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NIH Clinical Pharmacology Series

“Design of clinical drug development programs”

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“Design of clinical drug development programs”?

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- * Board member, Immunomic Therapeutics***
- * PERI faculty***
- * American Course in Drug Development and Regulatory Science***
- * CDDS at UCSF-DC***
- * SAB Cary Pharmaceuticals***
- * SDAB Panacos***
- * Pharmaceutical and biotech stockholder***

Decision points and criteria setting

- * **Unmet medical need** (*treatment, prevention...*)
- * **Identification** (*animal pharmacology, virology, immunology*)
- * **Optimization** (*potency, animal safety, manufacturing, IP*)
- * **POM** (*Proof of mechanism--IND/FIH*)
- * **POC** (*Proof of Concept*)
- * **EOP2*** (*Safe & Effective?*)
- * **Prepare NDA/BLA** (*Benefit to risk profile*)
- * **Launch**

***EOP2=End of Phase 2**

Milestones and criteria setting

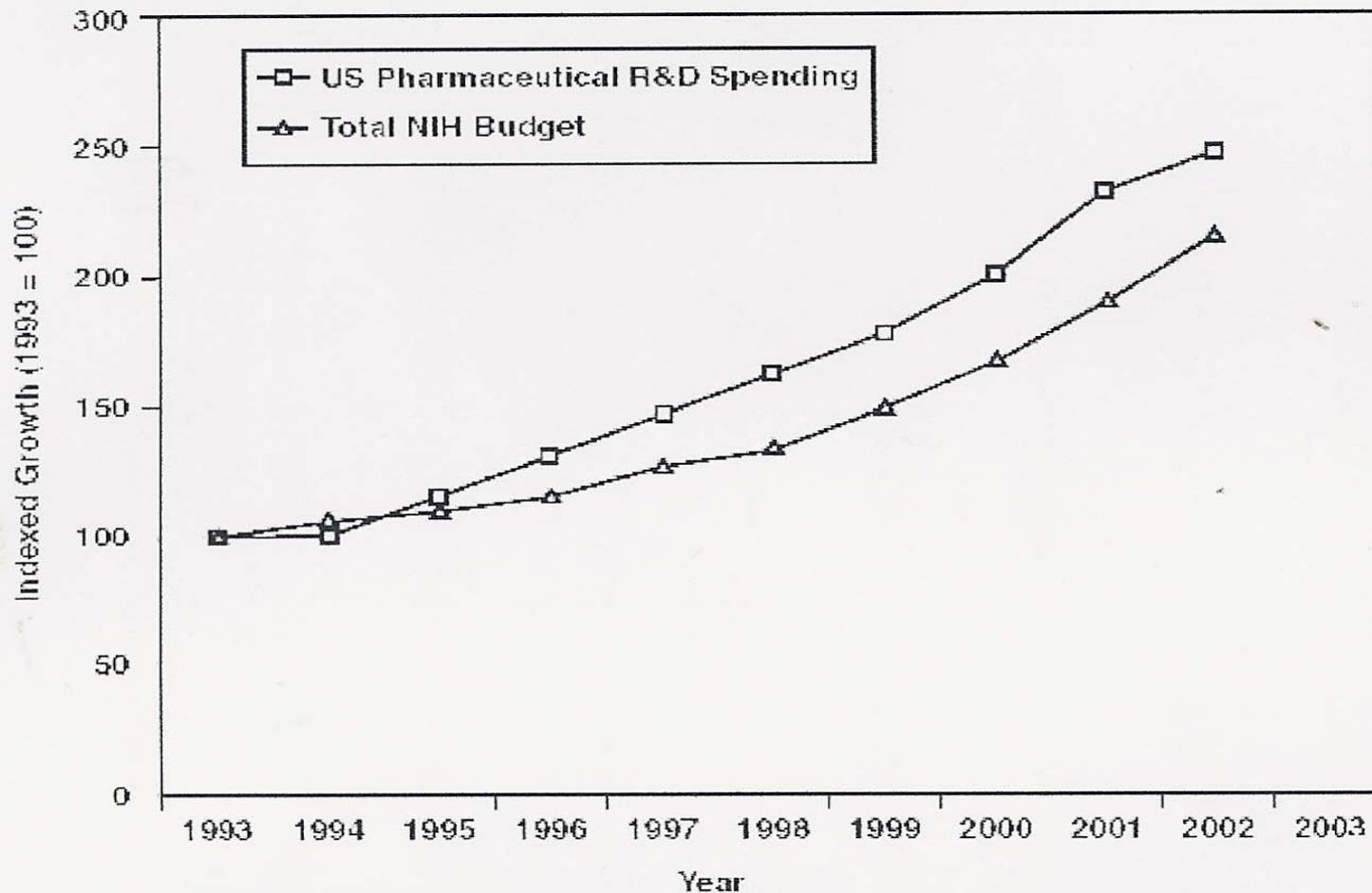
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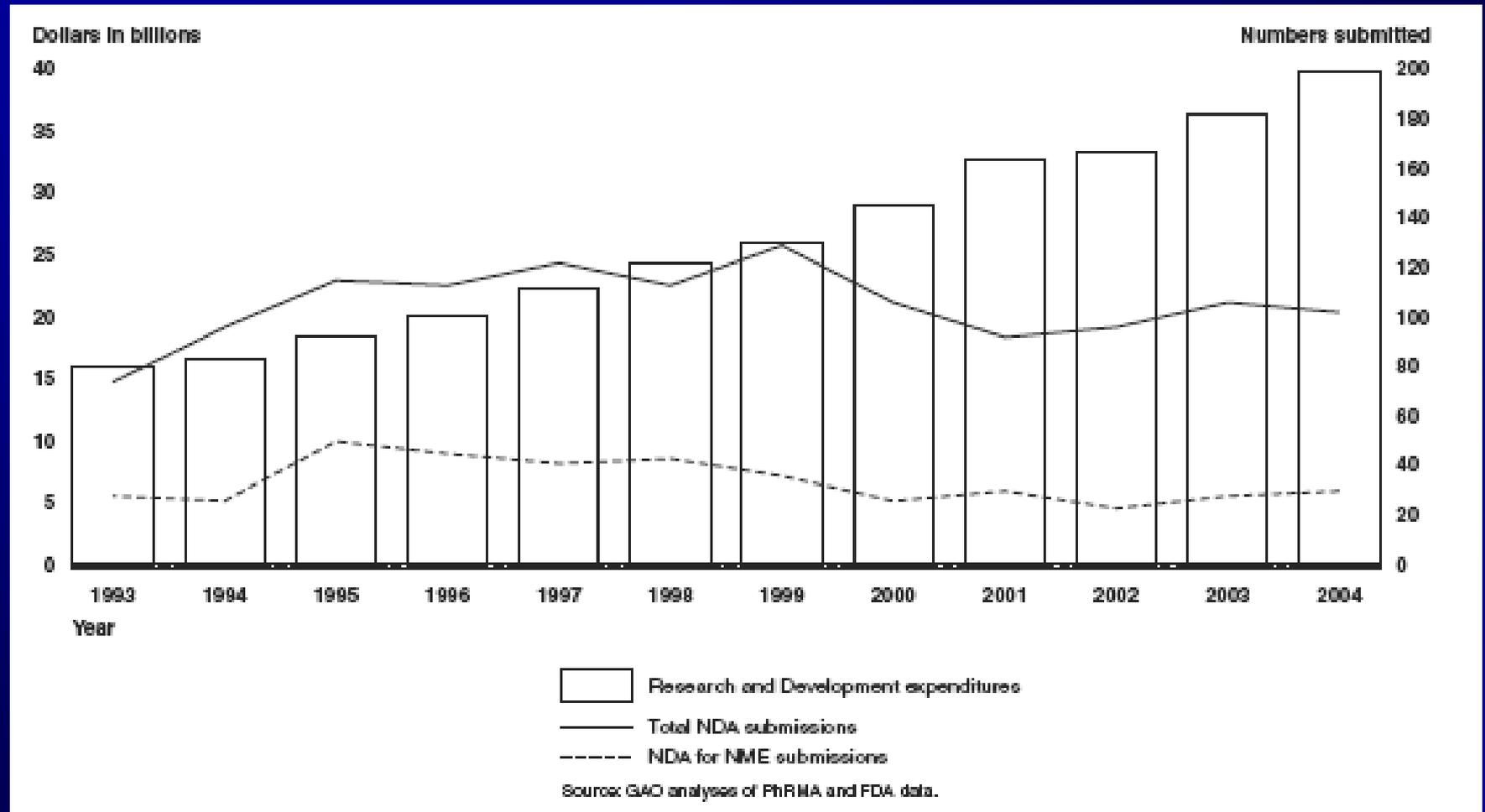
Drug Development Metrics

