

# European contribution to the RWD/RWE debate

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# Sources

- UK Academy of Medical Sciences(AMS) workshops
- European Medicines Agency (EMA)
- Innovative Medicines Initiative (IMI) projects

# AMS workshop 1

- Held in September 2015
- Aims
  1. to explore the current acceptability of RWE in regulatory and HTA decision making
  2. To address the challenges
  3. To suggest practical steps to address these.

# Contributors to workshop 1

- EMA
- FDA
- MHRA
- IMS Health
- NICE
- Industry

# AMS Workshop 1

- Conclusions
- 1. Role of RWE in regulatory decision making remains to be defined
- 2. Being used in pharmacovigilance but less in licensing of medicines
- 3. Need for better definitions and standards to be used by all stakeholders
- 4. Need for standard IT monitoring systems

# AMS Workshop 2

- Held in January 2018
- Contributors: EMA, FDA, MHRA, NICE, Industry, NAM.
- Conclusions:
  - 1. In Europe, compared to U.S. ,progress has been relatively limited, being incremental rather than transformative
  - 2. Many of challenges identified in 2015 remain unsolved

# Access v. Evidence Debate

- Data– information– evidence-decision making
- Big Data-large sets of information which needs specialised computational tools to help analysis
- RWD-subset of Big Data relating to :
  - Patient health status
  - Delivery of routine health care
  - Collected from a variety of sources including EHRs, claims, product and disease registries, social media

# Real World Evidence(1)

- RWE- evidence drawn from RWD through application of research methods
- Regulatory grade RWE
  - Define scientific question
  - identify study design
  - selection of RWD
  - data standards/analytical methods
  - compliance with regulatory standards



# Real World Evidence (2)

- Uses of RWE
  - Regulators. Evaluation of product safety
  - Payers. Decisions on coverage and reimbursement

# Key requirements for RWE

- Generalisability
- Relevance
- Adaptability
- Efficiency

# FDA

- 21 st Century Cures Act
  - shift from preapproval RCTs to post approval RWD/RWE
  - Requires FDA to establish programme to evaluate RWE
  
- 61% NME approved in 2016 used expedited approval programmes.
- 81% Accelerated approvals were for cancer drugs

# European Pharmacovigilance

- RWD in routine use for safety monitoring
- 2016 -1 million safety reports received on Eudravigilance network
- 2000 signals detected
- 48 validated

# European efficacy study Zalmoxis

- Immunogene therapy for high risk haematological malignancies
- Phase 2 single arm study
- Historical controls using Transplantation register
- Conditional Marketing Authorisation granted
- PAES and PASS requested

# European efficacy Salford Lung Study

- Pragmatic RCT for novel treatment for COPD
- 2800 patients, 80 GPs , 130 pharmacies
- Salford Integrated Record(SIR) links primary and secondary care data
- Wider population than routine RCT

# European Adaptive Licensing Pilot (1)

- Medicines Adaptive Pathways to Patients
  - Prospectively planned adaptive approach to give:
    - early access of patients to important new medicines for unmet medical needs, but with greater uncertainty and lower evidence requirements
    - Burden of evidence shifts from pre- to post-marketing.
- Importance of PAES and PASS
- Involvement of company, regulator , HTA experts, payers, patients
  - uses existing EU legal framework

# EMA Adaptive Licensing pilot(2)

- Importance of the use of high quality RWD gathered through a prospective plan to further define benefit/ risk profile and therapeutic value of product
- In final report in July 2016, all 18 accepted pilot projects included plans for use of RWD that went beyond traditional use of registries for pharmacovigilance
- “Most of plans vague in terms of the purpose of collecting RWD to supplement RCTs”



# European Medicines Agency

- March 2016, EMA and heads of Medicines Agencies formed a joint Task Force to explore how:
- To use Big Data to support innovation and medical development
- To map relevant sources of Big Data
- To identify usability and application of Big Data
- To design a Big Data roadmap
- Group has 18 months to complete work and report back

# IMI funded programmes (1)

- Innovative Medicines Initiative (IMI) is an EU public – private consortium, launched in 2008, consisting of pharmaceutical companies, academia, regulators and academia. Its budget from 2014-2024 is E3 billion , half of which comes from industry. It supports 50 projects

# IMI funded programmes (2)

- IMI GET REAL
- IMI PROTECT
- IMI ADAPT SMART
- IMI WEB RADR

# IMI GET REAL

- 3 year project, launched in 2013 aiming to show how robust new methods of RWE collection and synthesis could be adopted early in pharmaceutical R&D and healthcare decision making to bridge the gap between efficacy and effectiveness thus getting new drugs to patients more quickly

# IMI PROTECT

- (Pharmacoepidemiological Research Outcomes of Therapeutics by a European Consortium
- Aim is to strengthen the monitoring of benefit-risk of medicines in Europe, with the inclusion of patient and public involvement .
- Addresses limitations of current methods in the fields of pharmacoepidemiology and pharmacovigilance
- Output evaluated in 2016-all objectives and deliverables achieved(outcomes linked to signal detection and evaluation being implemented in routine pharmacovigilance

# IMI ADAPT SMART

- A coordination and support action to facilitate and accelerate availability of MAPPS (Medicines Adaptive Pathways to Patients) related activities
- Established in 2014 for a 10 year period to develop next generation vaccines and medicines such as new antibiotics
- Built on lessons learned from first phase IMI projects started in 2008,
- Tackle Europe's growing healthcare challenges and ensure future competitiveness of Europe's pharmaceutical industry

# IMI WEB RADR

- to develop a mobile app for patients and healthcare professionals to report suspected ADRs and investigate the potential for publicly available social media to identify drug safety issues
- Reports received from the mobile app will be compared with those received via established reporting schemes for completeness, quality and value for detection of safety issues
- Launched in 2014 for 3 year period and led by a consortium of experts from industry and regulatory authorities and academia

# Regulatory Applications of RWE for drugs

- Safety
- Dosing
- Drug-drug interactions
- Sequence of therapies
- Subpopulations /expansion
- New indications(repurposing)
- PAES and PASS (PMR and PMC)













