

# AGGIORNAMENTI DI STATISTICA E RICERCA CLINICA

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**Disegni sperimentali adattativi** (platform trial)  
e come leggere i dati di uno studio clinico

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# DISEGNO DI UNA SPERIMENTAZIONE CLINICA

- STUDIO NON COMPARATIVO

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## STUDIO COMPARATIVO

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TR. “C”:  $X_{1C}$  -  $X_{2C} = \Delta_C + \Delta_Y$

ENTITÀ DELLA RELAZIONE CAUSALE  
DELL'EFFETTO DI “S” RISPETTO A “C”:

$$(\Delta_S + \Delta_Y) - [\Delta_C + \Delta_Y] = \Delta_S - \Delta_C$$

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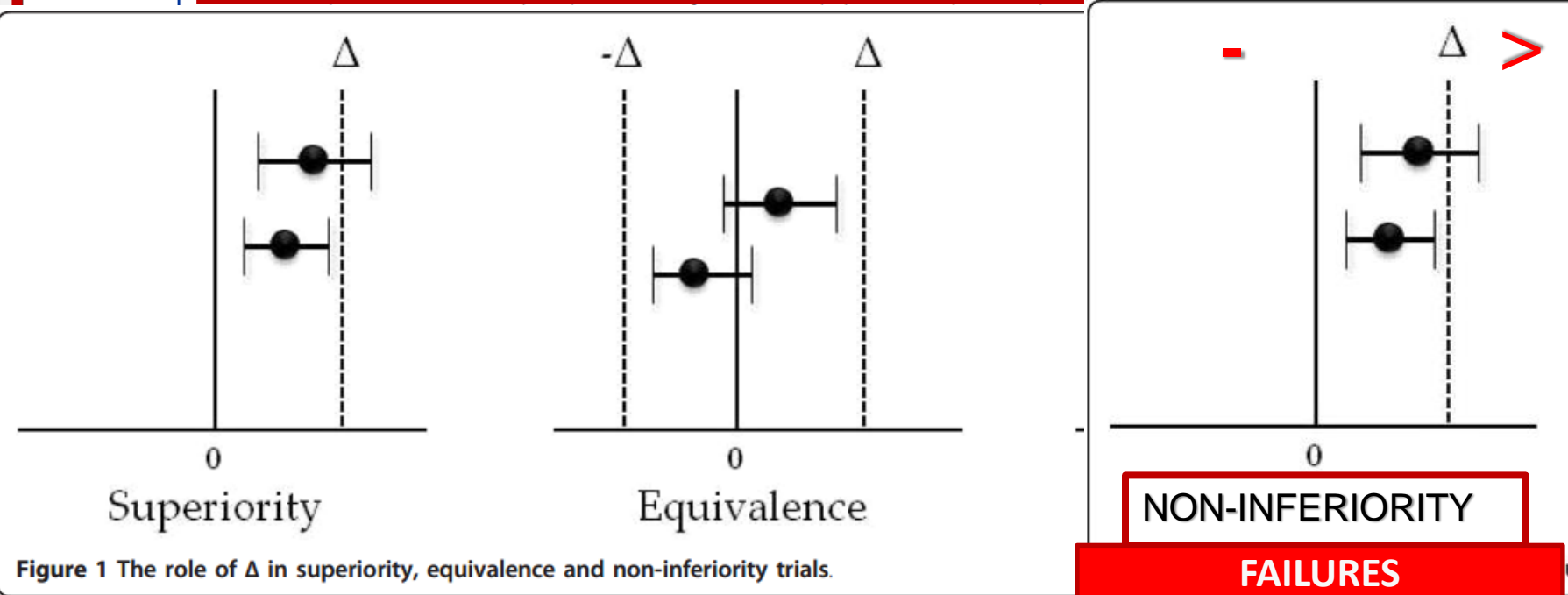
# Through the looking glass: understanding non-inferiority

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## DEFINITIONS

### Abstract

Non-inferiority trials test whether a new product is not unacceptably worse than a product already in use. This



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## Le ipotesi STATISTICHE dello studio

### 6.1

#### DETERMINATION OF SAMPLE SIZE

The primary endpoint of PFS was used to determine the sample size for the study. Estimates of the number of events required to demonstrate efficacy with regard to PFS are based on the following assumptions:

- two-sided log-rank test at the 0.05 level of significance
- 80% power to detect a hazard ratio (HR) for DRV+R versus LPV+R of 0.66, corresponding to an approximate median improvement of 2.3 months to 24 months (34% reduction in risk of a PFS event)
- exponential distribution of PFS
- an annual dropout rate of 5%
- one interim analysis for efficacy, 12 months after the last patient enrolled

Under these assumptions, 186 PFS events are required to achieve 80% power for the primary analysis of PFS in all patients. Assuming an enrollment of 20 months, it is planned to enroll 372 patients across two arms, randomized 1:1.

An efficacy interim analysis is planned approximately 12 months after the last patient is enrolled (see Section 10). Efficacy will be evaluated at a p value of 0.001 (corresponding to a hazard ratio of approximately 0.59). The minimum detectable difference at the final analysis corresponds approximately to a hazard ratio of 0.75. It is expected that, after a 9-month ramp-up, 24 patients per month will be recruited. Total enrollment is expected to take approximately 20 months.

### 8.3

#### Sample Size Calculation

For a 1-sided log-rank test at an overall  $\alpha = 0.025$  level of significance, and OS events (deaths) of 80% power to reject the null hypothesis of equal survival distributions under the following conditions: two exponentially distributed survival times with median of 9.7 months in the experimental group (docetaxel plus durvalumab) and control group (docetaxel plus placebo), respectively (corresponding to a hazard ratio of 0.67); treatment group allocation; and interim analysis for efficacy and superiority at 33% and 50% of accrued OS events using the O'Brien spending function boundaries with a'Brien-Fleming shape. Assuming uniform patient accrual over 24 months; a total study duration of 30 months; and a 10% dropout rate, the total sample size for this study will be 582 patients. This sample size was derived using SAS Proc SEQDESIGN.

