Session III: Sponsor Perspectives – What's Working Now?

Facilitated by Megan Doyle, Amgen 10:40 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. EDT

Overview

Panelists

- **Robert "Joe" Mather**, Pfizer
- Alma Chavez, Duke Clinical Research Institute
- Scott Askin, Novartis
- Adam Hartman, NINDS
- Isaac Rodriguez-Chavez, ICON

Session Objectives

- Understand from sponsor perspective what works and what doesn't for specific DCT solutions
- Discuss how to ensure DCT solutions are considered during study design, including as opportunities to streamline trials and reduce participant burden
- Identify considerations for effective and efficient safety monitoring in DCTs



 $r \Box$ Please share questions, comments, and ideas in the chat throughout the session

CTTI Case Study #1

Implementing a Decentralized Clinical Trial at Scale for COVID-19 Symptom Monitoring

Joe Mather Executive Director Head of Advanced Science Group

Early Clinical Development

August 26, 2021



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Agenda

- 1. Introduction
- 2. Case Study
- 3. Key Learnings
- 4. Summary



Decentralized or Flexible Clinical Trials

The FDA recently defined DCTs as the **decentralization of clinical trial operations where** technology is used to communicate with study participants and collect data

Key elements of a decentralized or flexible trial design include:

•	eConsent (electronic informed consent) Remote eConsent	 Participant self-collected samples Sensors/wearables 	
•	ePRO (patient reported outcomes or diaries)	Remote monitoring	
•	Home Health or Telehealth	 Remote source document review and source 	
•	Direct to participant drug or investigational medical product delivery	data verificationDirect data capture (quality & reliability)	

- May provide patients more flexibility to participate in studies or recruit broader patient populations
- Heavy reliance on participant or caregivers to complete study activity
- Higher burden on vendors, technologies and site to ensure GCP guidelines are followed, that data quality and integrity as well as privacy and security are maintained and to ensure audit readiness throughout the study
- Critical need for study and site management & support systems





A Decentralized Clinical Trial at Scale for COVID-19 Symptom Monitoring

Primary objective build a voice and symptom algorithm(s) for detection and monitoring of SARS-CoV-2 illness and characterize the link between symptoms and voice features of SARS-CoV-2 positive participants

Secondary objectives will assess app compliance; quality of voice recordings; infection rates for SARS-CoV-2/Influenza/RSV & feasibility of self-swabbing

Impact:

- Characterizing self-reported voice and symptom profiles for acute respiratory illnesses and enabling their early detection benefits vaccine development
- This study models concepts of **efficient and flexible clinical trials**: web-based participant recruitment, enhanced participant engagement and remote sample collection
- This observational study will assess technology and its performance to enable deployment in future interventional studies.



BOYD App enabling remote ID verification, screening, consenting, symptom and voice recordings, and recording of self-swabbing



Study Concept





Remote eConsent



Remote eConsent



Remote eConsent

- eConsent on mobile app; fully remote and decentralized process
- Remote and automated identity verification in app- based on public data in of individuals
- Study video in app to inform participant
- Confirmation of individual's understanding of the protocol elements and risks of the study
- Opportunity to ask questions and contact the investigator
- Relatively simple inclusion and exclusion requirements for study participation

Considerations for Future Trials

- Dual approach with alternative for remote consent through secure video conference where participant can meet with site staff and show proof of identity
- Interventional drug trials will need to consider more strict identity verification field checks if using automated ID verification service
- Secure communications will allow participant questions in real time to reduce loss or screen failures

Information & Study Management



Study Management

Study Implementation

- Mobile App available on iOS and Android phones; dependent on OS requirements (acoustic quality)
- Participants enrolling with older models of Android phones; hardware on phones results in issues with voice recordings
- Operational team portals for site, vendors and study team to manage and monitor study
- Operational & study tracking reports
- Patient addresses and courier delivery services
- Virtual payment cards for participant payments
- Data triggered payments based
 on eDiary compliance
- Site support for compensation support to participants