10 year Trend in Biomedical R&D Spending

Figure 1: 10-Year Trends in Biomedical Research Spending

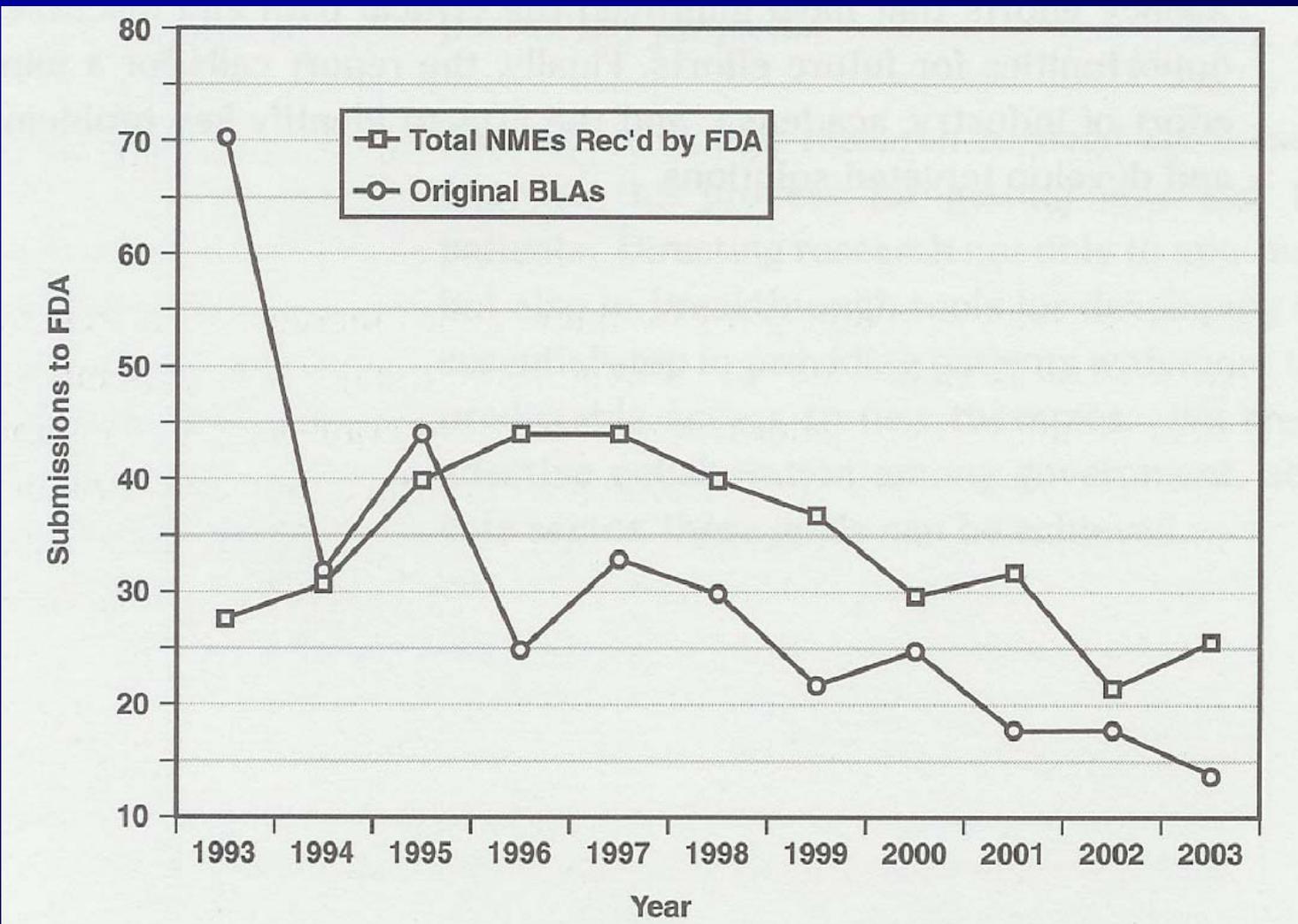


Trends in R&D Spending vs. New Drug & Biologic Applications



Source: GAO Analysis of PhRMA and FDA data

10 year Trend in New Applications to FDA



Adapted from J. Cossman: "The Critical Path Institute" 2007 & FDA Critical Path Initiative 2004

Goals of a Clinical Development Program

- 1. Effective, efficient and speedy path to an approved product with the optimal label***
- 2. Core Data Sheet***
 - A. CSS, CSE and Integrated Summary of Risks & Benefits and EU/Japan Equivalents***
 - B. Clinical Expert Report***
 - C. US Package Insert and the SmPC***
- 3. Publications***

Where Can We Learn

Label-Driven Clinical Development?

- * Courses-PERI, CDDS, CSDD, DIA, FDLI, NIH, ACDRS, ECPM***
- * FDA Advisory Committee Mtgs.***
- * FDC Reports “The Pink Sheets”***
- * FDC Reports “Pharmaceutical Approvals Monthly”***
- * Analyze Package Inserts***

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There is Enormous Room for Dramatically Reducing the “Uncertainties”

~~The Uncertainty about which NCE~~

- Developability
- Dose & Schedule
- Safe & Effective?
 - Vs. Placebo
 - Vs. Competitor

~~The Uncertainty about Development Program~~

- Yield of useful information
 - Internal
 - Regulatory
 - Commercial

~~The Uncertainty about Market Success~~

- Demand for various product attributes
- New competitors

Only 1/12 NCEs in development make it to market

2/3 to 5/6 clinical trials produce no useful knowledge

Most drugs fail to meet commercial expectations

Definitions

* *PI (Package Insert-the label)*

* *CSS*

- *Combined Summary of Safety (FDA)*

* *CSE*

- *Combined Summary of Effectiveness (FDA)*

* *EU*

- *European Union*

* *SmPc*

- *Summary of Product Characteristics (EU)*

Definitions

** TPP*

- Target Product Profile

** TPI*

- Target Package Insert

** DPI*

- Draft Package Insert

Definitions

*** *Phase 1-4***

Drug and Biologic Development Phases

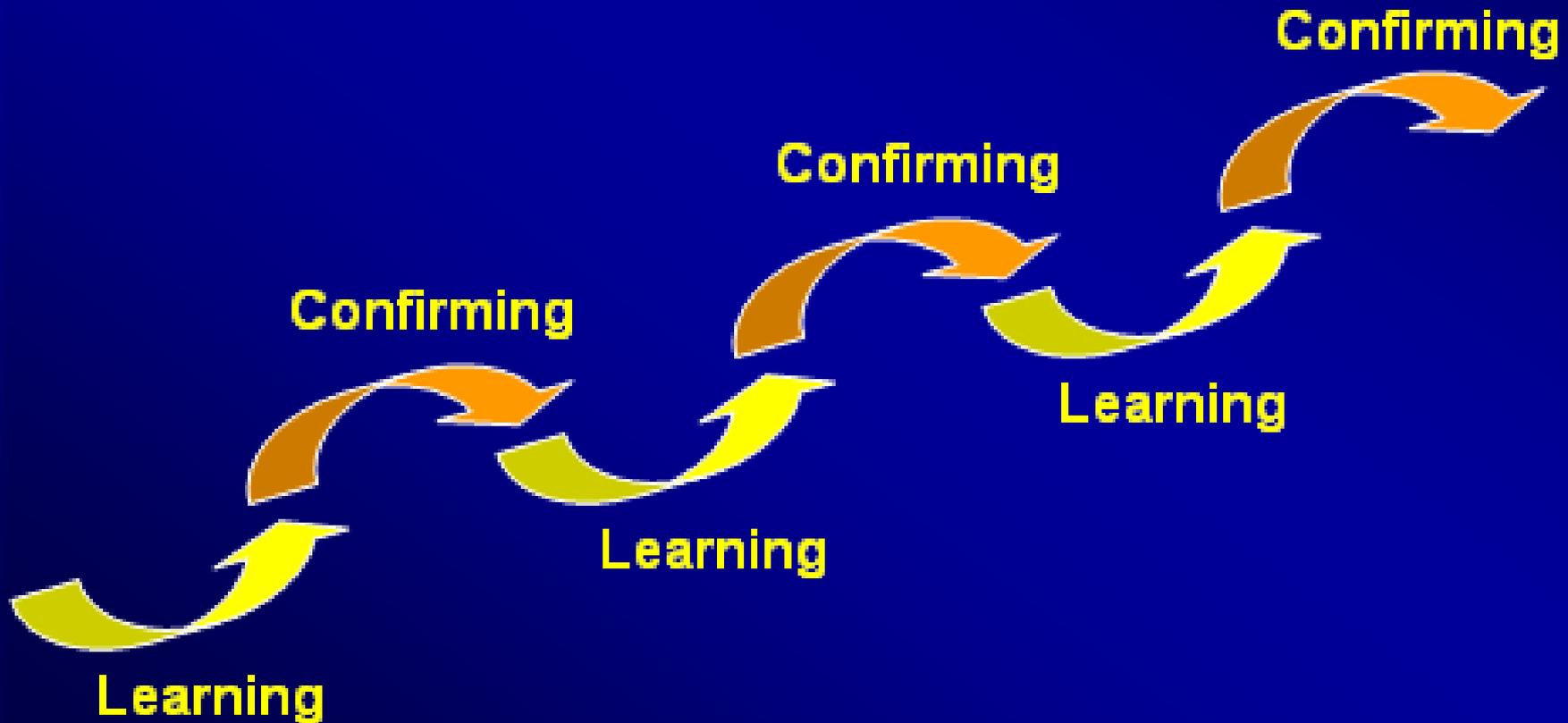
Phase 1	Healthy volunteers Exception: Cancer/AIDS etc.	12 to 24 subjects/ trial	Safety-tolerability; (PoM/Activity?)
Phase 2	Subjects with the illness (narrow pop'n)	24 to 300 subjects/ trial	PoM, PoC, PoP; ID population
Phase 3	Subjects with the illness (broad pop'n)	250 to 1000 subjects/ trial	Confirm efficacy; Assess safety; Extrapolation
Phase 4/5	Special pop'n; Subjects with the illness (broad pop'n)	12 to 1000 subjects/ trial	Add'l safety; DDI; Special pop'n; New indication; New formulation

