
Model Based Drug Development at Lilly

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Answers That Matter.

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Frame

1. Translational Science (PK/PD)

Identifying drug targets and drug candidates with the aim of improving clinical success

2. Drug-Disease (Trial) Models

Vehicle to enable translational efforts

Outline

1. Discuss tools and approaches that allows for decision-making over the research & development life cycle
 2. Briefly, Translational Research versus Clinical Trial Simulation (CTS)
 3. Two case studies: Oncology and Diabetes
 4. Sustaining capabilities through collaborations
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What Tools are used?

- Drug-Disease Models
 - Physiologic and metabolism representation of the disease
 - Models of disease progression
 - Exposure-Response Models
 - Literature-Based Meta-analysis
 - Trial Simulations
 - Clinical Utility Index and Assessment of Development Strategies
 - Population PK-PD that informs the label, i.e., special populations
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In the Preclinical Phase.....

Current state:

Integrate CL, potency and bioavailability estimates for dose projection by incorporating uncertainty and expected variability

Limited use of physiological/mechanistic models that inform candidate selection

Future:

Availability of **meta-analysis** and **mechanistic (systems)** models that enables an integrated decision making criteria around the target (and candidate)

- ***integrate knowledge from basic and preclinical research***
 - ***requires collaboration between basic and clinical researchers***
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One Approach

- A single metric that integrates several estimated parameters, and usually has a high level of uncertainty in the preclinical stage

Potency

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- Exposure rather than dose based
- Possible to leverage comparator for preclinical-clinical potency scaling

Target Concn

- Set to some clinical relevance
- Usually has highest level of uncertainty

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Clearance

- Allometry and other scaling approaches

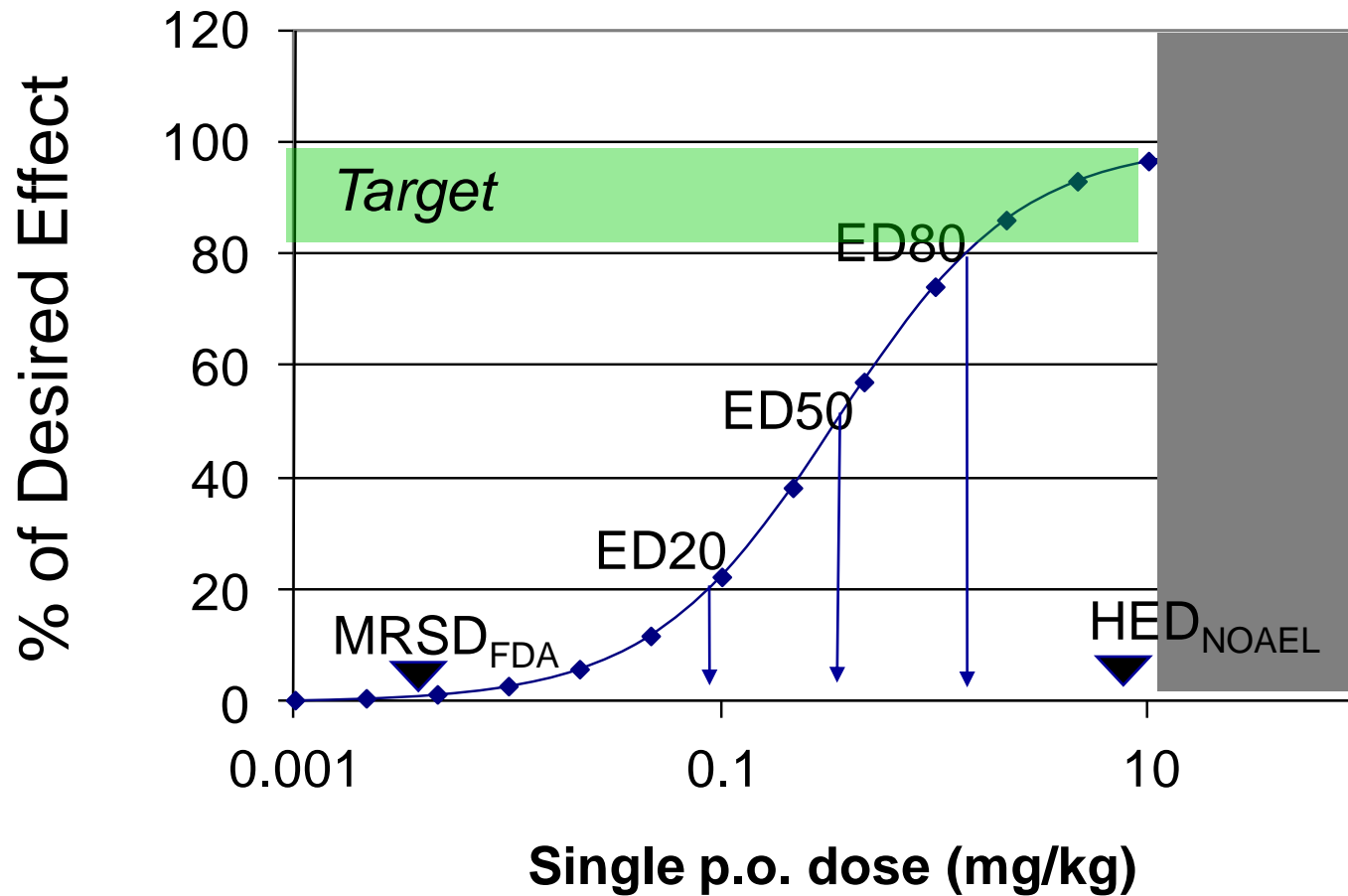
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Bioavailability



