

# CLINICAL RESEARCH AND ACADEMIC CLINICAL TRIALS

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# Clinical Research Topics: Onco-pharmacology

- ▶ **Personalised Clinical Trials** – Stratified Precision Medicine in Oncology
- ▶ **Pharmacogenetics, PK/PD modelling of Tki**
- ▶ **ATMPs** – development of Personalised Therapeutic Vaccine (GMP lab)
  - ▶ **Phase I Academic Clinical Trials** : EudraCT:2014-003388-39
  - ▶ COMBINED ANTITUMOR THERAPY WITH EX VIVO MANIPULATED DENDRITIC CELLS PRODUCING INTERLEUKIN-12 IN CHILDREN, ADOLESCENTS AND YOUNG ADULTS WITH PROGRESSIVE, RECURRENT OR PRIMARILY METASTATIC HIGH-RISK TUMOR
- ▶ **Drug-repurposing**
  - ▶ **Phase I Academic Clinical Trials** : EudraCT number 2016-001386-81
  - ▶ PHASE II OPEN LABELED TRIAL OF DISULFIRAM WITH COPPER IN METASTATIC BREAST CANCERS)
- ▶ **Pediatric Oncology**



# The biggest challenges of carrying out academic clinical studies

- ▶ Growing **administrative burden** and requirements
  - ▶ Increasing demand on skilled and experienced team
- ▶ No systematic **funding** for academic trials on national level
  - ▶ Not allowing to hire CRO or pay External specialists
- ▶ „Different view“ of academic investigators – **national differences**
- ▶ Need for **Innovative Clinical Trial Design**
  - ▶ **Adaptive Trial Design**
  - ▶ **Basket/Umbrella Trials in Oncology**
  - ▶ **N- of-1 clinical trials...**

# Need for training of regulatory guidelines and processes

- ▶ Systematic support of basic trainings to adequately prepare new specialist in CT RA/PhV
  - ▶ Basic introductory course – support of local activities, content, available speakers, financial support
  - ▶ Basic knowledge about current technical/IT solutions
- ▶ Special advanced courses
- ▶ Regulatory GCP trainings
- ▶ Training in CT Ethics
  - ▶ Different approach in members states in practice (ethic committees, etc.)

# Training in regulatory science available/attended

- ▶ Regular seminars/ trainings organized by **Local RA (SUKL)**
- ▶ **Commercial** trainings and courses – mainly available for industry (high price)
- ▶ **CZECRIN** – limited capacity of trainings
- ▶ **PharmAround**, endowment fund – basic trainings, limited capacity
  - ▶ Phases of Drug Life- Cycle – special parts for discovery, pre-clinical, clinical trials, registration, translational research – with regulatory aspects as well
  - ▶ Education and knowledge sharing of CT personnel – annual conference, annual National Clinical trials day – different regulatory topics for academia
- ▶ **PhD in Regulatory Science – Masaryk University** – since 2019

# Experiences on dealing with national RA authorities

- ▶ Wide **long-term cooperation** with local RA (State Institute of Drug Control)
- ▶ **Scientific Advice** available – no fee for academia
- ▶ CTA – **CZECRIN as a part of training** activities for EMA Database
- ▶ GCP – consultation, workshops, seminars available for academic centers
- ▶ **Well established cooperation on national level**