### 4.5

#### Sample size

The primary endpoint will be the proportion with treatment failure. Thus, assuming a response rate of 90% at 48 weeks for different treatment arms, 115 subjects will be required per treatment arm to establish non-inferiority of DRV/r versus triple therapy, and of LPV/r versus triple therapy, with a maximum allowable difference of 12%, with one-sided significance level of  $p=0.025$  (80% power). To account for a maximum of 10% major protocol deviations that would be excluded from the on-protocol analysis, 125 subjects will be recruited in each treatment arm (375 subjects in total). The non-inferiority margin is justified by the low expected placebo failure rate in the reference group (12% per year (not leaving much room for superiority)), and by the fact that besides +  $\Delta$  biological efficacy, the novel treatment arms might have advantages in terms of toxicity and tolerability.

### 8.6

#### Determination of sample size

Assuming a standard deviation of 2.5% for the change in LVEF (CMR) between the post- and the pre-treatment measurements (see Bellenger et al.), a true difference of 2.5% between active treatment and placebo ( $\Delta$ ) will lead with a power of 80% to a Bayes posterior probability  $P(\Delta > 0 | \text{data})$  of at least 8% (0.08) in the difference between active treatment and placebo (i.e.,  $\Delta = 0$ ) in the data) when 15 patients (10 under active treatment, 5 under placebo) will be evaluable for the analysis (using non-informative prior; Reference: Calculations done with the Query Advisor tool based on the relationship  $\alpha = 1 - P(\Delta > 0 | \text{data})$  when non-informative prior is used).

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#### DETERMINA

The primary endpoint of PFS  
Estimates of the number of events  
are based on the following assumptions:

- two-sided log-rank test at  $\alpha = 0.05$
- 80% power to detect a hazard ratio of 0.67 (corresponding to an approximate 34% reduction in risk of death)
- exponential distribution of survival times
- an annual dropout rate of 10%
- one interim analysis for efficacy at 12 months

Under these assumptions, 186 patients are required for the primary analysis of PFS in the planned-to-enroll 372 patients. An efficacy interim analysis is planned at 12 months (corresponding to a hazard ratio of 0.67). A difference in the final analysis is expected that, after a 9-month enrollment is expected to take place.

### 8.3

#### Sample Size Calculation

For a 1-sided log-rank test at  $\alpha = 0.05$ , the power to reject the null hypothesis is 80% under the following conditions: 700 events in the experimental group (docetaxel plus placebo) and 500 events in the control group (placebo plus docetaxel) under the following assumptions: a 10% dropout rate; and interim analysis at 12 months. The total sample size for this study will be 582 patients. This sample size was derived using SAS Proc SEQDESIGN.

## Sample Size Calculation

Si deve riportare:

- 1)-la variabile (end-point)
- 2)-La baseline del controllo a cui si aggiunge un incremento / decremento o effect size
- 3)-il livello di significatività e se a una o due code
- 4)-la potenza del test di significatività
- 5)-il tipo di test di significatività usato

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## Appendice 6

**Modulo da utilizzare per la gestione transitoria a seguito della sospensione dei sistemi informativi dell'OsSC a partire dal 1.1.2013**

### **MODULO DI COMUNICAZIONE AL RICHIEDENTE, AGLI ALTRI COMITATI ETICI E AD AIFA DELLA DECISIONE DEL COMITATO ETICO RELATIVA AL PARERE UNICO**

Il parere finale (favorevole o non favorevole) deve essere trasmesso entro trenta giorni dalla data di ricevimento della domanda nella forma prescritta (entro sessanta giorni in caso di sperimentazione monocentrica)

*Da completare a cura del comitato etico che ha rilasciato il parere unico:*

#### **A. IDENTIFICAZIONE DELLA SPERIMENTAZIONE**

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## E. ELEMENTI VALUTATI

(selezionare NA nei casi in cui l'informazione non sia applicabile)

### E.1 Dati di qualità del medicinale sperimentale ←

Le informazioni e i dati necessari a supportare la qualità dell'IMP sono adeguati ☐

Il promotore ha documentato che i prodotti in sperimentazione saranno preparati, gestiti e conservati nel rispetto delle Norme di Buona Fabbricazione (GMP) applicabili ☐

E.1.1 Eventuali elementi critici riscontrati (*testo libero*):

### E.2 Dati di farmacologia non clinica e tossicologia ←

Esistono presupposti solidi e rilevanti che giustificano l'avvio dello studio ☐

E.2.1 Eventuali elementi critici riscontrati (*testo libero*):

### E.3 Dati clinici ←

Esistono presupposti solidi e rilevanti che giustificano l'avvio dello studio (non applicabile per studi di fase I e II) ☐ ☐ NA

Lo studio consentirà di acquisire maggiori informazioni sull'IMP, di migliorare le procedure profilattiche, diagnostiche e terapeutiche o la comprensione dell'eziologia e della patogenesi delle malattie ☐

E.3.1 Eventuali elementi critici riscontrati (*testo libero*):

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## E.4 Protocollo

Gli obiettivi sono coerenti con il razionale scientifico  ☐

Il disegno dello studio è pertinente e rilevante  ☐

Sono stati esaminati i seguenti aspetti:

Mancanza del gruppo di controllo ☐ ☐ NA

Disegno in aperto ☐ ☐ NA

Assenza di randomizzazione ☐ ☐ NA

Uso del placebo quale gruppo di controllo ☐ ☐ NA

Disegno di equivalenza o di non inferiorità ☐ ☐ NA

# Comitato Etico: COMPETENZE

## E.4 Protocollo

Gli obiettivi sono chiari

Il disegno dello studio è appropriato

Sono stati esaminati

Mancanza del controllo

Disegno in aperto

Assenza di randomizzazione

Uso del placebo

Disegno di efficacia

Lo schema di trattamento con l'IMP risulta adeguato (via di somministrazione, dosaggio e posologia, durata della terapia)