Efficacy Dose

And Then Exploring a Dose Range in Early Clinical Studies



Modelling & Simulation: How?

1. PK model
2. PD and efficacy data: Biomarker in tumor and tumor growth data
3. PD and efficacy model
 - Indirect response model for biomarker
 - Modified Gompertz Tumour growth model

Case Study: Oncology

With the advent of targeted therapies,

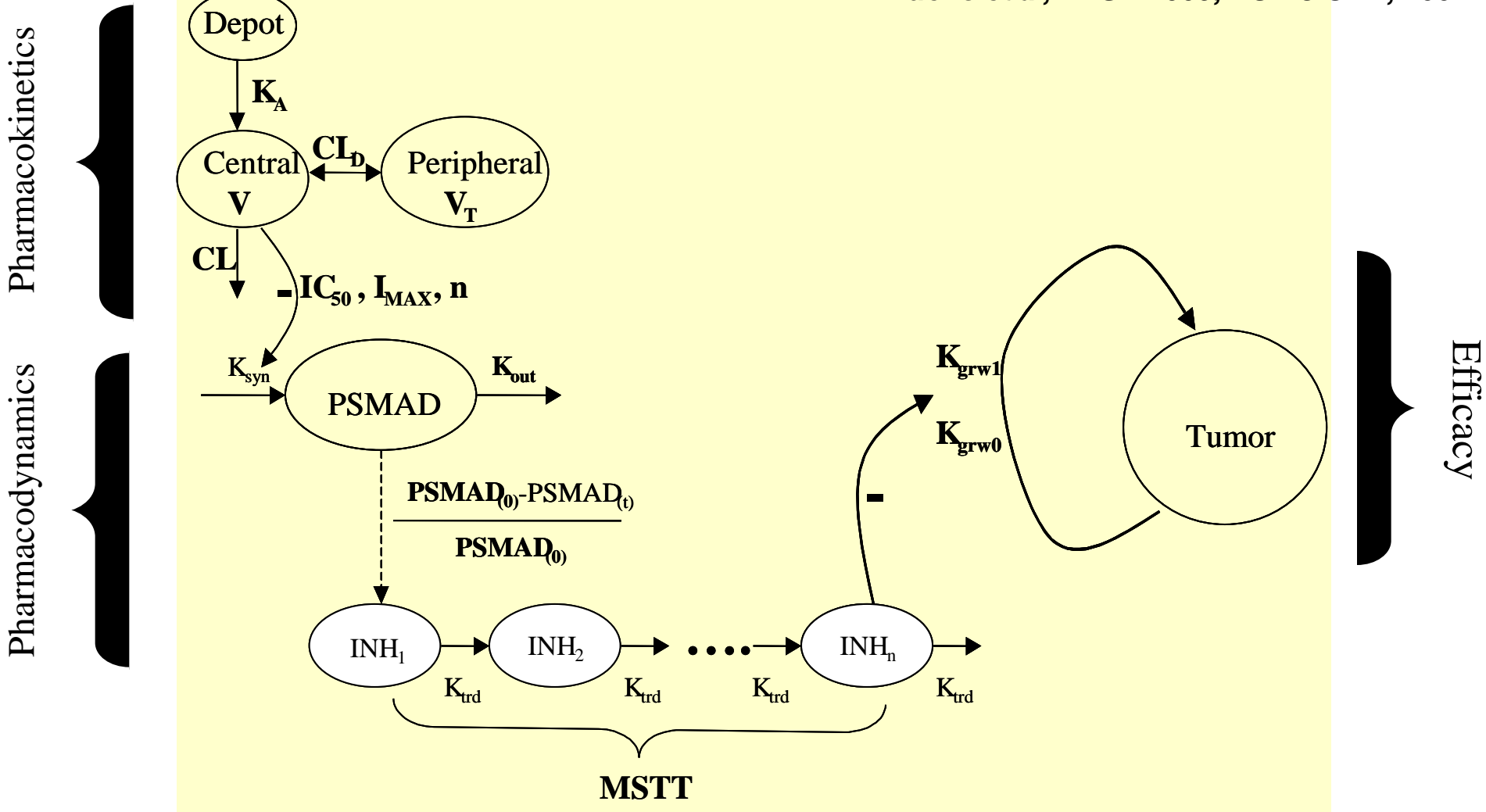
- We need to assess the impact on the target i.e., inhibition
- Key questions of degree and duration of target inhibition need to be addressed i.e., how much inhibition ?
- Issues with chronic oral dosing both pharmacokinetic and pharmacodynamic (e.g. time dependent kinetics or dynamics) come into play
- Translation to clinical efficacy is uncertain

An example of low prior information...

