



Setting the scene

Current status of RP on platform trials

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Concept paper and draft reflection paper



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Committee for Medicinal Products for Human Use (CHMP)

Concept paper on platform trials

Agreed by Methodology Working Party	08 September 2022
Adopted by CHMP for release for consultation	31 October 2022
Start of public consultation	11 November 2022
End of consultation (deadline for comments)	31 January 2023

Comments from 12 stakeholders were received, in total around **25 pages** (on a ~2 page document)

✓ **Thank you to all who commented!**



Reflection paper on platform trials
Draft²

Initial timelines

Discussion at CHMP: 12/2023
Draft Reflection Paper: 03/2024

➤ **It might take longer than expected. However, we remain ambitious!**

Plans for Reflection Paper

Reaction to Comments Received

Aspects considered in scope of the RP

Primary focus: **methodological issues** in **confirmatory** trials

- Clarify which **elements render a study exploratory** and under which circumstances a study is **suitable for confirmatory** regulatory **decision-making**
- **Multiplicity** will have a key role in the discussion
- (Non-) **Concurrent controls**
- **Blinding** / Unblinding due to (interim) analyses
- **Adaptive design** aspects specific to platform trials (e.g. RAR, change of control arm)

Broad definition of platform trials will be used (incl. multi-arm trials without AD)

- Trials with different (sub)populations (“basket”/“umbrella”) not in primary scope

Aspects considered NOT in scope of the RP

➤ **Note: All these aspects were forwarded to other stakeholders (e.g. ACT EU and CT CG) or are covered already in existing (see brackets) or upcoming guidelines.**

- (Purely) **operational aspects** (EMA/298712/2022)
- **Safety** considerations
- Intellectual property (**IP**) / data protection (**DP**)
- Specific guidance on
 - **rare diseases** (CHMP/EWP/83561/2005)
 - **paediatric extrapolation** (ICH E11A)
- **Historic controls** (ICH E10) & **Single-arm trials** (EMA/CHMP/564424/2021)
- **Bayesian methods** (EMA/298712/2022)

Other EU guidelines on platform trials

- CTFG Recommendation Paper on the Initiation and Conduct of Complex Clinical Trials
 - potential opportunities and challenges of complex clinical trials (CCTs)
 - key recommendations for initiating and CCTs
 - regulatory considerations and communication
- Complex clinical trials - Questions and answers (EMA/298712/2022)
 - Q1: planning and conduct of CCTs
 - Q2: additional considerations that are needed for the design and conduct
 - Q3: Bayesian statistics in (complex) clinical trials
 - Q4: shared controls / non-concurrent controls
 - Q5: biomarkers
 - Q6: safety
 - Q7: transparency (balance with integrity) and communication