Il trattamento di controllo e lo schema di trattamento sono giustificati

I criteri di inclusione/esclusione sono appropriati, chiari e ben definiti

Gli esami, le visite e le procedure previste (specie se invasive) sono idonei a verificare gli effetti del trattamento

La misura di esito primaria è clinicamente rilevante o correlabile a una misura clinicamente rilevante

I metodi per rilevare la misura di esito primaria risultano adeguati

Il calendario previsto per la rilevazione dei parametri di efficacia è appropriato

I parametri selezionati per la valutazione della sicurezza sono congrui

Il *follow-up* ha una durata sufficiente in relazione all'obiettivo dello studio

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La dimensione campionaria è stata calcolata in funzione della misura di esito primaria dichiarata ☐

Il calcolo della dimensione campionaria è corretto in relazione alla potenza prevista per lo studio ☐

Il piano statistico di analisi dei dati è coerente rispetto agli obiettivi ☐

La differenza attesa tra i trattamenti confrontati è significativa ☐

In caso di studio di equivalenza o di non inferiorità, la differenza considerata non rilevante è sufficientemente ristretta ed accettabile ☐

Il protocollo è conforme alle linee guida EMA in materia ☐

Se sì al punto precedente, specificarne i riferimenti (*testo*)

E.4.1 Eventuali elementi critici riscontrati (*testo libero*):

Il follow-up ha una durata sufficiente in relazione all'obiettivo dello studio ☐

ASPETTI STATISTICI

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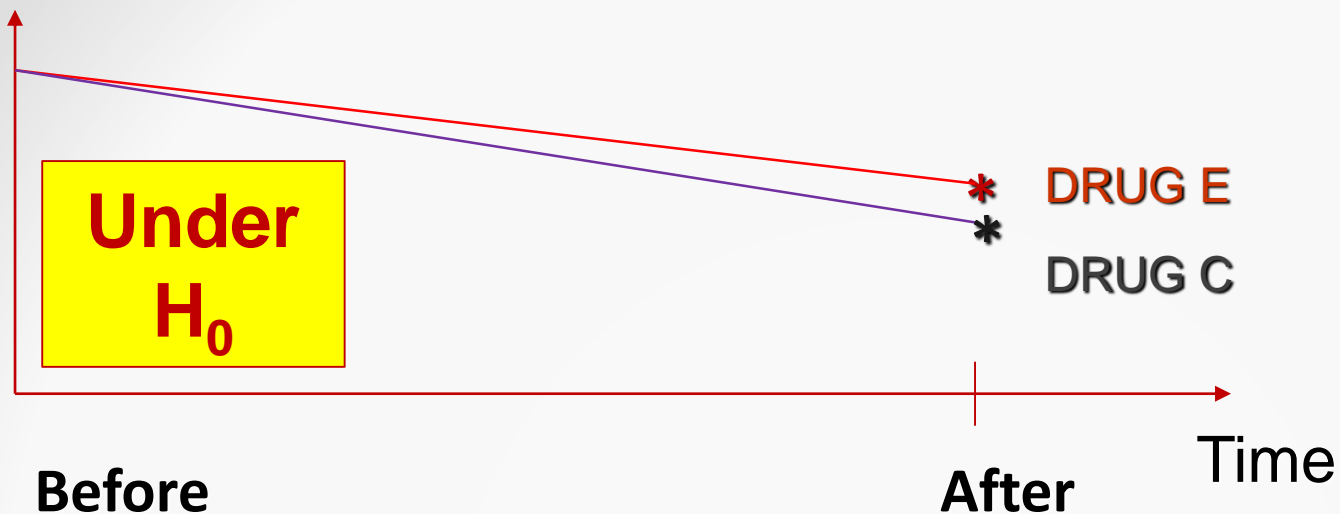
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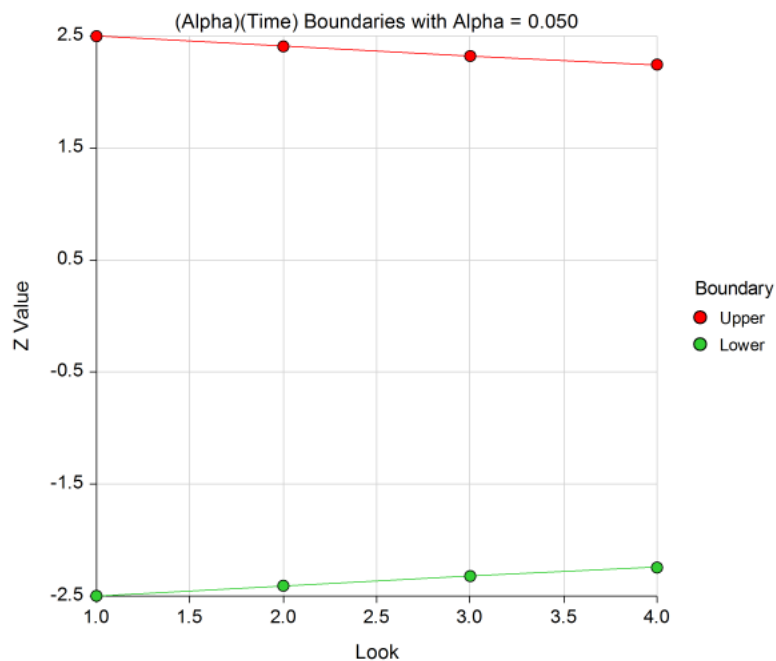
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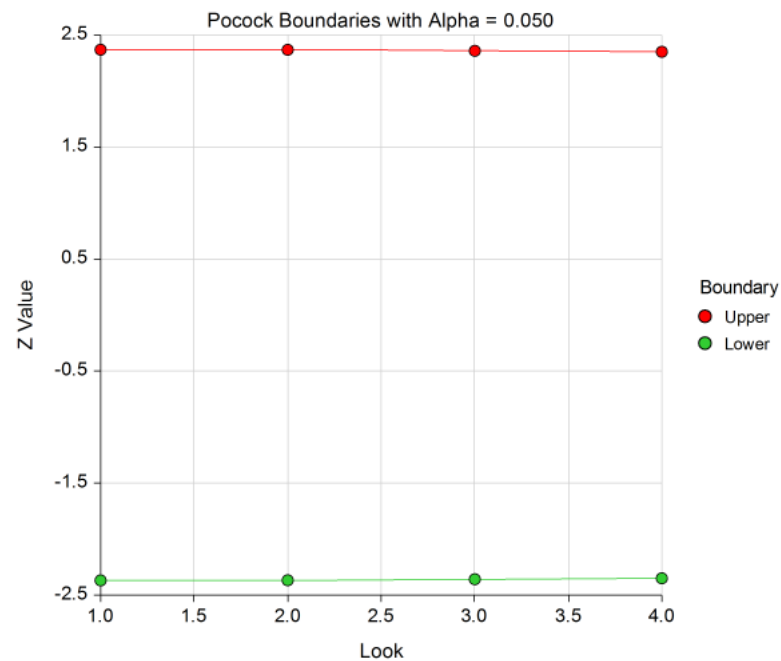
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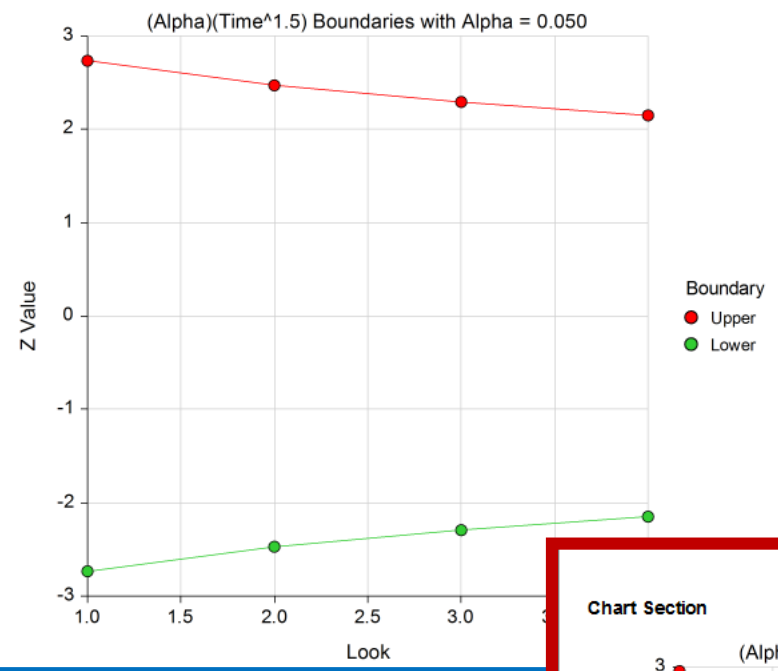