Case Study: Oncology

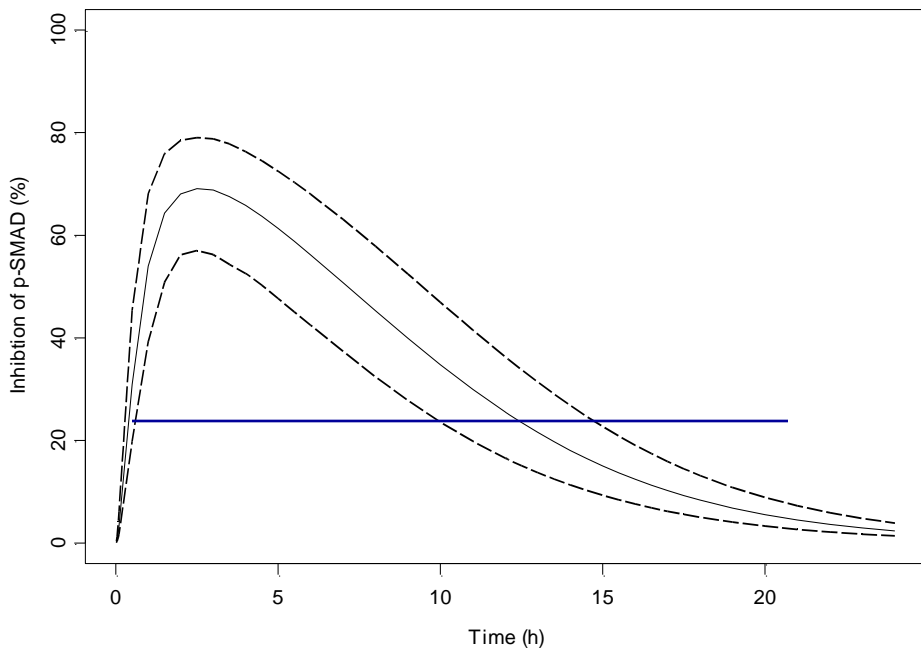
A PK/PD Model for Inhibition of Signal Transduction

Bueno et al, PAGE 2005; EUR J CAN, 2007

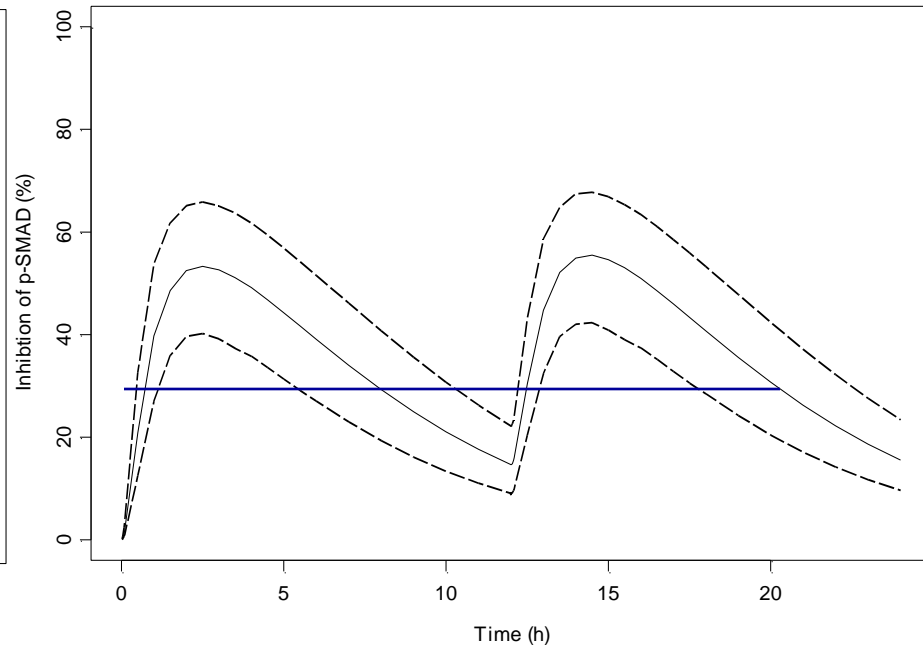


Predicting human biomarker response to assist the design and the dose range selection of FHD