Learning & Confirming

***Sheiner, LB. Learning versus confirming in clinical drug development.
Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics, 1997, No. 61, pages 275-291***

Learning & Confirming-2

** A cascade of “learning” & “confirming” cycles*



L & C Development Program

- * Phase 1 ***Learning-Healthy Volunteers***

- * ***Safety & tolerance, PK-ADME, drug-drug interactions***

- * Phase 2 ***Learning-Patients***

- * ***PK-ADME & PK-PD in patients***

- * Phase 3 ***Confirming-Patients***

- * ***Evidence of safety***

- * ***Evidence of effectiveness***

- * Phase 4 ***L & C***

- * ***Market expansion & life-cycle management***

Phase 1: Learning In Healthy Volunteers

- * Safety & tolerance, PK-ADME, drug-drug interactions**
 - *Single dose: healthy ?***
 - *Multiple dose: healthy ?***
 - *PK-ADME with food, age, gender, disease state***
 - *PK in liver, renal, etc.***

Phase 2: Learning In Patients

- * **PK-ADME & PK-PD in patients**
 - *Dose-exposure-response in tumor A*
 - *Dose-exposure-response in tumor B*
 - *Use in combinations*

Purpose of “Phase 2”

*** *Proof of Concept (activity)***

- *Patient identification*

- *Dose*

**+ *Exposure-response-
relationship***

- *Dose frequency*

- *Dose duration*

Phase 3: Confirming In Patients

- * Evidence of safety and effectiveness
 - *Pivotal trial(s)*
 - *Long-term safety*

Phase 4: Learning & Confirming

- * **Market expansion & life-cycle management**
 - *New indications*
 - *Pharmacovigilance*
 - *New formulations*
 - *Combinations*
 - *New regimens*



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- * We Give Away the Product !”***

What is Drug Discovery, Development & Review?

- * Drug Discovery & Development is the integration of the many disciplines, including:***
- * basic research***
- * non-clinical development***
- * clinical development***
- * pharmacometrics***
- * regulatory***
- * marketing***

What is Drug Development & Review?

- * identify*
- * evaluate*
- * develop*
- * achieve regulatory approval*
- * successful launch*

for the successful marketing of new chemical entities (NCEs) and new biological entities (NBEs).

What is Drug Development & Review?

- * **Regulatory Review** is... the integration of many disciplines, including*
- * pharmacology*
- * non-clinical*
- * clinical*
- * pharmacometrics*
- * biostat*
- * regulatory & DDMAC*

What is Drug Development & Review?

- * ...to determine whether there is:*
- * adequate knowledge about the
new NME/NBE*
- * to make an informed evaluation
about the benefit to risk profile...*

What is Drug Development & Review?

- * ...to decide whether the product should be:*
- * approved for marketing, and*
- * for which segments of the population*

What are the Critical Clinical Development Decision Points?

** In order to put the drug development and review decisions in context, we need to recognize that the product we are producing...*

Knowledge

** ...knowledge and the information about our product that will allow a health care professional to decide:*

End of Phase 2 Criteria

- * For whom? - Is this drug appropriate for treating this patient, and...***
- * ...what dose is needed?***
- * ...how often (interval) will we need to take the drug?***
- * ...for how long will we need to take the drug?***

Time & Dose

- * ...what is the right time(s) of day for dosing?*
- * ...do we use the same dose for different levels of disease progression?*

Age and Gender

- * ...will we need to adjust the dose in children or the elderly?*
- * ...is there any gender effect?*

Side Effect and “Avoid”

** ...what kinds of side-effects can be expected?*

** ...are the side-effects reversible?*

** ...are there any patients who should not take this drug?*

Effect of Other Drugs on Our Drug?

- * ...are there any other drugs that are not compatible with this drug?***
- * ...will some individuals metabolize the drug differently and have drug-drug interactions?***

Effect of Our Drugs on Other Drug?

- * ...will our drug change the metabolism of drugs that patient is already taking?***
 - Increase blood levels?***
 - Reduce blood levels?***

Free vs. Bound Drug

**** ...is the drug highly protein bound? Will other drugs compete and increase this drug's blood levels or will this drug compete and raise blood levels of another drug the patient is taking?***

Adherence & Persistence ***(Compliance)***

**** ...what happens when the patient suddenly stops taking the drug (or misses a few doses)? Is there a rebound?***

Dependence?

** ...is the drug associated with “liking” or dependence?*

- What level of dependence?

- How well liked?

+ Do subject “lose” their clinical supplies?

Individualized Dosing

- * ...will we need to adjust the dose of our drug in renal and hepatic insufficiency?*
- * ...will there be any food effect upon the blood levels of our drug?*



Adapted from ICH E5, 1998: <http://www.fda.gov/cder/guidance/2293fal.pdf>

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Extrinsic factors

Environmental

Smoking/Diet

Medical Practice/
Regulatory

Drug-drug interaction

Intrinsic factors

Gender

Genetics

Race

Age *Organ* *Disease*

Dysfunction

Pregnancy

Lactation

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How to Save \$1,700 Per Month or More on Lapatinib ...

“The Value Meal”



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The Value Meal: How to Save \$1,700 Per Month or More on Lapatinib ...

- * *“... the bioavailability of lapatinib is greatly increased by food, especially a high-fat meal.”*
- * A randomized, cross-over, food-effect study demonstrated that both peak concentration and area under the concentration–time curve were increased markedly when a single 1,500-mg dose of lapatinib was taken with food as opposed to when fasting, and was increased further by a high-fat meal.
- * *The (geometric) mean increase for the area under the concentration–time curve was 167% for low-fat meals and 325% for high-fat meals.”*

The Value Meal: How to Save \$1,700 Per Month or More on Lapatinib ...

- * *“At the current price of \$2,900 per month, a cost savings of 60% or \$1,740 per month would be realized if the drug were taken with food.”*
- * If one were so inclined, there are also opportunities for additional cost savings through dietary modification. The package insert notes that strong CYP3A inhibitors, including grapefruit juice, "may also increase plasma concentrations." Thus, it is possible that one 250-mg lapatinib pill, accompanied by food and washed down *with a glass of grapefruit juice*, may yield plasma concentrations comparable to five 250-mg pills on an empty stomach, which would result in a total cost savings of 80% (minus the cost of the food and juice). As a separate issue, the lapatinib label also notes that dividing the daily dose results in a doubling of drug exposure, which would be another approach that may allow a reduction in the number of daily pills (and costs).”

Is the Drug from Heaven or from Hell?

**** ...if the dose of the drug is doubled, will the blood levels also double? (what if they triple?, or what if they only increase by 50%--or less?)***

Short list for CRITICAL clinical development goals

EOP2

** Population?*

- Mild, moderate, severe?*
- Px, Tx or Cure?*

** Dose? (How much drug?)*

** Frequency? (qd/bid, 1x wk)?*

** How long?*

- A single dose, for 10-days, or forever?*

What are the Critical Clinical Development Decision Points?

**** Congratulations***

**** You have just completed an introduction to a “Question-Based Label Driven” Clinical Development Plan.***

Drug Development & Review Stages

- * The key decisions in drug development & review include:*
- * Candidate selection*
- * FIH dose*
- * Dose*
- * Dose interval (regimen)*
- * Patient populations*

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Differentiation

- * *“Differentiation” could be a better effectiveness profile, a better safety profile (the COX-2 inhibitors are a good example of this), better patient compliance,....*