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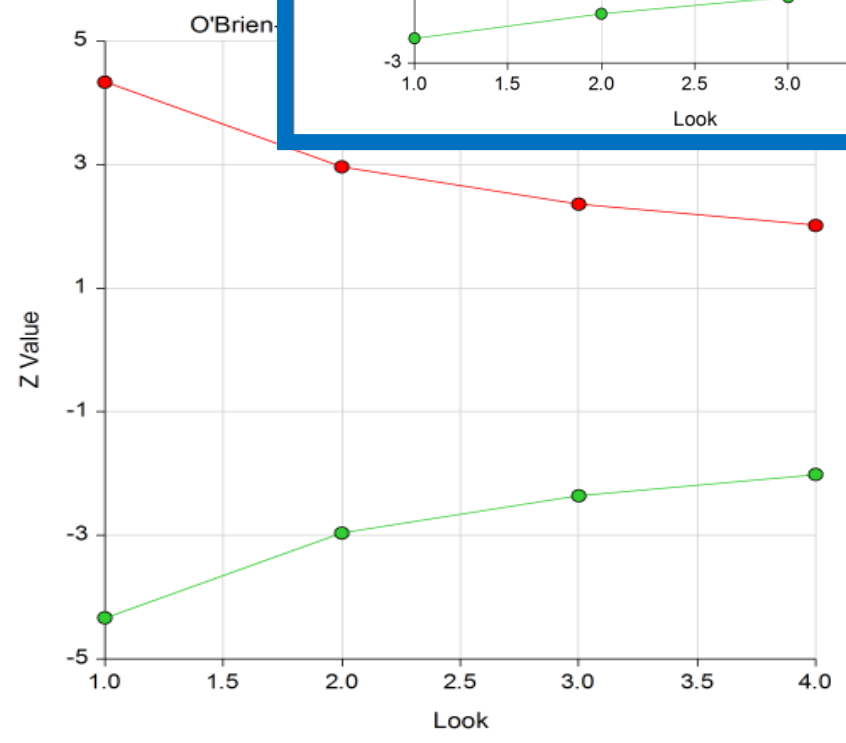
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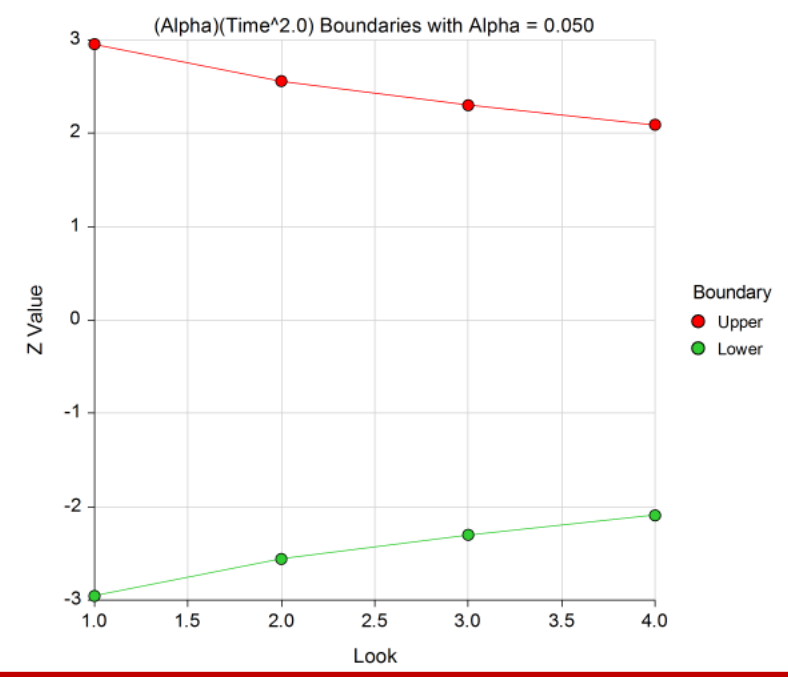
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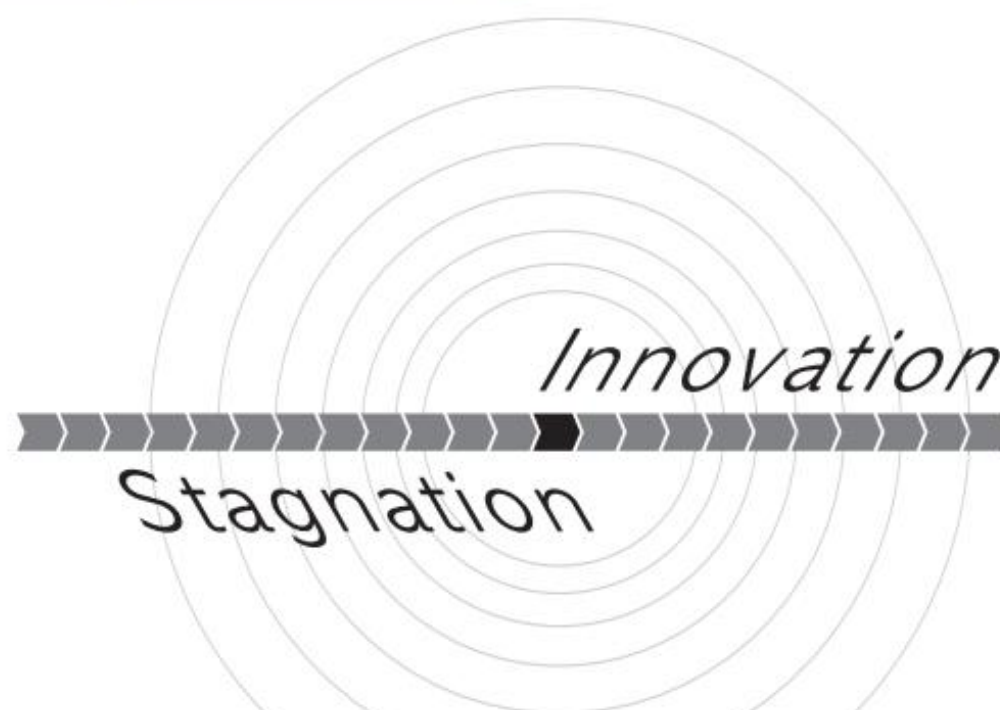
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# **Challenge and Opportunity on the Critical Path to New Medical Technologies**



