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Identifying the Future Needs for Big Data in Medicines Regulation

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A drug's life cycle



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At registration

- Limited patient exposure (strictly defined populations)
- Focus on efficacy
- Rare Adverse Events cannot be detected

Research and Discovery



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The Cancer Genome Atlas Pan-Cancer analysis project





2,245 patients with new onset of worsening heart failure 729,530 SNPs 913 protein/ peptide peaks 144 biomarkers of heart failure

Penalized generalized canonical correlation analysis: Integrating high-dimensional genomic and proteomic markers with routine biomarkers and clinical data to a better understanding of complex diseases. Ouwerkerk et. al.. In preparation

CBG Selection of main committees MEB and parties involved

- The Committee for Medicinal Products for Human Use (CHMP)
- The Pharmacovigilance Risk Assessment Committee (PRAC)
- The Committee for Orphan Medicinal Products (COMP)
- The Paediatric Committee (PDCO)
- The Committee for Advanced Therapies (CAT)
- The Scientific Advice Working Party (SAWP)

C B G Opportunities for Big Data involvement throughout medicines lifecycle



Submission/evaluation Zalmoxis

- SAWP/COMP/CAT/CHMP/PDCO/PRAC
- Indication

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- Prevalence
- Existence of other methods of treatment
- Significant benefit of Zalmoxis

Submission/evaluation Zalmoxis

Non Interventional PASS

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- Safety and effectiveness in real clinical practice
- Long-term safety and effectiveness
- Using the EBMT registry including the patients treated with Zalmoxis

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Registries supporting new drug applications 01/2007-12/2010



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- Registries 1 6 per drug
- 9 registry imposed
- Size of safety
 population 94 13,000
- Orphan 15
- Conditional/Exceptional circumstances 13

Registries supporting new drug applications. Jonker et. al. in preparation

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Drug registries and licensing of drugs: promises, placebo or a real success – an investigation of post-approval registry studies. Jonker et. al. in preparation

Diabetologia (2009) 52:1732-1744 DOI 10.1007/s00125-009-1418-4 ARTICLE Disk of malignancies in patients	with diabetes treated						
with human insulin or insulin an	alogues: a cohort study						
L. G. Hemkens • U. Grouven • R. Bender • C. Günster • S. Gutschmidt • G. W. Selke • P. T. Sawicki	Diabetologia (2009) 52:1755-1765 DOI 10.1007/s00125-009-1453-1 ARTICLE Use of insulin glargine and cancer incidence in Scotland: a study from the Scottish Diabetes Research Network Epidemiology Group						
Diabetologia (2009) 52:1766-1777 DOI 10,1007/s00125-009-1440-6 ARTICLE							
The influence of glucose-low	H. M. Colhoun · SDRN Epidemiology Group						
C. J. Currie • C. D. Poole • E. A. M. Gale	Increased Cancer-Related Mortality for Patients With Type 2 Diabetes Who Use Sulfonylureas or Insulin						
	SAMANTHA L. BOWKER, MSC ^{1,2} SUMIT R. MAJUMDAR, MD, MPH ^{1,3} PAUL VEUGELERS, PHD ² JEFFREY A. JOHNSON, PHD ^{1,2} Diabetes Care 29:254–258, 200						

Assessement CHMP 2009

 Limitations in the way the studies were conducted, a link between insulin glargine and cancer could not be confirmed or excluded from the results. In addition, the Committee noted that the results of the studies were not consistent.

					Time-related biases			
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Colhoun (5)	•			•				Short follow-up
Currie (6)	•		•	•				Short follow-up
Hemkens (7)	•		•	•		•		Time-lag bias
Jonasson (8)	•	•		•				Inclusion of prevalent users

• The CHMP requested further data.

- 2 cohort studies.
 - 175,000 patients in Northern Europe treated with insulin glargine, human insulin, or combined insulin,
 - Data from 140,000 patients in the United States.
- Case-control study
 - 2 x 750 pts conducted in Canada, France, and the United Kingdom with human insulin and other types of insulin.
- Scientific literature

EMA concluded (2013):

"Based on the assessment of the populationbased studies, the CHMP concluded that overall the data did not indicate an increased risk of cancer with insulin glargine," says the EMA. It notes also that "there is no known mechanism by which insulin glargine would cause cancer and that a cancer risk has not been seen in laboratory studies."

Breast cancer drug X, external validity

Inclusion criteria

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- Age: 20 to 74 years at time of consent
- ECOG performance 0 to 1 (i.e. good performance able to carry out normal activity)

Exclusion criteria

- Cardiac failure, coronary artery disease hypertension
- Patients with serious uncontrolled intercurrent illness, including poorly controlled insulin dependent diabetes mellitus.
- Patients assessed by the investigator to be unable or unwilling to comply with the requirements of the protocol.

External Validity of the ARISTOTLE Trial in Real-Life Afib Patients



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A. Did not meet ECG-criteria, B. Did not meet ECG-criteria and had psychosocial problems, C. Had psychosocial problems, D. Other exclusion criteria than above

Number and/or proportion of patients with AF suitable for OAC treatment that were eligible/ineligible for ARISTOTLE trial participation (n = 1579). AF, Atrial fibrillation; OAC, oral anticoagulant. Hägg et. al. Cardiovascular Therapeutics 2014

C B G Regulators and HTA



The efficacy-effectiveness gap: efficacy data do not sufficiently predict real-world effectiveness in the case of orphan drugs for metabolic diseases in the European Union. Schuller et. al. in preparation 22

C B G Integrating real-life studies in the global therapeutic research framework



Figure 2: An illustration of how the conceptual framework could be applied to a specific condition (asthma)³⁻⁹

Roche et al. Lancet Respir Med. 2013



Source: Adapted from Stroetmann et al. (2011).

RWD; barriers restricting its full exploitation in medicines regulation

- The absence of common standards
- Governance issues
- Privacy concerns
- Methodological barriers
 - Patients are not randomised to treatment
 - Patients who receive treatment may differ from those who do not
 - Channelling bias or confounding by indication
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E B where Big Data may get involved



Risk factors of disease

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Natural history of the disease Treatment pathways

Design of clinical trials

Contribute to Risk Management Plan

Effectiveness of risk minimization measures

Provide framework for safety signals

PA safety and effectiveness measures

Drug utilization studies

Value story of drug