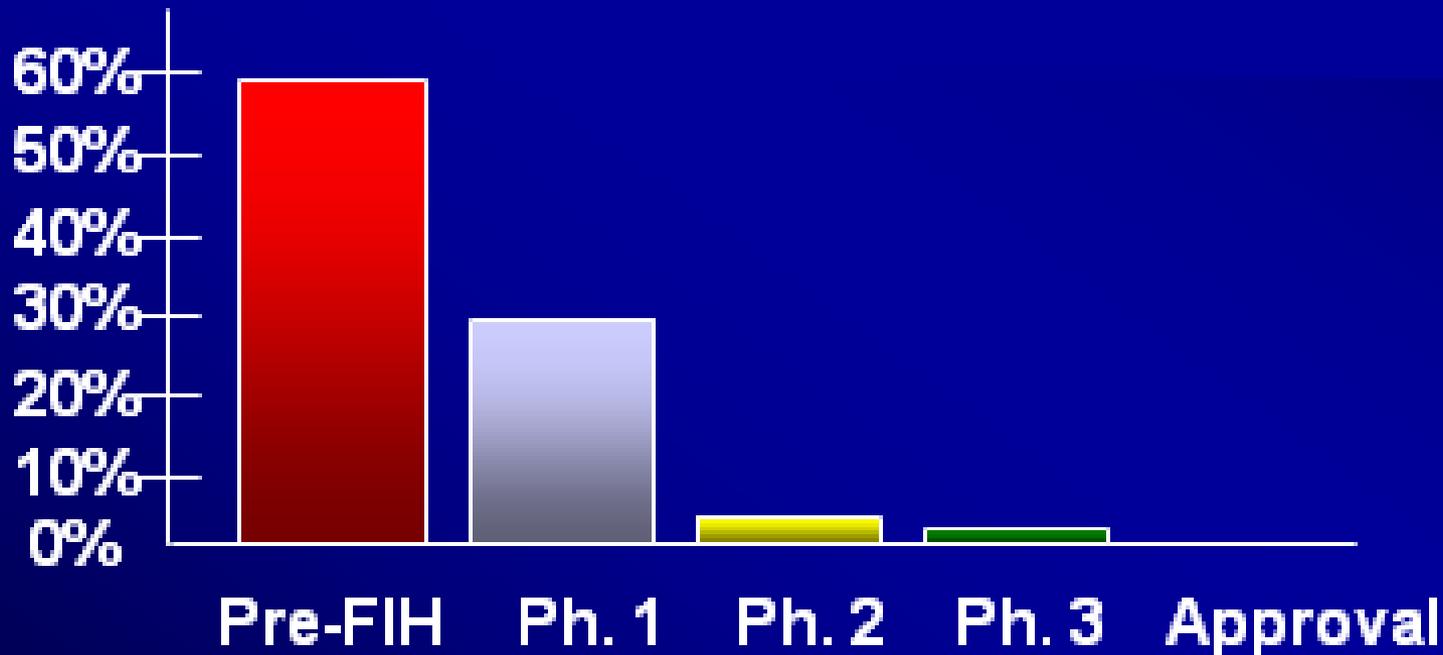
Differentiation

- * ... or an easier to use formulation (e.g., oral or inhaled insulin vs. injected insulin).***

Decisions--Fail Early

- * The intend here is to conduct the “killer experiments” early in order to identify as soon as possible projects that normally would be failing later in the clinical development process.*

Impact of Established Decision Criteria (Management of the failures)





What are the Critical Drug Development & Review Decision Points?

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- * “We Sell Only the Package Insert,*
- * We ...*

The Current Success Rates for US IND to NDA: There is Enormous Room for Improvement

No Previous Clinical Data Innovator



J. DiMasi (Tufts)
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Pharmacology &
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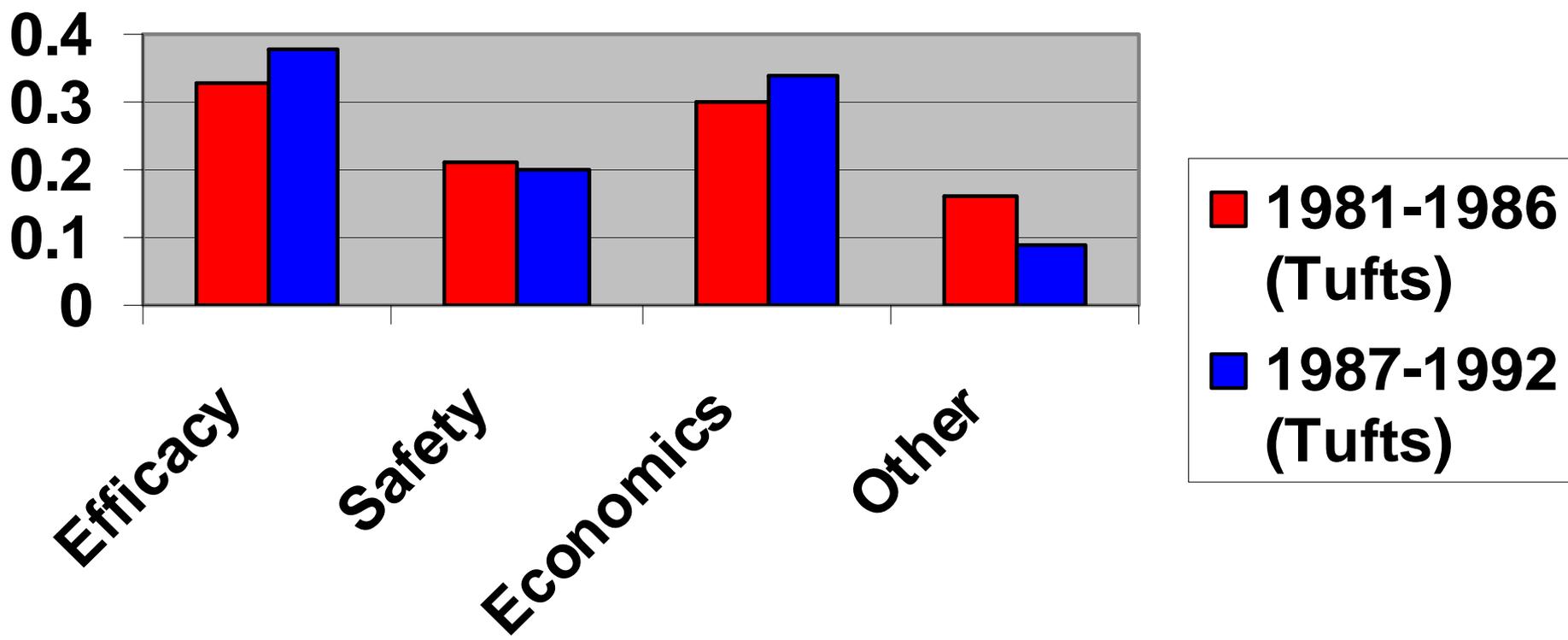


Previous Clinical Data Not Innovator



Will your
probability of
success be 1 of 12,
or 1 of 3?

Reasons for IND Terminations



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Size of Clinical Programs

<i>Drug FIH-NDA</i>		<i>Ph 1</i>	<i>Ph1 subj</i>	<i>Ph 2</i>	<i>Ph2 subj</i>	<i>Ph 3</i>	<i>Ph3 subj</i>	<i>Total trial</i>	<i>Total subj</i>
<i>Herceptin 6-10 yrs.</i>	<i>Breast Cancer</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>48</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>532</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>489</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>1069</i>
<i>Enbrel 6-7 yrs.</i>	<i>RA</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>163</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>503</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>1381</i>	<i>34</i>	<i>2048</i>
<i>Relenza 4-5 yrs.</i>	<i>Flu</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>446</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>3275</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>1588</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>5309</i>
<i>Viagra 5 yrs.</i>	<i>ED</i>	<i>42</i>	<i>905</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>498</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>4679</i>	<i>68</i>	<i>6082</i>
<i>Vioxx 4-5 yrs</i>	<i>OA Pain</i>	<i>31</i>	<i>940</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>1855</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>5733</i>	<i>46</i>	<i>8528</i>

Prepared with data from CDDS fellows using FDA web site

Herceptin Clinical Trials

Study#	Phase	Regimen	#pts	Indication	Accrual Status
H0407g	1	Single dose 10,50,100,250,500mg	16	met. cancer Her2(1-3+)	closed
H0452g	1	Weekly dosing 10,50,100,250,500mg plus MTP	17	met.cancer Her2(1-3+)	closed
H0453g	1	Weekly dosing 10,50,100,250,500mg plus Cisplatin 100mg/m ² plus MTP	15	met. cancer Her2(1-3+)	closed
H0551g	2	Weekly dosing 250mg LD, 100mg MD plus MTP	46	met. breast ca Her2(2-3+)	closed
H0552g	2	Weekly dosing 250mg LD, 100mg MD plus Cisplatin 75mg/m ² plus MTP	39	met. breast ca Her2(2-3+)	closed

MTP = Maintenance Treatment program. Allows the patient to continue to receive Herceptin until progressive disease (PD)

Herceptin Clinical Trials

(continued)

Study#	Phase	Regimen	#pts	Indication	Accrual Status
H0648g Pivotal	3	Weekly dosing 4 mg/kg LD, 2 mg/kg MD Plus AC or Paclitaxel vs chemo alone, May go to H0659g at PD	469	met. breast ca Her2(2-3+)	closed (FDA Rev)
H0649g	2	Weekly dosing 4 mg/kg LD, 2 mg/kg MD plus at PD 2 or 4 mg/kg ± chemo	222	met. breast ca Her2(2-3+)	closed (FDA Rev)
H0650g	2	Weekly dosing 4 mg/kg LD, 2 mg/kg MD or 8 mg/kg LD, 4 mg/kg MD	62	met. breast ca Her2(2-3+)	ongoing
H0659g ext. to H0648g	2	Weekly dosing 4 mg/kg LD, 2 mg/kg MD ± antitumor therapy	157	met. breast ca Her2(2-3+)	ongoing (FDA Rev)
H0693g	2	Weekly dosing 4 mg/kg LD, 2 mg/kg MD ± antitumor therapy	163	met. breast ca Her2(any test)	ongoing

What are the Critical Drug Development & Review Decision Points?

- * “Question-Based Label Driven” Drug Development Plans are now being used to guide the drug development and review process.*
- * A well designed drug development plan starts with the questions to be answered.*

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- * Remember that part about “drug development & review?”*
- * Recently Dr. Lesko at the FDA published an article in the “Journal of Applied Clinical Trials” in June 1999 on “Question Based Reviews.”*

Guidance for Industry and Review Staff Target Product Profile — A Strategic Development Process Tool

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DRAFT GUIDANCE

TPP, TPI & DPI

- * *TPP = Target Product Profile*
- * *TPI = Target Package Insert*
- * *DPI = Draft Package Insert*

Target Product Profile

“A Target Product Profile (TPP) is a document, prepared by the sponsor, to facilitate clinical drug development and enhance constructive dialogue between the sponsor and reviewing Division at the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). A TPP is written and updated during the investigational phases of development in order to capture the goals of clinical drug development as statements of proposed claims for a prescription drug or biologic product. In the TPP, each proposed claim should be annotated to the specific study or other source of data that is intended to support the key sections and statements in the TPP.

