INNOVATIVE CLINICAL TRIAL DESIGNS WELCOMED BY REGULATORS BUT WHAT ABOUT THE PAYERS?



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Each panelist will speak for 10 minutes and this will be followed by a 15minute panel discussion, and 15 minutes of Q&A from the audience

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THERE IS A LONG-STANDING DECLINE IN PHARMACEUTICAL R&D PRODUCTIVITY...



SOURCE: 1Scannell et al. Nat Rev Drug Discov. 2012 Mar 1;11(3):191-200..

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These trial designs are not mutually exclusive – e.g. umbrella trials often have the flexibility to add/drop sub-trials (i.e. are also adaptive in nature)

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ADAPTIVE TRIALS ARE POTENTIALLY THE MOST WELL RECOGNISED OF THESE INNOVATIVE TRIALS...



... ALONGSIDE UMBRELLA TRIALS WHICH ALLOW THE TESTING OF MULTIPLE DRUGS FOR A DISEASE



THERE ARE SOME NOTABLE EXAMPLES OF THESE INNOVATIVE TRIAL DESIGNS IN PRACTICE...

STAMPEDE trial, an adaptive umbrella trial



... AND REGULATORS HAVE ISSUED GUIDANCE CAUTIOUSLY WELCOMING ADAPTIVE TRIAL DESIGNS...



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UK HTA PERSPECTIVE

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Yet another source of uncertainty.

Oh GOOD.

How do we respond?

TWO EXAMPLES TO CONSIDER

Example of BASKET

Treat cancer patients with a common genetic mutation

Multiple primary cancer sites

Single arm clinical study

N<100 in total

For some primary cancer sites n=1

ORR endpoint

Example of ADAPTIVE

(Ultra) Orphan disease

Two major manifestations (A,B)

Start with mainly B (n=30)

Expansion cohort mainly A (n=50)

Emerging Q: are patients with BOTH A and B the best target?

HTA AGENCIES ALREADY COPE WITH CHANGE

Acknowledge HTA and Payers are DIFFERENT

All HTA decisions are made under uncertainty

HTA agencies already face:

Licenses issued on the basis of conditional approval

Surrogate endpoints that work for licensing but are of uncertain value

Shifting attitude on role of equipoise/RCT – cope with increasing number of non-comparative studies



COPING WITH UNCERTAINTY AT NICE

'Single arm' clinical study only

Examples in classical HL (nivolumab), anaplastic (brentuximab) and Waldenstrom's (ibrutinib)

Match to control cohort and / or new indirect comparison methods

All given some access

Managed access agreements

Nine examples of guidance issued or in final draft

Typically letting OS data collected in main study mature

Also collecting treatment duration in practice

Typically 2- 4 years to report

Interpretation: even high levels of uncertainty can be acceptable with the right techniques and tools

But will this apply to innovative study designs?

Health Technology Assessment in the Context of Adaptive Pathways for Medicines in Europe: Challenges and Opportunities

JC Bouvy¹, P Jonsson¹, C Longson¹, N Crabb¹ and S Garner¹

DOES HTA RECOGNISE THE NEED FOR AP DESIGN?

At director level, maybe yes At committee member level, probably no

Why?

Systematic attempt to lower evidence standards Early access for commercial reasons A way for companies to have their cake and eat it Shift risks and R&D costs onto the taxpayer

ARE SOME ADAPTATIONS LESS UNACCEPTABLE?

Candidates:

Expansion cohort? Yes, HTA considers patients who match license

Dose changes? Yes, same logic, match the license

Primary endpoint? Hmm, could be seen as a weakness, may depend on reason for the change e.g. fell short of expectations

Explanation of need for adaptation and perceived motive will matter

MORE EFFICIENT DESIGN?

- Unintended consequences: lower R&D costs, lower prices
- Might be conditional HTA acceptance but lower price expected and will this ever be restored? Plus delay in negotiating
- Key issue: who selects adaptations and on what basis in pursuit of 'science' or 'profit'?
- Incentivise speculative behaviour try it in very broad population, can always change it

I predict UK HTA will start from the license

and will be quite pragmatic in considering all the evidence

but there will be a price to pay in terms of willingness to accept a higher and less certain cost per QALY

ADVICE FOR COMPANY

- Early engagement with HTA organisations
- · See things from their point-of-view, at least when you rehearse
- · Be warned this involves listening as well as explaining
- Might hear things are no as simple as internal company logic suggests
- There are pragmatic attitudes out there, but not at any price
- Expose the company to realistic external attitudes early & often



Innovative Clinical Trial Designs Welcomed by Regulators but what about the Payers?

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DAK-Gesundheit: Germany's longest-standing and third-largest SHI company is a quality leader

- ٠ Germany's third largest nationwide statutory health insurance company
- 5.9 million insured, (approx. 8.0% market share)
- ٠ Annual expenditures: EUR 20.0 billion in health insurance
- Drug spending: EUR 3.8 billion (approx. 11% of GKV drug costs)

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MedTech spending: approx. EUR 2.1 billion ٠ (estimate based on DAK-G, BMG and MVMed Data)



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The good old ancient times: Drugs were cheap, effective and cure instantaneously



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The long term healthcare goals are clear: Patients need access to healthcare and medicines





The GBA's / IQWIG's AMNOG-assessment is based on active pharmaceutical compound, indication and comparator

- · One active pharmaceutical compound (or combination) / one indication
- · Appropriate comparator (SoC / maybe several / maybe different)
- · Differentiation of study population in several subgroups
- · Different aspects of the assessement
 - Mortality
 - Morbidity
 - Side-effects / adverse effects / drug safety
 - · Quality of life
- · Objective: to define the additional benefit compared to SoC
- · Different levels of additional benefit
 - · Less, no, not quantifiable, minor, considerable, major additional benefit
- Different evidence categories
 - proof, indication, hint, based upon the number and characteristics of studies provided

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The Institute for Quality and Efficiency in Health Care favours RCTs for the assessment of drug interventions

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Randomization is the best currently available instrument to minimize bias. In RCTs the fundamental requirements for a proof of causality are given. Other types of studies as RCTs are not usually suitable for a proof of causality.

The randomized controlled trial is the gold standard in the assessment of drug interventions. Usually RCTs are possible and practically feasible. Only in exceptional cases non-randomized intervention studies or observational studies may be taken into account.

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Only randomized controlled trials, based on the random assignment of subjects, sufficiently ensure that known and unknown patient characteristics that interfere with or distort a fair comparison of two or more medical interventions are equally distributed. ... even with a high degree of innovation dynamics, evaluations of the benefits and harms of medical methods and products can be based on robust evidence for the protection of patients.

Lange S, Sauerland S, Lauterberg J, Windeler J: The range and scientific value of randomized trials—part 24 of a series on evaluation of scientific publications. Dtsch Arztebl Int 2017; 114: 635–40. DOI: 10.2328/arztebl.2017.0635



Innovative clinical trial designs – overview: How does this fit to GBA / IQWIG scientific approach



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