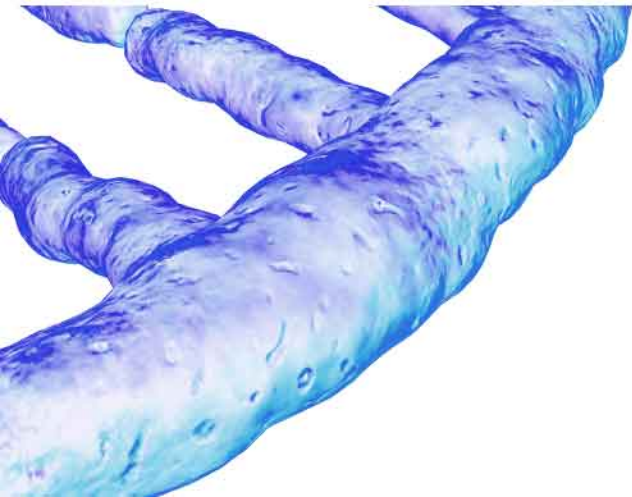


Session 302, JSM 2013:
Key Subgroup Analysis
Issues in Clinical Trials,
Discussion



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Ilya Lipkovich, Overview of Subgroup Identification Approaches in Clinical Research



- Principles and standards for subgroup analysis in clinical research
- Data mining approaches for subgroup identification
- SIDES Method

Applications:

- > Prospective identification/validation of biomarkers/ subgroups;
- > Evaluation of data prior to Phase 3 trials to identify possible population for enrichment.

Alexei Dmitrienko, Confirmatory subgroup analysis: Multiple testing approaches



- Clinical trials with pre-specified subpopulation
 - Enhanced efficacy in sub-population
 - Both overall population and subpopulations are important
 - Efficacy at least in one population
- Multiplicity adjustments to control overall Type I error
 - Control of familywise error rate
 - Account for logical relationships and utilize available distribution information
 - α allocation and propagation
 - Optimality criteria

Brian Millen, Decisionmaking in Confirmatory Multipopulation Tailoring Clinical Trials



- Clinical trials with pre-specified subpopulation
 - Enhanced efficacy in subpopulation
 - Biomarker-positive and biomarker-negative subpopulations
- **Multiple testing**
- **Influence condition**
- **Interaction condition**
- **Frequentist and Bayesian approaches**

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- CPMP/EWP/908/99: “Points to Consider on Multiplicity Issues in Clinical Trials”, 2002
- CHMP/EWP/2459/02: “Reflection Paper on Methodological Issues in Confirmatory Clinical Trials planned with an adaptive design”, 2007

- **Draft FDA guidance:** ”*Guidance for Industry: Analysis of Clinical Trials with Multiple Endpoints*”, expected to be released soon

- Criteria for Multiple Testing
 - > **Strong control** of type I error rate
 - > Optimize power by accounting for logical relationships & correlations

- Recent Development in Multiple Testing Strategies
 - > Linear hierarchical structure
 - Sequential Testing
Reference: Dmitrienko, Tamhane and Wiens (2008)
 - Sequential Testing with Retesting
Reference: Dmitrienko, Kordzakhia, Tamhane (2011)
 - Sequential Testing with Multiple Retesting

 - > Symmetric Hierarchical structure
 - Simultaneous testing for two families
 - Simultaneous testing for multiple families
Reference: Kordzakhia, Dmitrienko (2012)

Additional Information and Thoughts (Cont.)



- Biomarker-driven designs to facilitate precision medicine/ find sub-populations with enhanced benefit from treatment/ tailoring treatment
 - > Biomarker discovery/ selection & validation designs
 - > Biomarker stratified & strategy designs
 - > Population enrichment (standard and adaptive designs)
- FDA Draft Guidance (December, 2012): Enrichment Strategies for Clinical Trials to Support Approval of Human Drugs and Biological Products

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