Considerations for Future Trials

- Regulatory barriers (currently a COVID-19 guidance from FDA)
- Option to procure phones for participants to streamline type of device used and enhance participant study experience
- eConsent tools capable for capturing remote signatures, future studies
- Site capabilities and compliance of tools (e.g., DocuSign, etc.); secure messaging platforms to contact participants
- Not all participants may have bank accounts (requirement for virtual payment cards)
- Access to account registration emails and record of instructions available for both vendor and site to help resolve issues

Remote Sample Collection



At home biospecimen collection



Study Implementation

- Two at-home self swab kits were sent directly to participant's home in single shipment to reduce costs and time
- Sample collection and shipping
 Instructions included in the box
- Return of results direct to the participant via HIPAA compliant mechanism and site reporting to required health authorities

Considerations for Future Trials

- Participant confusion on whether both swabs should be taken at once; consider shipping separately based on study design considerations
- Engagement of participants to complete both swabs at different time intervals is challenging consider less samples or have additional site reminders; flexible collection options
- Some kits may get lost or stolen; no accurate way to tracking to understand confirmation of receipt

Shipping, shipping, shipping!







- The primary objective of the study is to obtain data to build a voice and symptom algorithm based on patient-reported symptoms, voice and PCR test results
- This study models the concepts of efficient and flexible clinical trials: web-based participant recruitment, enhanced participant engagement, and remote sample collection
- If successful, we hope that characterizing self-reported voice and symptom profiles for acute respiratory illnesses will enable their early detection and would benefit future vaccine development programs
- We have demonstrated some of the technical and operational hurdles we have overcome in implementing a fully decentralized study at scale under tight timelines
- Future clinical studies will benefit from technical and operational systems that enabled the study



Further Considerations

- Does your organization understand the risks associated with the study?
- Do you have the systems to collect, monitor and audit the quality of data collected?
- Do the patients understand what is being asked of them?
- Does the data collected meet the quality requirements for the study?
- Does the investigator and site have capacity to run the study?
- Do you have the vendor, site support and study monitoring systems in place?

Expect the unexpected!



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Study Status

Milestones

- Study launched April 15th, 2021
- 1,241 of 6,250 participants enrolled in 28 days!
- 50% enrollment completed by June 30th, 2021

Enrollment

Total 3,514 enrolled including screen failures

- 404 have screen failed
- 105 participants are currently enrolled in the study now
- 2,737 have completed their eDiary activities/the study
- 268 have been discontinued
- Demographic, diversity recruitment objectives are on track with goals



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PROACT Xa Trial Design



2 year follow-up (≥800 patient-years in each arm)

Primary endpoint: composite of valve thrombosis or valve-related thromboembolism

Secondary endpoints: components of primary composite endpoint, major bleeding

Co-Primary Analyses:

- 1) Apixaban non-inferior to warfarin with absolute NI margin of 1.7%/patient-year
- 2) Apixaban primary outcome 95% CI below objective performance criteria (OPC) of 3.4%/patient-year

Study considerations - details (public access)

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Trial Design

Rationale and design of PROACT Xa: A randomized, multicenter, open-label, clinical trial to evaluate the efficacy and safety of apixaban versus warfarin in patients with a mechanical On-X Aortic Heart

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PROACT Xa - A Trial to Determine if Participants With an On-X Aortic Valve Can be Maintained Safely on Apixaban

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Sponsor:

CryoLife, Inc.

