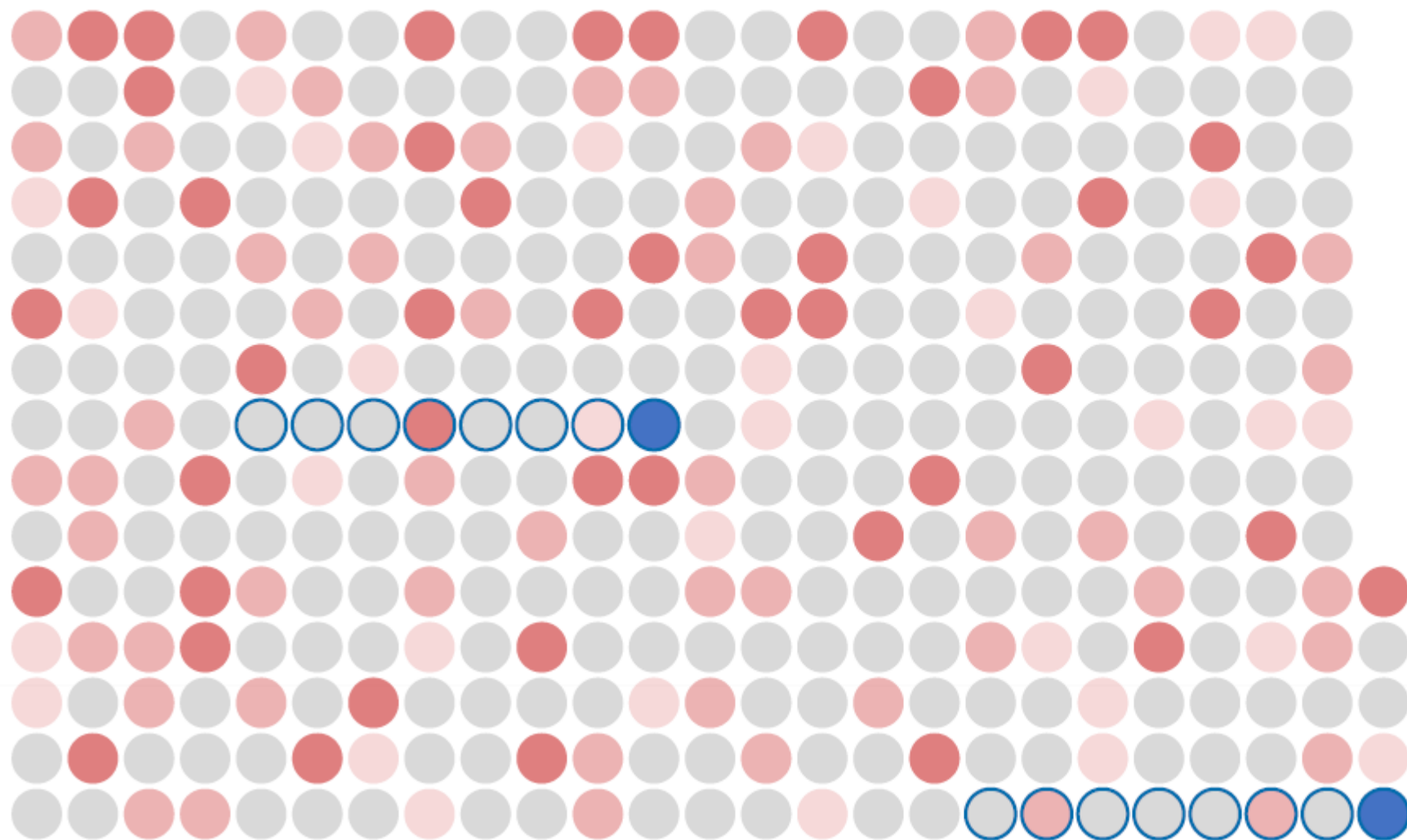
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- Day with weak symptoms
- Day of visit to clinic or physician
- Day with stronger symptoms
- Patient's recall period

And also

- *Adaptive trials, single arm trials with large effect size...*

- Anti-PD-L1 products (e.g. Keytruda)
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Phase I trial, single arm, evolving into phase III (more participants recruited)

With important effect size that could be attributed to the treatment (otherwise high mortality condition)

Use of placebo difficult as no more equipoise?

- Multi-factorial trial design testing different IMPs
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Head-to-head comparison of several investigational products in same trial

Lowering the risk to be randomised to the placebo arm

E.g. several antibodies tested for asthma

- And important other issues
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Such as access to the experimental product at the end of the trial

Roll-over studies – on-treatment studies - longer-term registries

Or data collection in compassionate use

In short

Third revision of ICH E6 guidelines are very welcome

Patient organisations could certainly contribute

Starting with *Interventional clinical trials and Additional considerations for non-traditional interventional clinical trials*

As we need to explain all these changes to our members and patients in general



Thank you.

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