TPI-Target Package Insert

- * **Target Package Insert (TPI)**
 - + The ultimate product
 - **Drug, biologic, device, diagnostic, etc.)**
 - + Evidence:
 - **Safe**
 - **Effective**
- * **“We give away the product,**
- * **We sell the package insert”**

TPP

- * **Indications**

- * **Differentiation for *effectiveness***

- *Optimal*
- *Threshold*
- Differentiation in the labeling (PI)
- Differentiation targets?

+ Animal studies

+ Human clinical trials

(PI = Package Insert)

TPP-Nerve Gas Prophylactic

* A prophylactic treatment that is effectiveness against a nerve gas attack

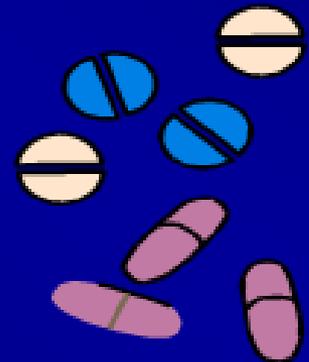
- Effective in reducing the incidence of death associated with nerve gas

+ By how much?

+ For how long?

- Orally active? Transdermal

patch?



TPP-Nerve Gas Treatment

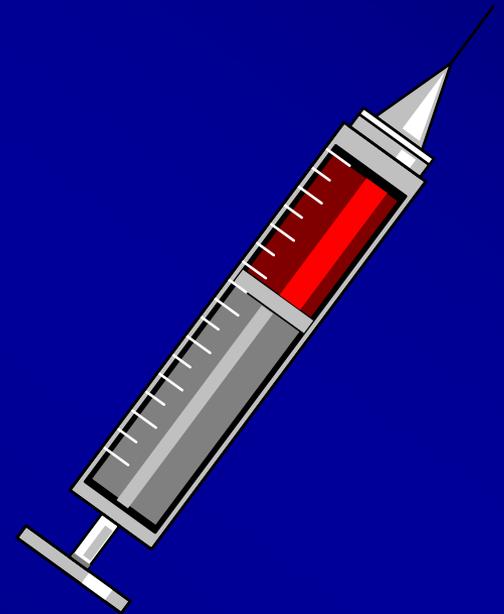
+ A post-exposure treatment that is effectiveness against a nerve gas attack

- **Effective in arresting seizures associated with nerve gas**

* **By how much?**

* **How rapidly?**

* **For how long?**



TPP

- * Effectiveness in clinical trials
 - Versus leading competitor?
 - Threshold
 - Superiority or Non-inferiority?
- * Subpopulations
 - Optimal
 - Threshold
- * Time to onset of activity
 - Prevention, Treatment, Cure...
- * Durability

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The Most Valuable Resource

- * *FDA Guidances***
- * *FDA Guidance page:***
- * *<http://www.fda.gov/cder/guidance>***

- * **Acceptance of Foreign Clinical Studies [HTML] or [PDF] (Posted 3/12/2001)**
- * **Clinical Development Programs for Drugs, Devices, and Biological Products for the Treatment of Rheumatoid Arthritis (RA) (Issued 1/1999, Posted 2/16/1999) [HTML] or [PDF]**

- * *Clinical Evaluation of Hypnotic Drugs (Issued 9/77, Posted 3/2/1998)*
- * *Clinical Evaluation of Psychoactive Drugs in Infants and Children (Posted 3/2/1998)*

- * ***DRAFT--Clinical Development Programs for Drugs, Devices, and Biological Products Intended for the Treatment of Osteoarthritis [Word] or [PDF] (Issued 7/07/1999, Posted 7/14/1999)***
- * ***DRAFT--Systemic Lupus Erythematosus --Developing Drugs for Treatment [HTML] or [Word] or [PDF] (Issued 3/28/2005, Posted 3/28/2005)***

FDA Cancer Endpoints Guidance

Guidance for Industry Clinical Trial Endpoints for the Approval of Cancer Drugs and Biologics

**U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Food and Drug Administration
Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER)
Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research (CBER)**

**May 2007
Clinical/Medical**

<http://www.fda.gov/cder/Guidance/7478fnl.pdf>

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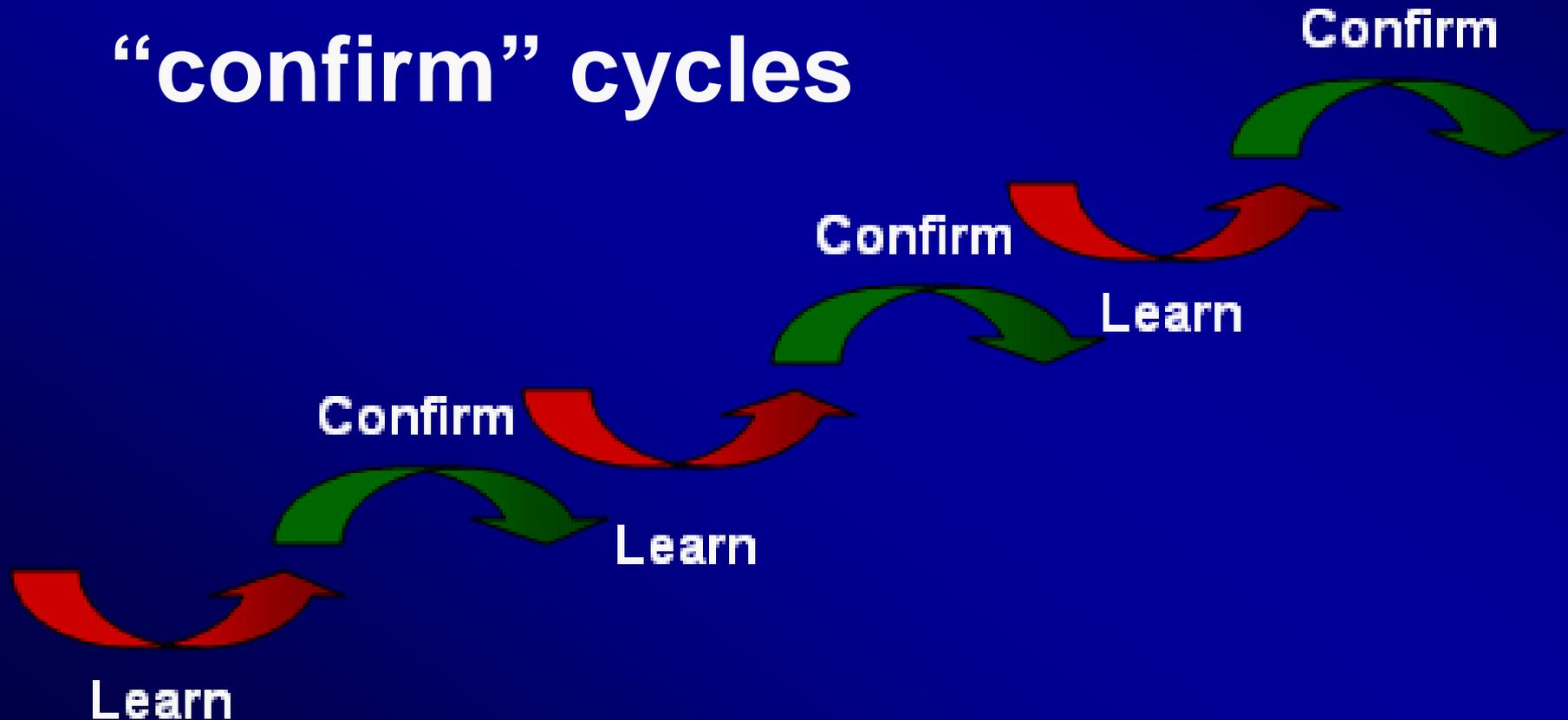
Learn & Confirm-1

- * 1997--Lew Sheiner advocated the formal use of the Learning vs. Confirming paradigm for clinical drug development**
- * Drug development consists of three design choices**
 - 1) “Assignment”**
 - 2) “Observation”**
 - 3) “Analysis”**

Sheiner, LB. *Learning versus confirming in clinical drug development.* Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics, 1997, No. 61, pages 275-291

Learn & Confirm-2

- * A cascade of “learn” and “confirm” cycles



Decision (Question)-Based Program Development

- * Identification of need ***
 - What question(s) do you need to answer?***
 - How well do you need to know the answer(s)?***
 - What do you want to do with the answer(s)?***
- * Prioritization of needs**
- * Implementation**

**** Lewis Sheiner, UCSF***

Learning Trial--Adaptive Design

- * **Addresses Rx imperative**
- * **Allocate preferentially to currently most promising dose/regimen**
- * **Adapt regimens as data accumulates.**
- * **“Seamless” transition phase 2- 3**
- * **Protocol Rx is more like real-world Rx**
 - **[up] patient acceptance & enrollment**
 - **More ethical**
 - **More predictive of real-world effects**

CDDS Oncology Workshop, April 2003

Learn & Confirm-3

- * For learning trials the knowledge regarding protocol compliance is imperative to be able to make valid assumption
 - Learning must address an essentially infinite set of quantitative questions concerning the functional relationship between prognostic variables, dosage and outcomes
- * Confirmation must thus answer only a single yes/no question: is the null hypothesis falsified or not

Oncologic Drug Discovery, Development & Review Stages

+ Learning

- * *Identification* (Drug discovery)
- * **Optimization** (Lead selection)
- * *Evaluation(s)* (Proof of mechanism)
(Proof of principle/concept)

+ Confirming

- * *Development* (Evidence) Safety-Effectiveness
- * *Review* (Regulatory review)
- * **Launch** (Product introduction)
- * **Post-Marketing** (Market expansion)
 - + *Formulations, indications, combinations, regimen*

Clinical Development Program

* Phase I (Learning-PK, DDI,...)