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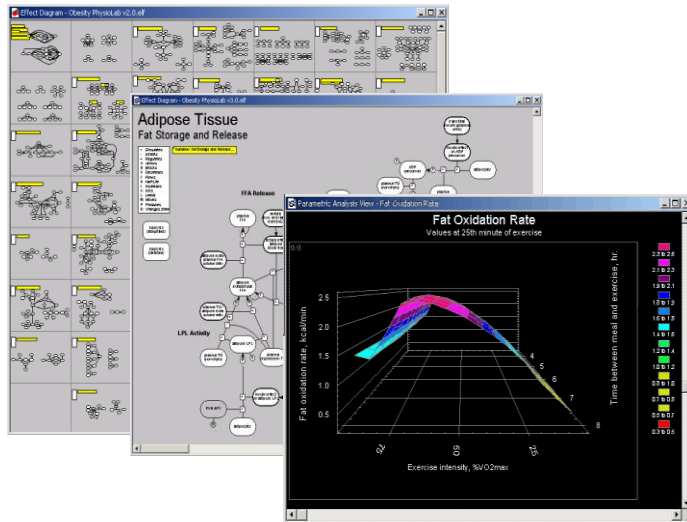
BID



Preclinical data suggested that at least 30% inhibition of biomarker over 24 hours and at least 50% inhibition at T_{max}; simulations were performed in order to achieve this level of inhibition.

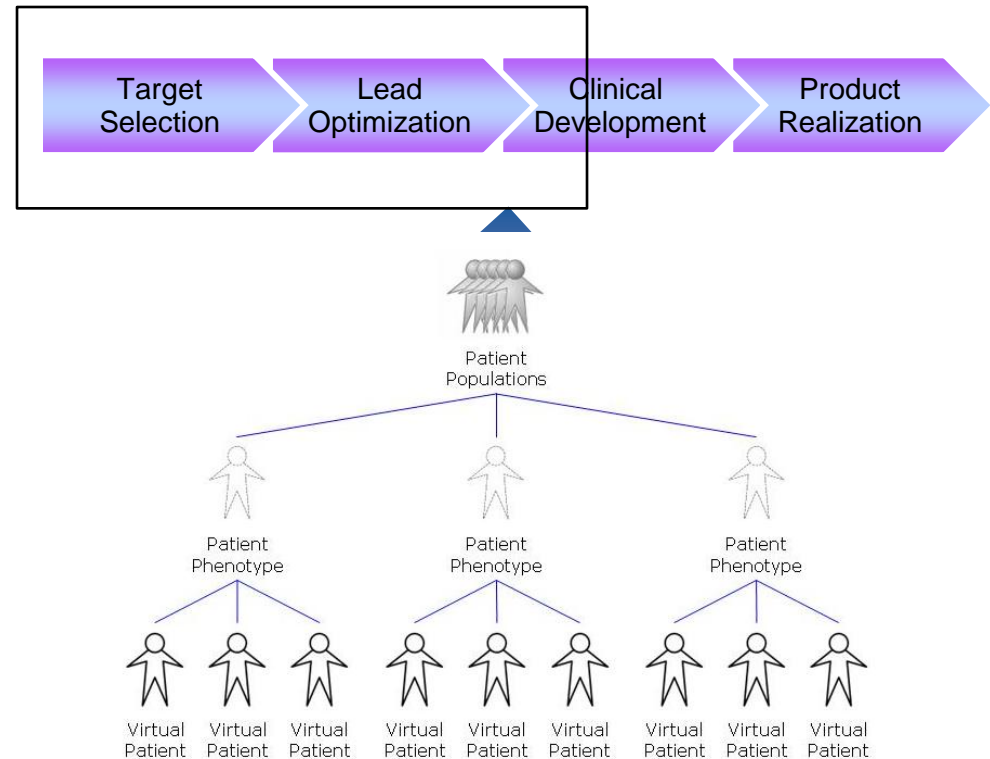
Value of developing disease platforms

Develop large-scale models that detail physiology and explicitly/implicitly represent targets



to simulate human physiology and create virtual patients....