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# INNOVATION OR STAGNATION?

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# Executive Summary

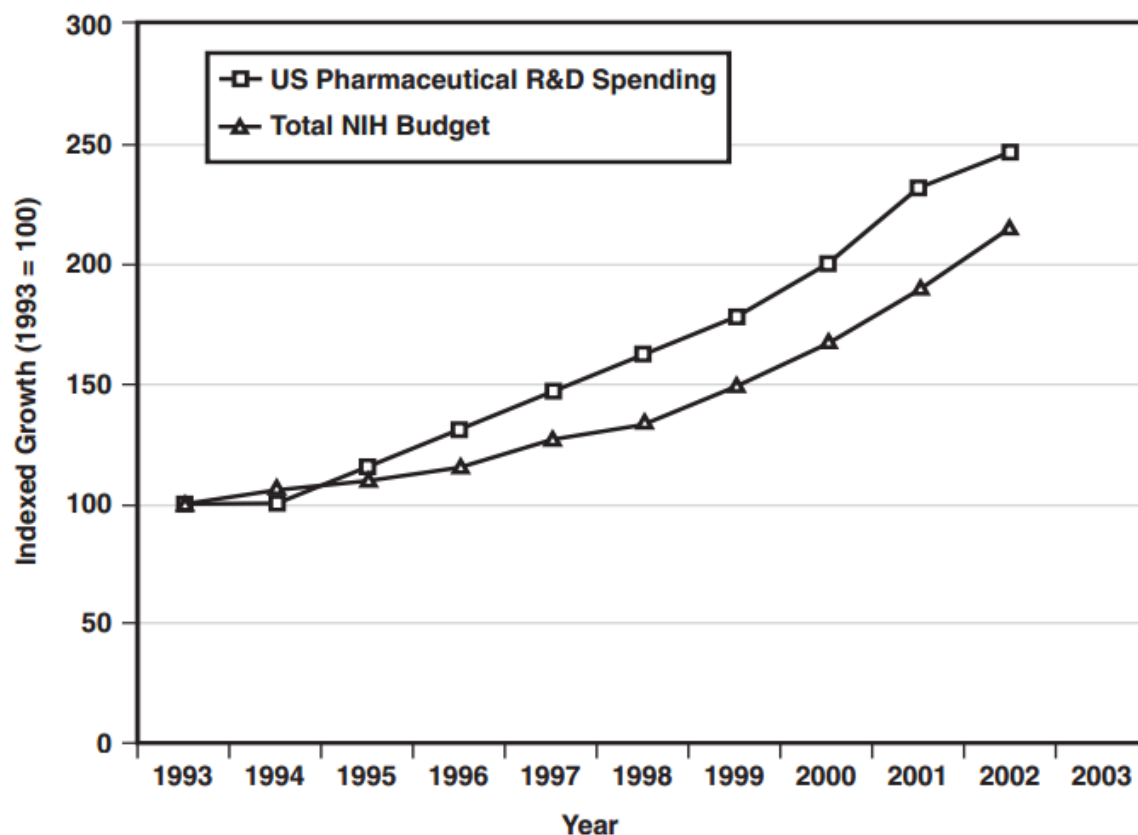
This white paper provides the Food and Drug Administration's (FDA's) analysis of the *pipeline problem* — the recent slowdown, instead of the expected acceleration, in innovative medical therapies reaching patients.