Collaborator:

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Landscape Scan for CTTI DCT Update Project

Completed 16 April 2021

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CTTI Landscape Scan

I. High Level Findings

Anticipated Benefits of DCT Solutions Adoption

- ► Higher participant enrollment, compliance, satisfaction and retention
- Broader geographic reach (e.g. rare disease)
- Shorter drug development timelines
- Cost savings
- Data captured in real world settings, improving the validity and generalizability of results
- Decentralized elements can be used selectively on a fit for purpose basis for a given trial

Barriers to Decentralized Clinical Trial (DCT) Solutions Adoption

- Variations in global legal and regulatory requirements and uncertainty around future change
- Technology platform variations across sites
- Lack of data demonstrating cost vs benefit
- Lack of data demonstrating impact on and preferences/needs of sites and participants
- Need for practitioners to share methods and evidence for those methods
- Need for change management within sponsor organizations
- Need for new processes and procedures to optimize implementation of DCT elements



PROACT Xa

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Sponsor Perspective: Overview of "Deliverables"

Significant timelines:

- 02/Sep/2019 Study May Proceed
- <u>15/Jan/2020 protocol finalized</u>
- <u>23/Mar/2020 Investigators Meeting</u>





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Stakeholders

- CryoLife
- Duke Clinical Research Institute (DCRI)
- ThermoFisher / Fisher BioServices
- WCG / local Institutional Review Boards
- Investigative Sites
- Patients / participants
- Anyone & Everyone







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- <u>23/Mar/2020 Investigators Meeting</u>
- 24/Apr/2020 1st site activated
- 04/May/2020 1st participant enrolled
- <u>26/Aug/2021 54 sites activated</u>
 <u># participants enrolled</u>



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When you change the way you look at things, the things you look at change.



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Scott Askin, Global Program Regulatory Director, RA Innovation Presented at CTTI Workshop 26th August 2021

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Agenda

Identifying DCT Opportunities

- A Systematic Evaluation of the Portfolio
- Case Study
 - Lesson's Learned from the Trial
- Why is Moving to Scale Challenging
 - Complexity & Risk
- Lesson's Learned A European Perspective
 - Areas still to be Addressed

Identifying DCT Opportunities

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Systematic Evaluation of the Portfolio

Identifying near-term Trials that may benefit from DCT Implementation

- Background: Agreement with Development Units to systematically evaluate whether upcoming trials could benefit from DCT elements
- Purpose: Understand what trials are interested in DCT elements and reasons for low / lack of interest
- Scope: Interventional trials (Phase II-III) with planned FPFV within the next year
- Format: Qualitative self-assessment of interest in DCT elements

What teams were asked;

- How could your target patient population (& caregivers) benefit by incorporating remote trial options?
- Could the study treatment be administered at home, either self-administered or with support of a nurse?
- Could the objectives of the trial be reliably measured using DCT remote option(s)

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Outcome of Systematic Evaluation

Of the trials evaluated, 19 expressed an interest in implementing 1 or more DCT elements

- Greatest interest was in Offsite Healthcare Professionals (*i.e. Home Nursing*)
- Direct to Patient Drug Shipments also featured very heavily in interest & value to trials
- Use of Telemedicine not featured as heavily as anticipated
- Local Healthcare Providers (HCPs) also perceived as adding value to trials



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Next Steps; Deeper dive into trials that expressed interest to support implementation, & further investigate those trials not expressing interest to determine rational (i.e. lack of awareness, disease related etc)

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Case Study

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Global Phase III, open label extension

Adolescent & Adult Sickle Cell Disease patients participate via Traditional on-Site model for first year after which, at selected sites & with PI's discretion, and based on defined criteria, patients offered a switch to a Hybrid approach



- Patients attend at least bi-annual visits *(in-person)* at their existing site, throughout the trial
- Monthly visits take place in between these, where patients may be offered remote visits supported by offsite Healthcare Professionals & a telemedicine platform, along with other services listed



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Key Learnings so Far?

Learnings primarily relate to trial initiation & set up activities as implementation of the remote DCT elements are in their relative infancy

- Tri-party agreement/contracts, which are recommended by EMA in the case of Home Nursing/Offsite Healthcare Professionals, take time to implement
- Privacy is often raised as a concern, but GDPR interpretation differs across EU National Competent Authorities, so tailored solutions may be required
- An "Operations Manual" has been required as part of the Clinical Trial Application in some countries, so early assessments of local requirements are encouraged
- Transportation of IMP to the patient's home requires additional effort to demonstrate stability
- Go/No Go criteria required to support PI in decision making that enables patients to transition to home visits

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Why is Moving to Scale Challenging?