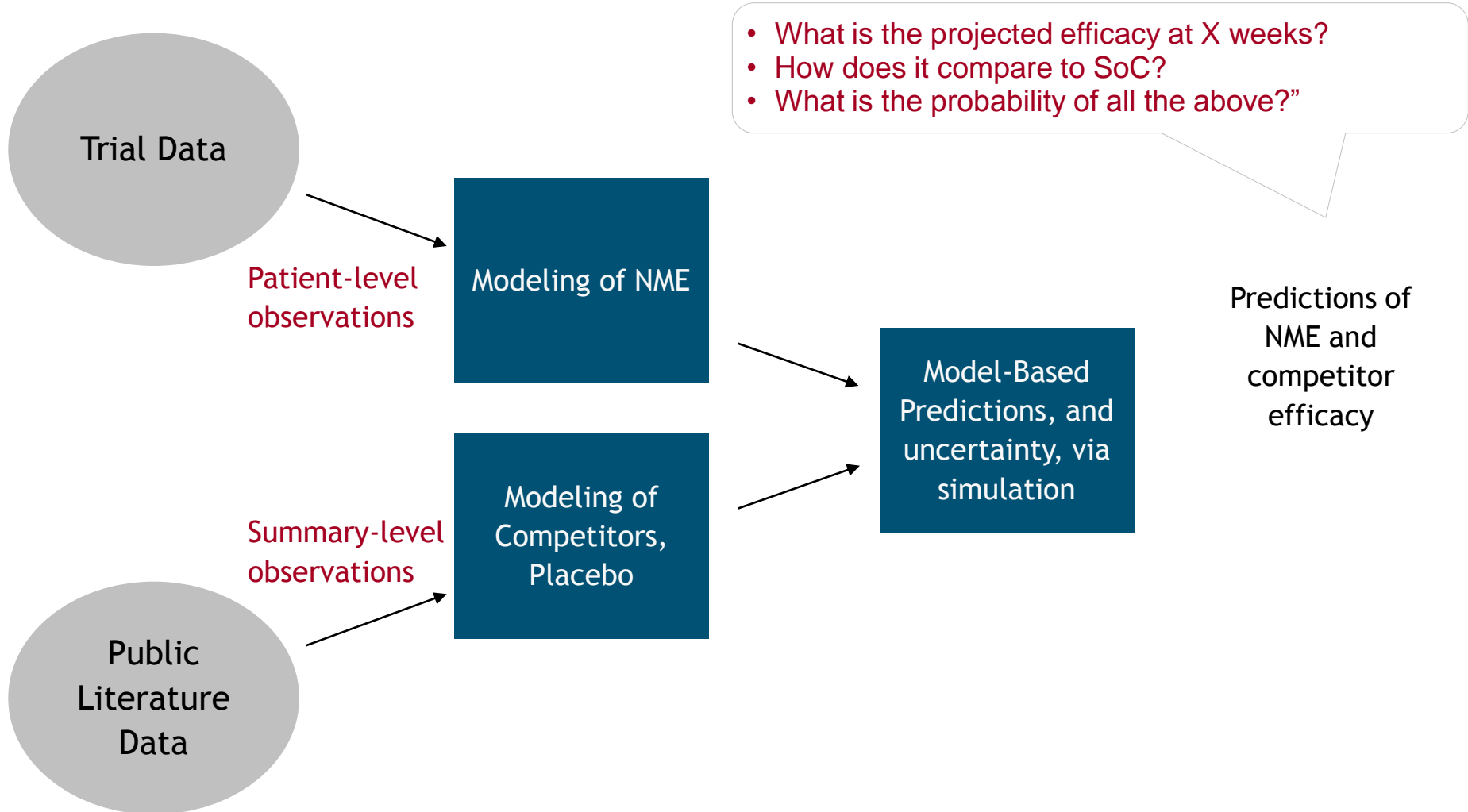
...to predict human response and trigger experiments that test hypotheses



Literature Based Meta-Analysis

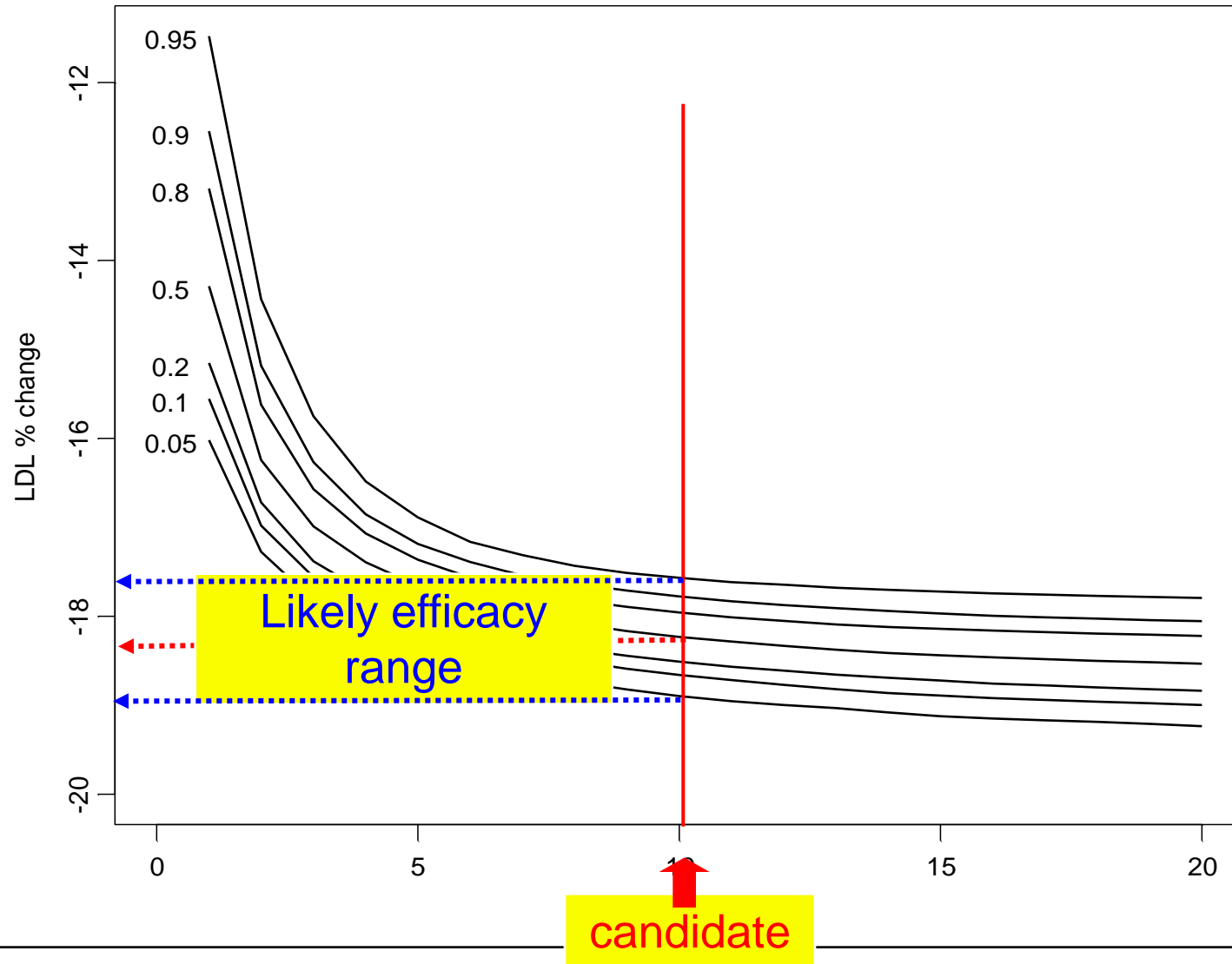
- Placebo has been studied extensively in a very heterogeneous patient population
 - A meta analysis allows us to study the effect of disease progression
 - Go from qualitative approaches of how your drug compares to the competition to quantifying the differences
 - Provide comparative data without testing in a clinical program
 - The required information may be accessible by quantifying public domain data
 - Pool model predictions based on public domain with model predictions based on in-house data
 - qualitative sense: more drugs & more factors of impact
 - quantitative sense: distributions rather than point estimates
 - **Last but not least: Everybody else is doing some form of meta-analysis with data !**
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Meta-analysis to inform development decisions