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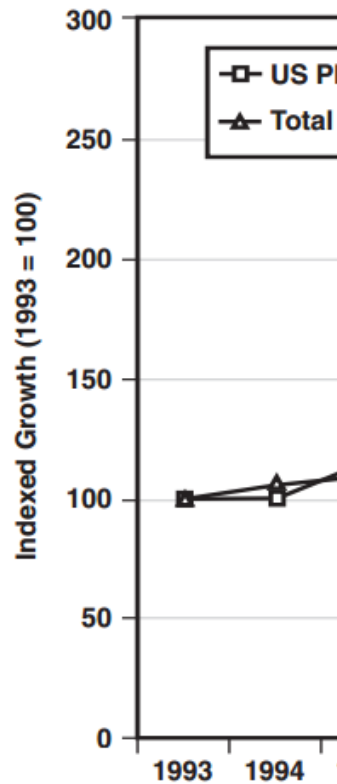


Figure 1: 10-Year Trends in Biomedical Research Spending



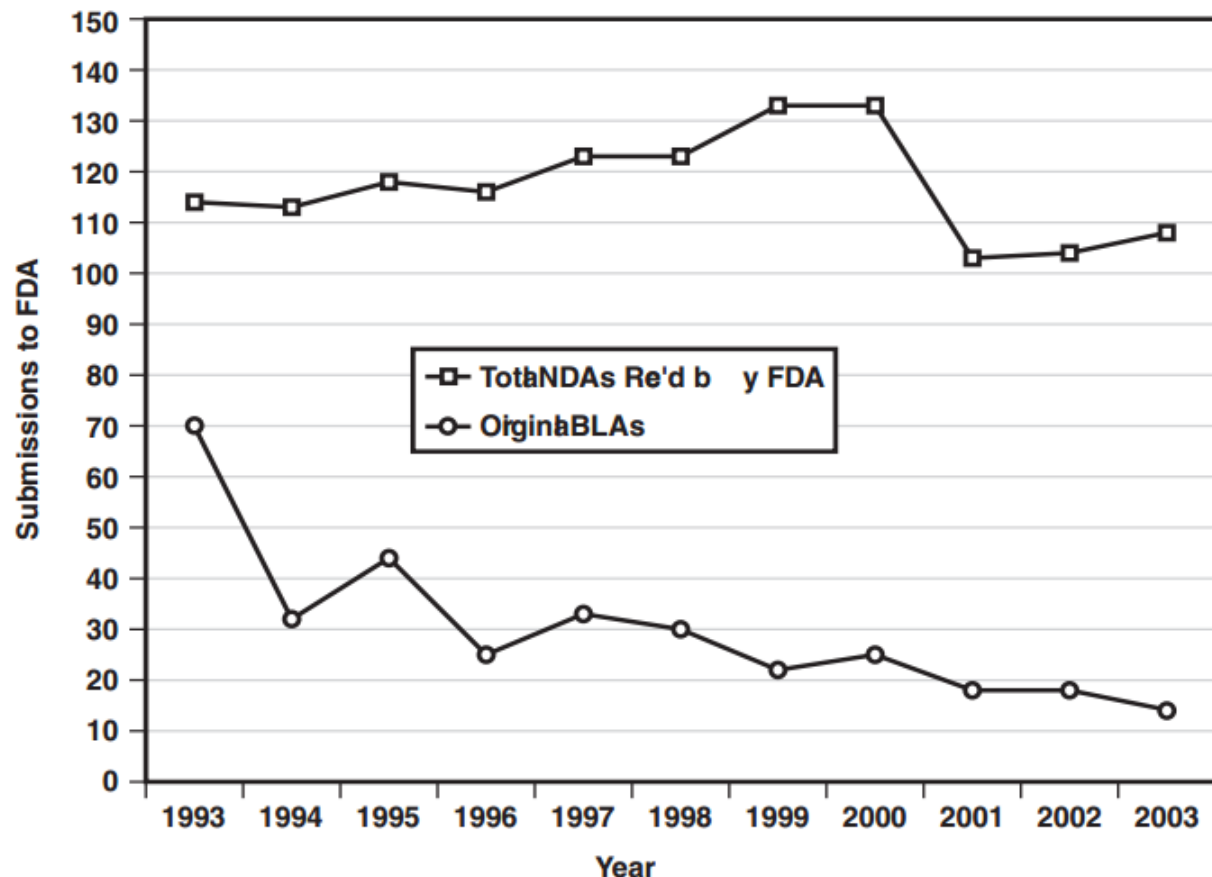
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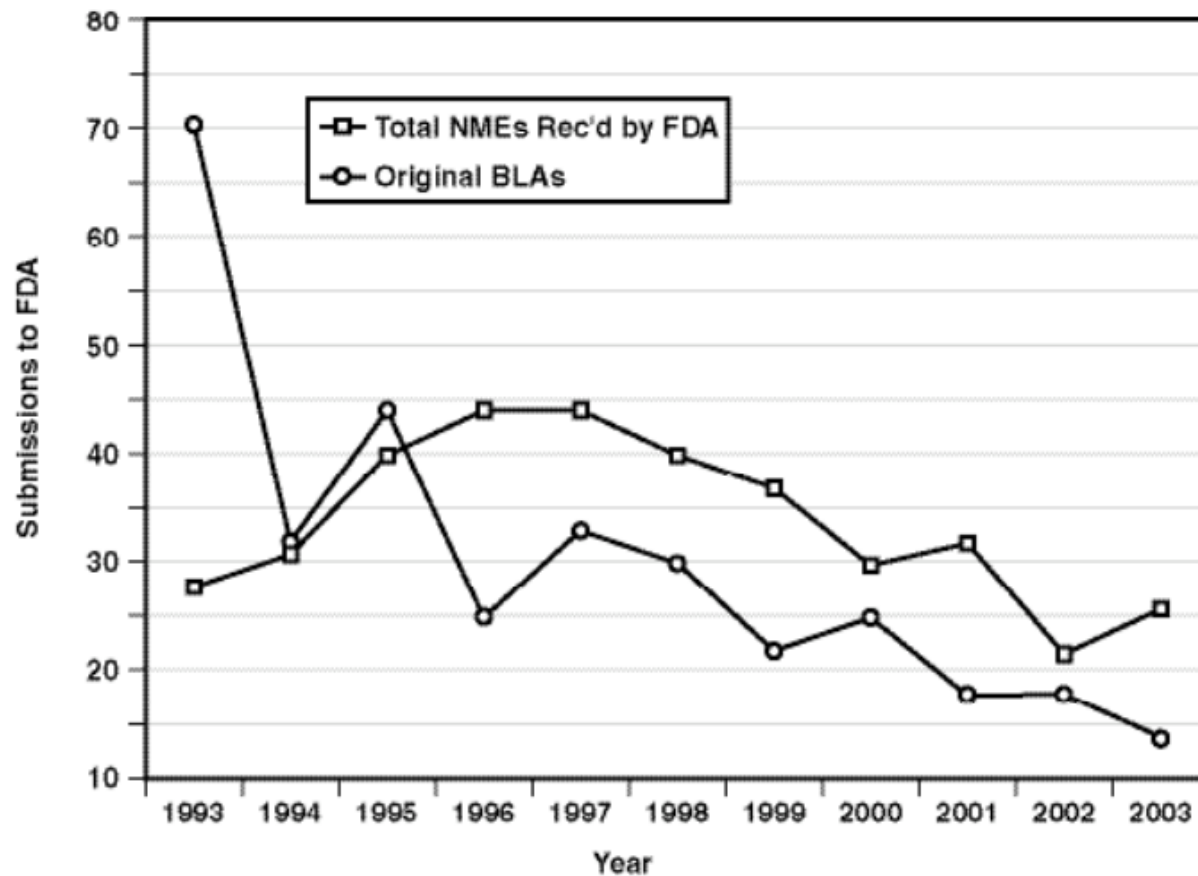
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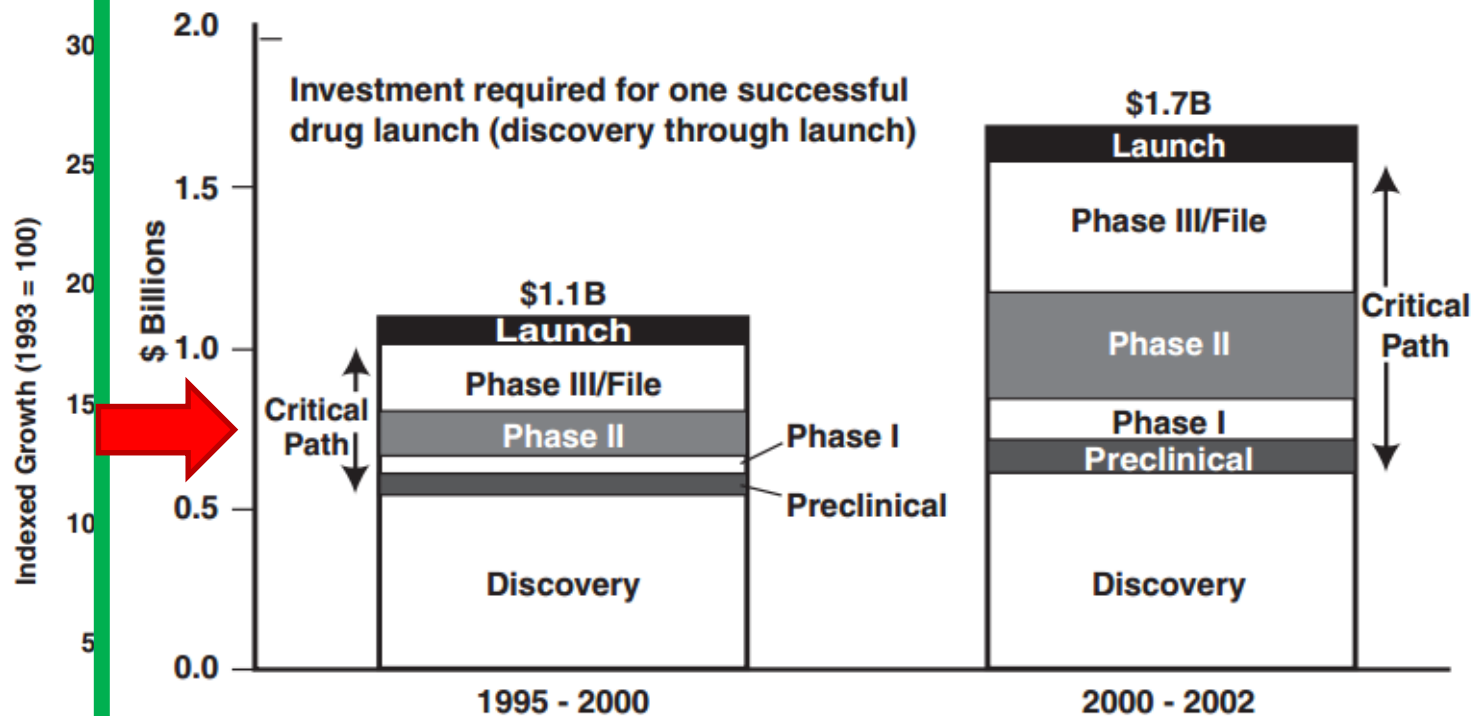
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**Figure 3: Investment Escalation per Successful Compound**



SOURCE: Windhover's In Vivo: The Business & Medicine Report, Bain drug economics model, 2003

The figure shows one estimate of the total investment required to "launch" (i.e., market) a successful drug in two time periods. Most of the recent cost increases are within the "critical path" development phase, between discovery and launch.