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1 Country x 3 Technologies/Services = 9 Items to Evaluate



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2 Countries x 3 Technologies/Services = 18 Items to Evaluate



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*DCT Model = Fully Remote, Hybrid, Side-by-Side

4 Countries x 3 Technologies/Services = 36 Items to Evaluate

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8 Countries x 3 Technologies/Services = 72 Items to Evaluate

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Lesson's Learned - A European Perspective

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Consolidated Lesson's Learned & Feedback

The benefits of DCTs with its enabling technologies are broadly endorsed and the need for global adoption is recognized, however,.....

- Health Authorities advise 1) "Baby Steps", 2) Early advice meetings, 3) Describing DCT elements in CTA Cover Letters
- Compliance with ICH GCP guidelines for digital approaches is critical, but not well defined
- Demonstration of Investigator oversight of Patients, Local HCPs & offsite health care providers is required

- Data quality & Investigator Control of data must be ensured for all digital approaches
- Comparability between onsite and remotely assessed endpoints is critical
- Some HA's require/prefer initial visits to be conducted on site
- Risk assessments requested for DCT elements being implemented

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- Whilst COVID-19 has increased the awareness of DCT and demonstrated some feasibility, it hasn't "flipped the switch" regarding Health Authority acceptance
- Not all countries are in the same place: understanding, experience and stage of guideline development
- Complexity is driven by many factors, in addition, not everything is under the responsibility of HAs

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Spotlighting some Key European DCT Activities

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DCT Projects in the Nordics Initiatives in Sweden and Denmark

Virtual clinical trials project starting now

The Medical Products Agency (MPA) has been allocated 1.8 million SEK from Vinnova (the innovation agency in Sweden) to launch a one-year pilot study to explore the current premises and additional requirements that would be necessary to implement virtual clinical trials in Sweden in a safe and efficient way.

- Our assessment is that exclusively employing digital technique will benefit patients, but also scientists and the researching pharmaceutical companies, which will become especially evident in these Covid-19 times, says Gunilla Andrew-Nielsen, responsible for the project at the MPA

It is anticipated that virtual clinical trials can reform how clinical research is performed both in Sweden and Internationally

 The possibility of virtual clinical trials would enable participation in clinical trials for more patients and subsequently broaden the foundation for developing new medicinal products. For instance, we know that approximately 70 percent of a potential population is not being considered and offered the opportunity to be screened for a trial due to geographical reasons. The virtual methodology also alms to produce more equal and economically sustainable clinical trials in Sweden, says Jenny Söderberg, project manager of the pliot study.

The pilot study will be conducted in both a theoretical and practical context and in close collaboration with the traditional stakeholders initiating, planning and implementing clinical trials. During early summer 2020, aided by several external reference groups, the project group will map how well virtual clinical trial requirements are supported by current regulations and define areas that are indistinct and unpredictable. The MPA is assessed to have an important and prominent role in this context as the government agency responsible for approving and overseeing clinical trials.

As a part of the pliot project, one or several pliots will be conducted during the fall of 2020 to explore present practical foundations, but also to compile important experiences. Since the project became official, there has been extensive interest to participate and actively contribute.

-This is an important signal concerning that these issues are current and relevant amongst those it primarily affects, says Jenny Söderberg.

The MPA homepage will continuously publish information regarding and results from the project. It is currently possible to report interest concerning taking part in the reference groups during the spring of 2020.

The pilot project is expected to be ongoing until February 2021.