- *Single dose: normals ?*
- *Multiple dose: normals ?*
- *PK with food, age, gender, disease state*
- *PK in liver, renal, etc.*

* Phase II (Learning)

- *Dose-response in tumor A*
- *Dose-response in tumor B*
- *Use in combinations*

* Phase III (Confirming)

- *Pivotal trial(s)*
- *Long-term safety*

* Phase IV (L & C)

- *New indications*
- *Pharmacovigilance*
- *Formulations*
- *Combinations*
- *Regimen*

Phase 3--Confirming

- * The goal of Phase 2 is to **“Learn”**
- * The goal of Phase 3 is to **“Confirm”**
Replicate positive Phase 2 learnings
- * How likely is it for Phase 3 to be successful if **“design mischief”** occurs between Phase 2 and Phase 3?
- * Other reasons for Phase 3 failures?



“Clinical Trial Phase II”

- * **“Learning & Confirming”**
- * ***What do we want to learn in Phase II?***
- * **Why have oncology Phase II trials not been predictive of Phase III success?**
- * **Proof of Concept trials**
- * **Phase II Biologics**
- * **RECIST: early stopping rules**
- * **Clinical Endpoints (Already covered)**
- * **Q&A**

Evidence Based Relationships

+ *Dose*

+ *Exposure*

+ *Pharmacodynamic* response relationships

* Desired - - Effectiveness

* Undesired - - Adverse events

Classic Drug Development Phases

	<i>Non-Oncology</i>	<i>Oncology</i>
<i>Phase 1</i>	Safety & PK	MTD & PK?
<i>Phase 2</i>		
<i>Phase 3</i>		
<i>Phase 4</i>		

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<i>Phase 3</i>	Confirm: Dose strategy & safety	Learn: Dose strategy & safety
<i>Phase 4</i>	Expand indications	Identify optimal dose and combos

***Why Do We Conduct
Oncology Clinical Trials?***

To Make Smart Decisions

- * Identify
- * Optimize
- * Evaluate
- * FIH
- * Proof of Mechanism
- * Proof of Concept
 - Who, dose, interval, duration
- * EOP2
- * Safe & effective
- * FDA/EMEA/MHW Reviews (*Approvals?*)

Identify New Oncology Therapeutics

- * Small molecule**
 - Cytotoxic**
 - + MTD**
 - Cytostatic**
 - + Thalidomide**
 - + Right dose and exposure**
- * MAbs (Rituxan™)**
- * Proteins (Antiangiogenesis)**
- * Vaccines**

Why Do Oncology Clinical Trials?

*** To provide evidence that the test oncology drug is associated with:**

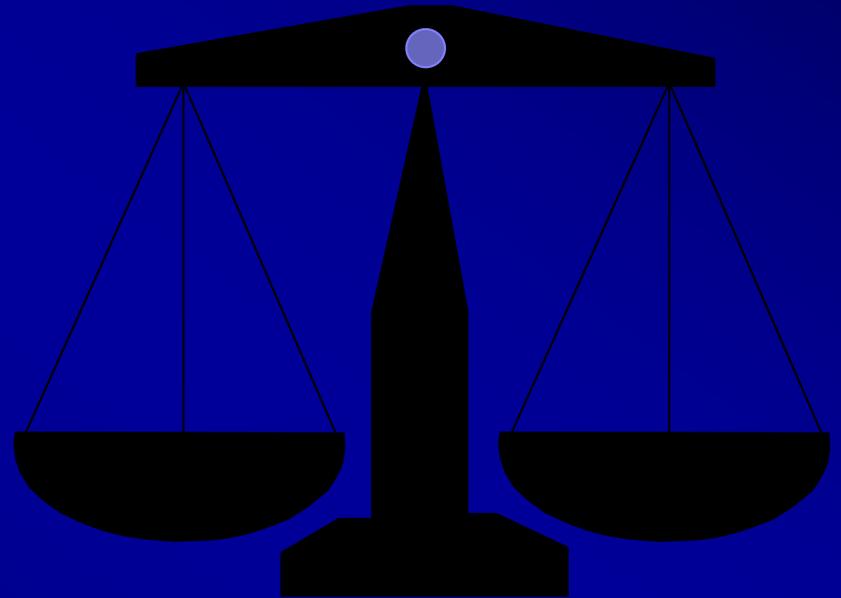
- Living longer

- Living better

- Acceptable Benefit-Risk

What Kind of Evidence?

- * Reliable**
- * Convincing**
 - Minimize bias**
 - Minimize uncertainty**

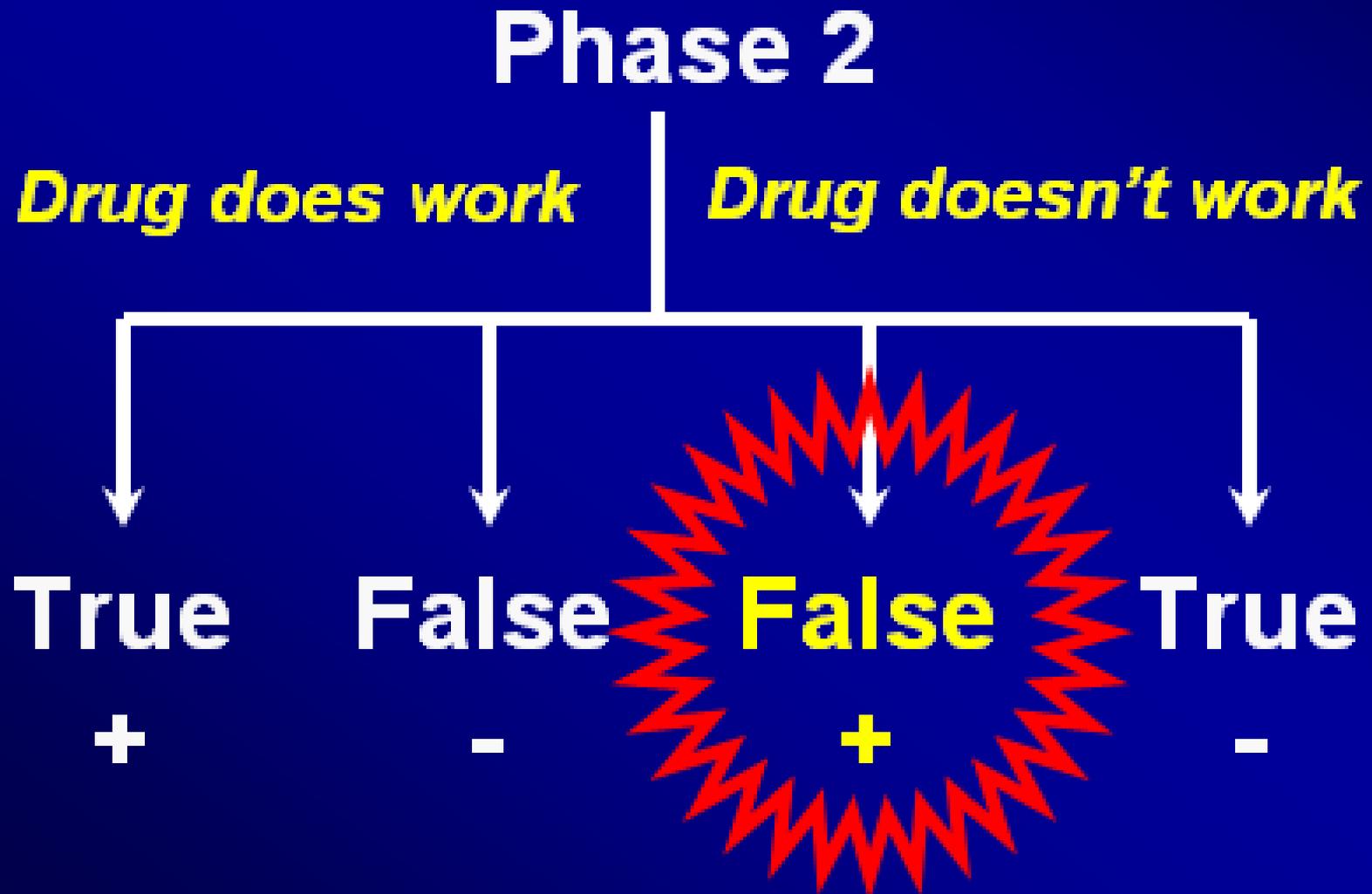


What Is Convincing Evidence?

