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Scene setting on the EMA Qualification of novel methodologies (QoNM) for medicine development

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What is the “Qualification” of novel methodologies” (QoNM)?



Purpose

Seek **scientific evaluation** on the **acceptability and suitability** of an innovative drug development **methods and tools** for use in a specific context of use related to medicines development



Scope

Focus on the **use of novel methodologies*** developed by consortia, networks, public/private partnerships, learned societies and pharmaceutical industry for a specific intended use **in pharmaceuticals R&D**



Outputs

→ Issued by the Committee for Medicinal Products for Human Use ([CHMP](#)) based on recommendations from the Scientific Advice Working Party ([SAWP](#))

Qualification advice

[Letters of support](#) published to encourage data sharing, facilitate future Qualification, and to increase the visibility / transparency of promising methodology developments.

Qualification opinion

Public consultation of Draft CHMP evaluation before publication of Final [CHMP qualification opinions](#)



The Qualifications platform is **key** to achieving objectives of EMA Regulatory Science Strategy to 2025 (*'RSS to 2025'*)

Several strategic goals, including:

Establish an **EU framework** for **data quality** and **representativeness**

Develop **guidelines** and a **strengthened process** for **data qualification** through Scientific Advice





EMA multi-stakeholder workshop on qualification of novel methodologies

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📅 Date

📍 Location

Monday, 17 April 2023

🌐 Online

🏢 European Medicines Agency, Amsterdam, the Netherlands

Aims

- **Confirm the future scope** of qualification of novel methodologies to best support translation of innovation into patient benefit;
- Share procedural experiences from use cases to identify recommendations to **future proof the qualification process and its outcomes.**

Session 4: Real World Evidence – Qualification of data sources

*Chairs: Peter Mol (CBG-MEB) and Juan Jose Abellan Andres (EMA)***A regulatory perspective****15'***Peter Mol (CBG-MEB, University Groningen)***The Cystic Fibrosis experience****15'***Lutz Naehrlich (European Cystic Fibrosis Society Patient Registry)***The TREAT-NMD experience****15'***Neil Bennett (TREAT-NMD global registries)***Panel facilitated Q&A session****45'****Additional panellists:***Elizabeth Vroom (World Duchenne Organisation)**Julian Isla (Foundation 29, Dravet Syndrome European Federation, COMP)**Álmuth Spooner (AbbVie)*



Outcome of session on RWE – Qualification of data sources

- Clear **definition of contexts of use**
- Clear consideration of **data quality framework**
 - ✓ Develop a checklist to help data sources prepare relevant documentation
 - ✓ Streamline communication to avoid misunderstanding and manage expectations
 - ✓ Explore how to increase agility of the process
- Need for **lifecycle management** to re-confirm registries reliability/relevance
 - ✓ Foster dialogues between registry holders, medicine developers and regulators