Understanding the Likely Efficacy Profile and Dose Response

AAPS Short Course 2008



In POC and Phase 2.....

Current state:

Use of PK and PD models to justify selection of dosing regimens

use of trial simulations (dose, patient population, type of study) in designing trials

Future:

Routine assessment of outcomes given a trial design (s) with focus on informativeness –

Removing uncertainty

Tailoring opportunities

Meta analysis at the EOP2 to supplement Phase 3 Go decisions

Case Study: Diabetes

Drug X:

- Clinical pharmacokinetics from Phase I
- Preclinical data: In vitro potency and response in an animal model with comparators
- Well-characterized biomarker - fasting plasma glucose (FPG)
 - Pre-clinical response thought to be predictive of clinical efficacy related to mechanism of action

An example of high prior information...

Case Study: Diabetes

Key Question (s):

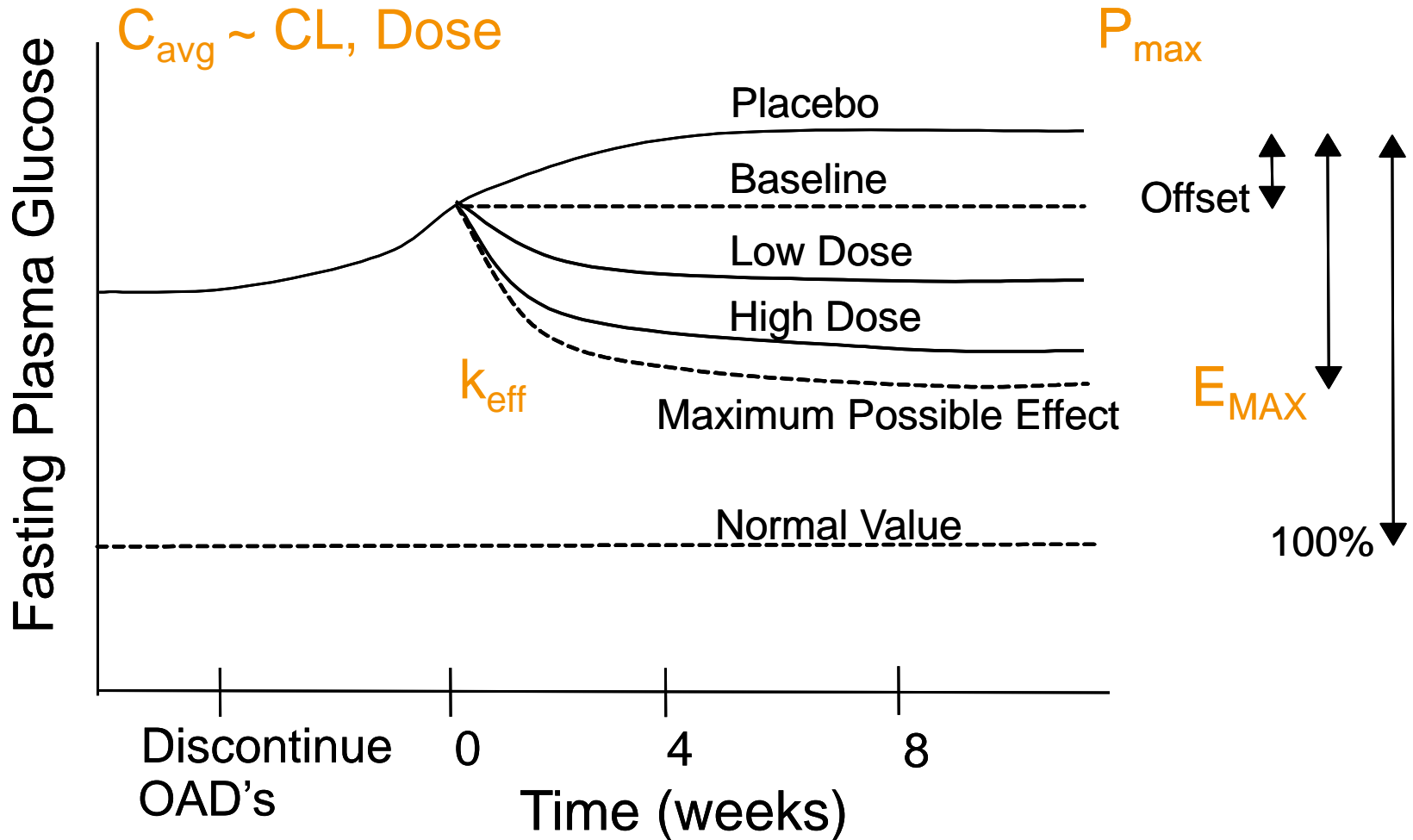
What, if anything, can we do to make quantitative inferences about the efficacy of Drug X given the available information ?