- * Large therapeutic effect**
- * Large study population**

- * But not:**
 - Small therapeutic effect**
 - Small study population**

What is Convincing Evidence?



Phase 2 Goals: What Do We Want to Learn?

EOP2

- * **Who is likely to respond?**
 - Tumor type?
 - Performance status?
 - Previous treatment?
 - Additional—e.g., receptor status
- * **What type of response?**
- * **Dose *What will be the “response-rate dose?”***
- * **Dose regimen & interval (US vs. Europe...)**
- * **Dose duration**
- * **Dose combinations—proper sequencing?**

Drug Development & Review Stages --Time & Cost

- * The speed record may be held by Agouron for Viracept with the following metrics:*
 - + The first in human dose (FIH) was 18-weeks after the start of the non-clinical safety program.*
 - + Phase 2 started 9.5-months after the start of the non-clinical safety program.*
 - + The Viracept NDA was submitted 3.5-years after the discovery of the drug.*

Drug Development & Review Stages--Time & Cost

- * In an annual report from Monsanto, they indicated that the development and NDA submission of celecoxib, the Searle COX-2 inhibitor was completed in 39-months from the FIH.***
- * This is even more remarkable when one takes into account that the NDA contained data from over 9000 OA, RA and surgical pain subjects.***



What are the Critical Drug Development & Review Decision Points?

- * Overview of the drug development decision points*
- * Focus on Disease State*
- * Real-life examples*

Prove & Convince

Prove & Convince

+ *Ourselves*

+ *Regulatory Agencies*

+ *Purchasers*

+ *Prescribers*

+ *Patients*

Clinical Development Programs

- * Label-Driven clinical development***
- * Clinical development program (CDP) metrics***
- * What is the size of CDP?***
- * Doing research right: TPP & DPIs***
- * Help in preparing a CDP***
- * Learning and Confirming***
- * Real-time examples***

Eloxantin (oxaliplatin)

- * 1993 IND filed by Axiom*
- * 1995 Transferred - -
Debiopharm SA - - Sanofi*
- * 1997 Clinical hold due to CMC
issues*
- * 1999 NDA submitted*
 - Advanced colorectal w/ 5-FU
previously untreated subjects*
 - 2 Trials*

Eloxantin (oxaliplatin)

- * *1999 NDA--2 Trials*
- * *Neither trial designed with overall survival as primary*
- * *EFC 2961 powered to show diff. in tumor response*
- * *EFC 2962 powered to show diff. disease free survival (DFS)*
- * *FDA reviewer*
 - *2961 no trend towards survival advantage*
 - *2962 did not show a survival advantage*

Eloxantin (oxaliplatin)

- * *March 2000 ODAC meeting*
 - *Irinotecan metastatic colorectal 1st line data presented*
 - *ODAC did not recommend approval of oxaliplatin*
 - *Sanofi withdraws NDA*
- * *Lilly returns license for oxaliplatin to Sanofi*

Eloxantin (oxaliplatin)

- * 2000 Several EOP2 meetings*
- * Survival as 1° endpoint, RR and TTP as supportive*
- * Treatment allocation*
- * Randomized Phase 3 trial*
- * FDA: Analysis to be based on prespecified total number of deaths*
- * Delete TTF*

Eloxantin (oxaliplatin)

- * 12/2001 PreNDA clarification meeting***
- * 4/02 Fast Track status***
- * 7/02 Oxaliplatin NDA resubmitted***
- * 9/02 Oxaliplatin (with 5-FU/LV) approved for 2nd line colorectal***
 - CMA with prelim data from combo vs. single***
 - Reviewed in 46-days***

Eloxantin (oxaliplatin)

- * Requirement for survival data in 2004 per 2002 NDA Phase 4***
- * 1/04 NDA submitted for advanced colorectal 1st line***

Differentiation

***Just which heart attack
ARE we preventing?***

Differentiation:

“Pravachol has just been proven to reduce the risk of stroke or mini-stroke by 26% and heart attack by 24%”

“Importantly, 84% of the patients in the study were already taking aspirin, a common medicine for reducing the risk of recurrent heart attacks.”

Reader's Digest Ad, June 1998

Differentiation:

“Pravachol has just been proven to reduce the risk of stroke or mini-stroke by 26% and heart attack by 24%”

- * “A new clinical study in men and women with a history of heart attack and normal cholesterol proves Pravachol from Bristol-Myers Squibb Company, actually reduces the risk of heart attack and stroke or mini-stroke .”***
- * “Pravachol reduces the risk of first heart attack up to one-third.”***

Reader’s Digest Ad, June 1998

Dosage & Administration

Adults & children

&

the respective formulations

Dosage and Administration

“Adults and Children 12 years and older: The recommended initial dose of ZYRTEC is 5 or 10 mg per day for adults and children 12 years and older, depending upon symptom severity. Most patients in clinical trials started at 10 mg.

ZYRTEC is given as a single daily dose, with or without food. The time of administration may be varied to suit individual needs.”

Dosage and Administration

“In patients with decreased renal function (creatinine clearance 11-31 mL/min), patients on hemodialysis (creatinine clearance less than 7 mL/min) and in hepatically impaired patients, a dose of 5 mg once daily is recommended.”

“Children 6 to 11 years: The recommended initial dose of ZYRTEC in children 6 to 11 years is 5 or 10 mg (1 to 2 teaspoons) once daily depending upon symptom severity.”

Differentiation

No drug-drug interaction

No Drug Interactions

“In two separate studies fexofenadine hydrochloride 120 mg twice daily (twice the recommended dose) was co-administered with erythromycin 500 mg every 6 hours or ketoconazole 400 mg once daily under steady-state conditions to normal healthy volunteers (n=24, each study).

No Drug Interactions

No difference in adverse events or or QTc interval were observed when subjects were administered fexofenadine hydrochloride alone or in combination with erythromycin or ketoconazole.

The findings of these studies are summarized in the following table: ...”

Differentiation

***More Desirable Route of
Administration***

Inhale Announces Preliminary Phase IIb Results of Trial Combining Inhaled Insulin with Oral Agents

- * Inhale Therapeutic Systems, Inc. today announced preliminary results from a Phase IIb trial showing that individuals with type 2 diabetes can markedly improve their glycemic control without insulin injections by combining Inhale's pulmonary insulin with oral diabetes agents.***

BW HealthWire 9/8/98

Inhale Announces Preliminary Phase IIb Results of Trial Combining Inhaled Insulin with Oral Agents

- * The complete results from the 56 patients showed that Hemoglobin A1c levels -- used to measure levels of glycemic control -- were lowered by an average of 2.3% percentage points from 9.8% to 7.5% in the group using pulmonary delivery, while patients using oral agents alone showed little change (9.9% to 9.8%).***

Inhale Announces Preliminary Phase IIb Results of Trial Combining Inhaled Insulin with Oral Agents

**** Of the patients using pulmonary delivery in combination with oral agents, 97% opted to continue on pulmonary insulin following the completion of the trials.***

BW HealthWire 9/8/98

Patient Populations

PATIENT POPULATION

Broad range of Subpopulations

- * “Pfizer’s Viagra Efficacy Shown in Broad Range of Subpopulations - Labeling”***
- * “A review of population subgroups demonstrated efficacy regardless of baseline severity, etiology, race and age.” Viagra labeling states.***
- * “In a study of 268 diabetes patients 57% of Viagra patients reported improved erections compared to 10% on placebo.”***

PATIENT POPULATION

Broad range of Subpopulations

- * “Pfizer conducted two studies involving 179 patients with psychogenic etiology of dysfunction and found that “84% of Viagra patients reported improvement in erections compared with 26% of placebo...”***
- * “In a study involving 178 spinal cord patients, 83% reported improved erections on Viagra vs. 12% on placebo...”***

PATIENT POPULATION

Broad range of Subpopulations

- * “The broad market segmentation included in labeling will help Pfizer preempt claims from other potential competitors in the erectile dysfunction market.”***
- * “Sildenafil is contraindicated in patients who are taking nitrates. “Viagra was shown to potentiate the hypotensive effect of nitrates and its administration to patients who are currently using organic nitrates in any form is therefore contraindicated.”***

NDA Withdrawal

Safety

SAFETY NDA Withdrawal Hopes of Resubmitting the NDA

- * Wyeth is reanalyzing the safety data for its angiotensin II inhibitor Verdia in hopes of resubmitting the NDA.***
- * The Verdia (tasosartan) application was withdrawn from FDA consideration by the company March 3. Wyeth stated that the “action was the result of an unresolved question [with FDA] regarding the safety profile.” The product was associated with liver enzyme elevations during clinical trials.***

SAFETY NDA Withdrawal

Hopes of Resubmitting the NDA

- * With the cost of product launches soaring, companies are less willing to go to market without the acceptable promotional package.***

DOUBLE BLIND STUDY



***Revised Labeling
& Now NDA Withdrawal***

Drug-drug interactions!