More information (in Swedish) about the project can be found at: https://www.lakemedelsverket.se/sv/tilistand-godkannande-och-kontroll/kli rovning/lakemedel-for-manniskor/virtuella-kliniska-lakemedelsprovn

Postadress: Box 20, 751 03 Uppasis, Sweden Besőksadress: Deg Hammanskjölds vilg 42, Uppsala Tel: 018-17 46 00 Denmark's **DKMA** has initiated an industry forum to have open dialogue with the research community, including hospitals, patient associations, CROs and pharma, on the topic of decentralization

Sweden's **MPA** has developed a pilot program, where they plan to initiate up to 5 DCT trials in Sweden. Free trial application and Scientific Advice is also provided to successful applicant

August 2020

Lægemiddelstyrelsens dialogforum vedr. den digitale udvikling og decentralisering af kliniske forsøg med lægemidler.

Baggrund

Kliniske forsøg med lægemidler er under accelererende udvikling når det kommer til digitalisering og decentralisering. Med dette forstås brugen af digitale værktøjer (digitalt samtykke, elektroniske konsultationer, elektroniske systemer til dataindsamling, medicinsk udstyr, etc.), som sekundært understøtter at patienter ikke i samme grad som for traditionelle kliniske forsøg er afhængige af fysisk at skulle tilgå en hospitalsafdeling (decentralisering)

Denne udvikling tænkes at være med til at sikre en bredere repræsentation af forsøgspersoner samt lette inklusion og fastholdelse af patienter i kliniske forsøg. Lægemiddeludvikling er desuden ekstraordinær kapitalkrævende og den digitale udvikling kan potentielt holde omkostningerne nede til gavn for bade patienter og samfund

Lægemiddelstyrelsen ønsker at imødegå denne udvikling ved oprettelse af et dialogforum i samarbejde med Trial Nation. Dette forum skal garantere et stærkt samspil mellem myndigheder, forskere og industri og sikre en passende og rettidig udvikling af de regulatoriske rammer, således at Danmark kan fastholde en stærk position inden for klinisk forskning til gavn for patienterne.

Deltagere i dialogforum:

Folgende interessenter er inviteret til deltagelse af én repræsentant, som forventes at være forankret i Danmark. Ved workshops og andre faglige aktiviteter forventes der deltagelse med relevante eksperter.

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Innovative Medicines Initiative

Europe's Partnership for Health

- IMI1 programme (2008-2013), the total budget was €2 billion
- IMI2 programme (2014-2020), the total budget was €3.276 billion
- Innovative Health Initiative (replacement for IMI), has a proposed budget of €2.4 billion

- ~50% comes from the European Commission
- ~50% comes from EFPIA (IMI 1 & 2) and COCIR, EFPIA, EuropaBio, MedTech Europe and Vaccines Europe (IHI)

innovative medicines initiative

 Under IMI 1 & 2

 €5.3bn
 168
 5244
 >7000
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Centre of Excellence for Remote & Decentralized Clinical Trials

Trials@Home aims to reshape clinical trial design, conduct and operations, by developing and piloting standards, recommendations and tools for the definition and operationalization of remote decentralized clinical trials (RDCTs) in Europe

Key objectives:

- >> Defining the best practices for the conduct of RDCTs.
- Identifying technologies and other operational innovative approaches for RDCTs and selecting the appropriate technology package to be used for the pan-EU pilot.
- Designing and running a pan-EU pilot, comparing the scientific and operational quality of the RDCT with traditional trial approaches and evaluating the feasibility of the RDCT.
- Identifying, mapping and analysing the relevant ethical, quality, regulatory, legal and organisational barriers and enablers of RDCTs.
- Consulting with stakeholders and promoting the outcomes from the Trials@Home consortium through targeted communication, dissemination and training activities.
- Providing recommendations with supporting tools for implementing RDCTs in Europe and contributing to the update of ICH guidelines on RDCTs.

Project Organization: Work packages

The six Work Packages (WPs) of Trials@Home and their interdependencies

IMI DCT Topic – Overall Timing

Panel Discussion

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