## Tools for Assessing Safety

For effective development, safety issues should be detected as early as possible, and ways to distinguish potential from actual safety problems should be available. Unfortunately, in part because of limitations of current methods, safety problems are often uncovered only during clinical trials or, occasionally, after marketing. One pharmaceutical company estimates that clinical failures based on liver toxicity alone have cost them more than \$2 billion in the last decade — dollars that could otherwise be directed toward new product development.<sup>22</sup> Sometimes, early tests suggest the possibility of safety problems that never materialize, potentially eliminating candidates unnecessarily. Many of FDA's targeted efforts have involved defining more reliable methods for early prediction and detection of significant safety problems. The Agency seeks to prevent harm to patients during clinical development as well as potentially devastating setbacks to a new technology's progress and to public confidence.

*Most of the tools used for toxicology and human safety testing are decades old*

Tools for safety assessments include product testing (e.g., for contamination), as well as in vitro and animal toxicology studies, and human exposure. Most of the tools used for toxicology and human safety testing are decades old. Although traditional animal toxicology has a good track record for ensuring the safety of clinical trial volunteers, it is laborious, time-consuming, requires large quantities of product, and may fail to predict the specific safety problem that ultimately halts development. Clinical testing, even if extensive, often



## *Tools for Demonstrating Medical Utility*

*Better predictive nonclinical screening methods are urgently needed*

Predicting and subsequently demonstrating medical utility (also called *benefit or effectiveness*) are some of the most difficult challenges in product development. Currently available animal models, used for evaluating potential therapies prior to human clinical trials, have limited predictive value in many disease states. Better predictive nonclinical screening methods are urgently needed. In many cases, developers must gamble on the results of the large-scale, expensive trials necessary to assess effectiveness in people. Such human trials are currently highly empirical, because most sources of variability in human responses are not understood and thus cannot be controlled for. It is clear to many in the field that new scientific advances have the potential to revolutionize clinical development. However, the path from scientific innovation to usable tool is not clear.

FDA has identified a number of opportunities for targeted efforts in the area of effectiveness (see next section) and, as time and funding permitted, undertaken targeted action. For example, FDA scientists developed statistical methods to control reader variability in trials of imaging devices and made the analysis software publicly available. Use of this method allows the sample size of imaging device trials to



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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In some instances studies can be planned with a so-called adaptive design involving design modifications based on the results of an interim analysis. Such a design has the potential to speed up the process of drug development or can be used to allocate resources more efficiently without lowering scientific and regulatory standards. This is especially welcome if at the same time the basis for regulatory decision-making is improved.

However, in a clinical development plan the purpose of phase III is to confirm the findings from pre-clinical studies, tolerability studies, dose-finding and other phase II studies (CPMP/EWP/2330/99). To argue for design modifications in a phase III trial (or a late stage phase II trial supposed to be part of the confirmatory package) is then a contradiction to the confirmatory nature of such studies and will be rarely acceptable without further justification: adaptive designs should not be seen as a means to alleviate the burden of rigorous planning of clinical trials. Instead, adaptive designs would be best utilised as a tool for planning clinical trials in areas where it is necessary to cope with difficult experimental situations. In all instances the interim analysis and the type of the anticipated design modification (change of sample size, discontinuation of treatment arms, etc.) would need to be described and justified in the study protocol. Adaptations to confirmatory trials introduced without proper planning will render the trial to be considered exploratory.

Using an adaptive design implies that the statistical methods control the pre-specified type I error, that correct estimates and confidence intervals for the treatment effect are available, and that methods for the assessment of homogeneity of results from different stages are pre-planned. A thorough discussion will be required to ensure that results from different stages can be justifiably combined. The body of evidence justifying the final treatment recommendation must be discussed. The need for a change in the study design and the change itself may have implications for the clinical interpretation of the results, which deserve consideration at the planning stage.

### KEYWORDS

Adaptive Design, Interim Analyses; Design Modifications; Randomised Clinical Trials; Confirmatory Clinical Trials; Biostatistics

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#### 4.1.2 Considerations about stopping trials early for efficacy

#### 4.1.3 Overrunning



### 4.2 Interim analyses with design modifications

#### 4.2.1 Adaptation of design specifications: minimal requirements

#### 4.2.2 Sample size reassessment

#### 4.2.3 Change or modification of the primary end-point

#### 4.2.4 Discontinuing treatment arms

#### 4.2.5 Switching between superiority and non-inferiority

#### 4.2.6 Randomisation ratio

#### 4.2.7 Phase II / phase III combinations, applications with one pivotal trial and the independent replication of findings

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#### 4.2.9 Futility stopping in late phase II or phase III clinical trials

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#### DEFINITIONS

A study design is called “*adaptive*” if statistical methodology allows the modification of a design element (e.g. sample-size, randomisation ratio, number of treatment arms) at an interim analysis with full control of the type I error.

The term “*difficult experimental situation*” has been used in this document to describe diseases, indications, or patient populations, where it is common knowledge that clinical trials will be difficult to perform. Examples include situations where (i) placebo effect is difficult to predict, even in situations where criteria for inclusion and exclusion of patients to trials are well defined (ii) small populations or orphan diseases with constraints to the maximum amount of evidence that can be provided, and (iii) ethical constraints to experimentation.

**Confirmatory trial, confirmatory nature of a trial:** In section 2.1.2 in ICH-E9 a confirmatory trial is defined as “an adequately controlled trial in which the hypotheses are stated in advance and evaluated. As a rule, confirmatory trials are necessary to provide firm evidence of efficacy and safety”.

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The European Medicines Agency (EMA) in collaboration with the European Federation of Pharmaceutical Industries and Associations (EFPIA) organised a first joint workshop on Adaptive Designs in Confirmatory Clinical Trials. The workshop was co-chaired by Prof. Bruno Flamion, Chair of the CHMP Scientific Advice Working Party (SAWP) and Dr Solange Rohou Chair of the EFPIA Efficacy Working Party. There was a large attendance from pharmaceutical companies as well as representatives from the regulatory authorities and some academic centres.



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