Need and design for a proof of concept study? Phase 2 design considerations?

One approach:

- Use model-based meta-analysis of published clinical efficacy data to construct dose-response models for the marketed drugs
 - Combine that with a model to describe the relationship between preclinical and clinical exposure-response for the marketed drugs, i.e., preclinical-to-clinical scaling.
 - Apply the resulting model to preclinical Drug X data to predict Drug X clinical efficacy.
 - Conduct a trial simulation
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Time Course of FPG



$$\text{Change in FPG} = \text{Placebo} + \text{Drug}$$

Case Study: Diabetes

An Useful Experiment is Estimating the Relative Potency

- Establish Dose -Concentration-Response relationship for Drug X vs. Comparator 1 and Comparator 2

$$EC_{50,X}^{human} = \frac{EC_{50,C}^{human} \cdot EC_{50,C}^{ZDF}}{EC_{50,C}^{ZDF}} = X \text{ ng/mL}$$

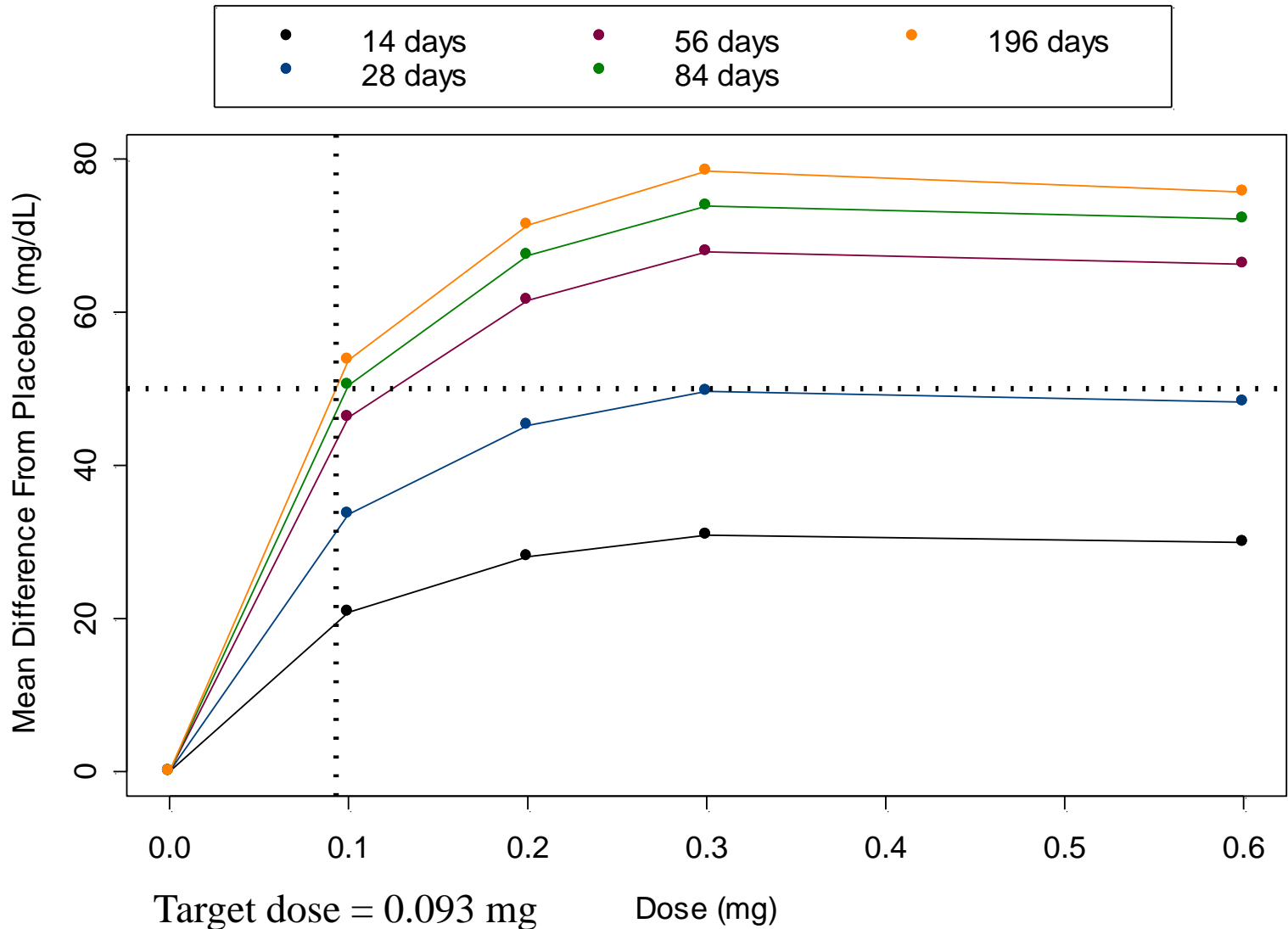
Thus, data from the pharmacology study reduces uncertainty in EC_{50} and allowed refinement to a plausible range for this distribution.