REVISED LABELING--Withdrawal

Drug-Drug Interactions

“Propulsid Revised Labeling Reserves drug For Second-Line Use in GERD”

- * “Janssen’s Propulsid (cisapride) should be reserved for second-line use, revised labeling recommends following additional reports of cardiac events and deaths associated with the drug for nocturnal heartburn caused by gastroesophageal reflux disease.”*
- * “Revised labeling carries a boxed warning cautioning that “serious cardiac arrhythmias including ventricular tachycardia, ventricular fibrillation, torsades de pointes, and QT prolongation have been reported in patients taking Propulsid” with other drugs that inhibit cytochrome P450 3A4.”*

REVISED LABELING--Withdrawal

Drug-Drug Interactions

“Propulsid Revised Labeling Reserves drug For Second-Line Use in GERD”

- * “The new labeling contraindicates the use of Propulsid with at least 20 different drugs. ...antibiotics erythromycin, clarithromycin, and troleandomycin; the antidepressant nefazodone; antifungals fluconazole, itraconazole, ketoconazole and the protease inhibitors indinavir and ritonavir.”*
- * “Propulsid is additionally contraindicated for use with certain medications known to prolong QT interval: anti-arrhythmics Class IA (such as quinidine and procainamide... sotalol... amitryptiline... maprotiline...”*

PK Labeling

Sub-populations

Phase 2/3 Transition

10. Clinical Development

- * Special Populations ?***
- * Gender ?***
- * Age (Elderly / Neonates) ?***
- * Ethnicity ?***
- * Impairments ?***

Clinical Pharmacology

Pharmacokinetics and Metabolism: Omeprazole

*“In pharmacokinetic studies of single 20 mg omeprazole doses, an increase in AUC of approximately **four-fold** was noted in Asian subjects compared to Caucasians. Dose adjustment, particularly where maintenance of healing of erosive esophagitis is indicated, for the hepatically impaired and Asian subjects should be considered.*”

PI 2/97



“That is a breakthrough--



**“That is a breakthrough--
a placebo with side effects!”**

Indications

*In which population was
the drug tested?*

PATIENT POPULATIONS

“Naprelan Onset of Action Data From Oral Surgery Do Not Apply to Arthritis”

- * “Wyeth-Ayerst cannot claim that Naprelan (naproxen) provides 30-minute relief in arthritis patients because **the onset of relief data is derived from oral surgery studies,** FDA’s ad division said in a June 8 letter.”***
- * FDA objected to statements the Naprelan “gets arthritis patients off to a fast start” with “30-minute onset of acute pain relief...”***

PATIENT POPULATIONS

“Naprelan Onset of Action Data From Oral Surgery Do Not Apply to Arthritis”

*** *“The approved product labeling for Naprelan states that in clinical trials designed to determine the efficacy of Naprelan in osteoarthritis and rheumatoid arthritis, clinical effectiveness was noted at one week.”***

“The Pink Sheet” 7/6/98 page 28

NDA Withdrawal

***Can't be used with any
other drug?***

NDA Withdrawal

Drug-Drug Interactions

“Posicor Withdrawal Reflects “Complexity” of Interaction Profile”

- * “Products identified as potentially dangerous in combination with mibefradil included cardiac drugs such as Cordarone, Vesture, Tambocor, and Rythmol; oncologic products such as tamoxifen, Cytosan, VePesid, Ifex, and Velban, and the anti-rejection medications Neoral and Prograf.”***
- * “Roche’s decision to withdraw the calcium channel blocker Posicor (mibefradil) is based on the “complexity” of the drug interaction information that would have to be communicated to ensure safe usage, the company said June 8.”***

“The Pink Sheet” 6/15/98 page 5

NDA Withdrawal

Drug-Drug Interactions

“Posicor Withdrawal Reflects “Complexity” of Interaction Profile”

- * “With the calcium channel blocker category crowded with competitors and Posicor hampered with numerous drug interactions, the failure of the product to find a new therapeutic niche would have relegated the product to a limited use even if it had remained on the market.”***

NDA Withdrawal

***Can't be used with any
other drug?***

When did they know?

***When should they have
known?***

Differentiation

Doing it right!

Differentiation:

“Merck Singulair Clears FDA for Chronic Asthma in Patients Six and Up”

- * “Merck Singulair tablets were approved Feb. 20 for the prophylaxis and chronic treatment of asthma in patients 15 and older.”***
- * “Singulair chewable tablets were also approved for the same indication in pediatric patients aged six to 14 under a separate NDA.”***
- * “Singulair (montelukast) is indicated for a broader age range than the two other oral chronic asthma treatments that act on the leukotriene pathway. Both Abbott’s Zyflo (zileuton) and Zeneca’s Accolate (zafirlukast) are indicated for patients 12 and older.”***

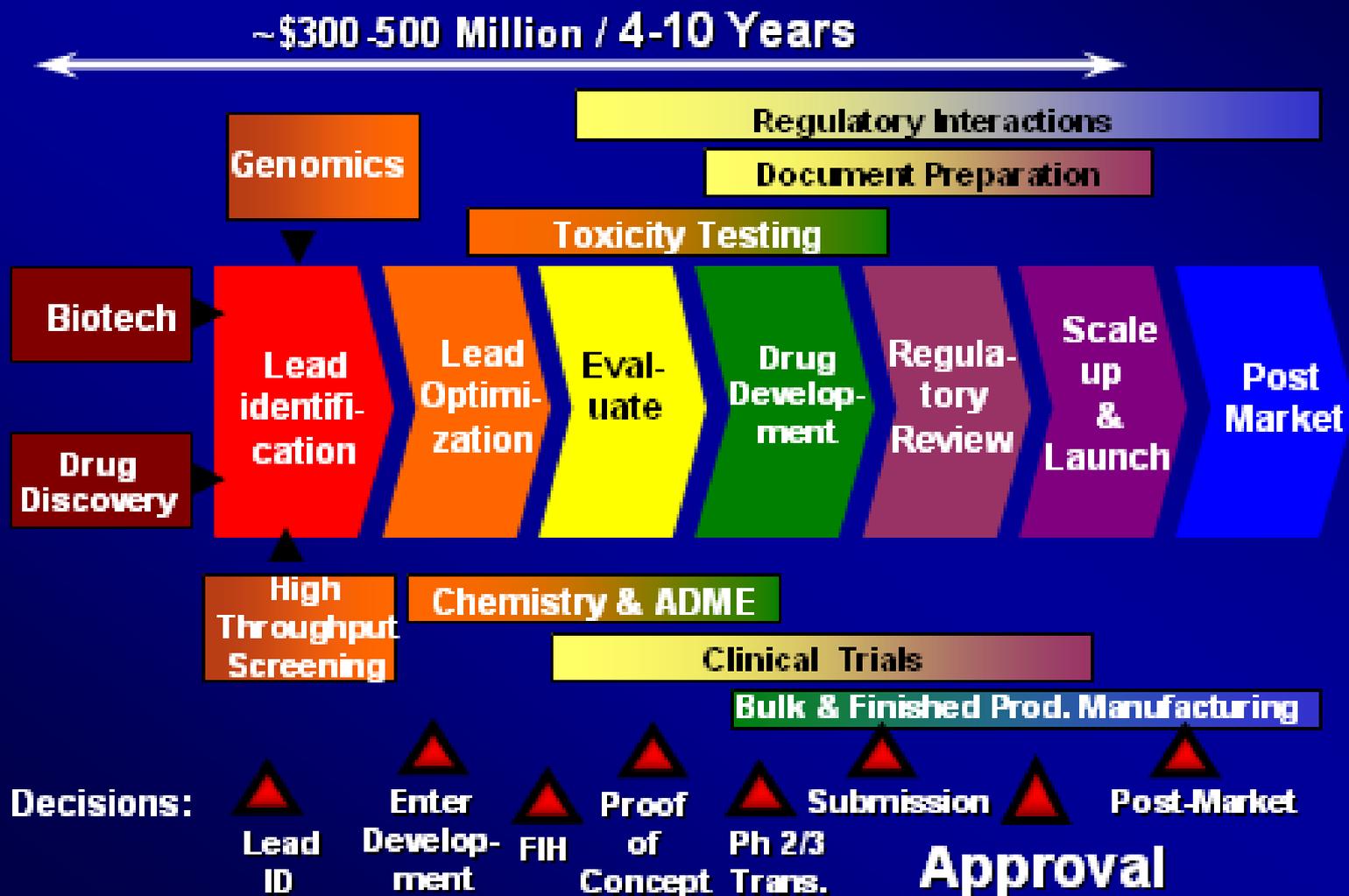
Differentiation:

“Merck Singulair Clears FDA for Chronic Asthma in Patients Six and Up”

- * ***“Merck’s Singulair labeling includes data demonstrating efficacy in exercise-challenged asthma patients.”***
“Exercise challenge was conducted at the end of the dosing interval...”
- * ***“Labeling for Singulair appears to allow Merck several possibilities to differentiate the leukotriene receptor antagonist from Zeneca’s LTRA Accolate (zafirlukast) and Abbott’s leukotriene inhibitor Zyflo (zileuton).”***
- * ***“Neither Zyflo nor Accolate labeling mention exercise-induced asthma. FDA had objected to any insinuation of efficacy in that population without clinical evidence...”***

Drug Discovery, Development & Review

Adapted from Pharmaceutical Executive, January 2000, page 80





What are the Critical Drug Development & Review Decision Points?

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- * Focus on Disease State*
- * Real-life examples*



What are the Critical Drug Development & Review Decision Points?

- * One way to remember the “label-driven question-based” concept is to think:***
 - + “We Sell Only the Package Insert,***
 - + We ...***