For Phase II simulations:

- Draw EC_{50} from an uncertainty distribution for each trial
 - Incorporate inter-individual variability in EC_{50} (e.g. 30% as CV)
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Case Study: Diabetes

Population Simulation: Identify a “target” Dose



Drug Disease Model(s)

Pharmacokinetics + Pharmacodynamics + Disease Models

Drug

Goal: Characterize the distribution of treatment outcomes as a

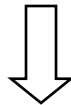
$f(\text{Dose, Disease, Patient})$

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Trial Models

Goal: Predict outcomes and reductions in uncertainty as a

$f(\text{Dose, Sample size, \# Arms, Control, Patient, Duration})$



Trial Outcome

Case Study: Diabetes

Phase II: Simulation Objectives

1. Ensure that all Drug X dose arms show a significant glucose reduction versus placebo.
2. Ensure that the highest Drug X dose arm will result in a glucose reduction that will be at least non-inferior to Comparator (or 50 mg/dL).
3. Ensure the trial will identify a statistically significant dose response relationship, i.e., at least two of the LY treatment arms are different.

In Addition,

- Determine the ability of the optimized trial to support an analysis predicting doses that will achieve a targeted glucose reduction.
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Trial Simulation

PK/PD Model + Parameters

E_{\max} , EC_{50} , BLGF, γ , k_{eff} , P_{\max} , CL, BSV, ERR



Mega-Trial (CL, EC_{50})

of Arms: PCB + 3, 4, 5 Active

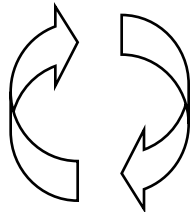
N = 24, 48, 72, 96

Duration (wks): 2, 4, 8, 12, 28

A Trial

0, 0.2, 0.6, 2, 6, 15 mg LY

N = 48; 4 weeks



• Simulate 200 replicates

• Analyses, Fit

Trial Outcome(s)/Metrics

Estimate a dose based on effect size

Case Study: Diabetes

Phase II Simulation Results

Doses (mg)	Percentage of Successful Trials		
	Placebo**	Dose Response	Non-inferior (X mg/50 mg/dL)
0.02, 0.1, 0.4, 1.0	3	100	100
0.04, 0.1, 0.5, 1.0	6.5	100	100
0.06, 0.2, 0.6, 1.0	22	99	100
0.08, 0.2, 0.8, 2	37	94	100
0.1, 0.5, 1, 2	50	92	100
0.2, 0.8, 2	90	90	100
0.06, 0.5, 2	29	92	100

Case Study: Diabetes

Key Takeaways

Integration of pre-clinical & public-source clinical data permits construction of a model for predicting effects on a biomarker/surrogate.

Leveraging prior information permits choice of trials and more informed design with the information on the probability of selecting a dose for Phase III

Summary

- In the preclinical – clinical phase, using drug disease models is best suited to selecting: target, indication, molecule
- The mechanistic depth of the model largely depends on prior knowledge
- Using disease platforms is a useful approach to understanding phenotypic behavior and variability in response
- Clinical trial simulation is one of program optimization: Combine a drug disease model with a trial model (sample size, dropouts, compliance)