



SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2019

12:30 PM - 2:30 PM

NOVEL FORMAT

MID3: Mission Impossible or Model-Informed, Drug Discovery and Development? Point / Counterpoint Discussions on Key Challenges









Pharmacometrics & Pharmacokinetics, Regulatory Science

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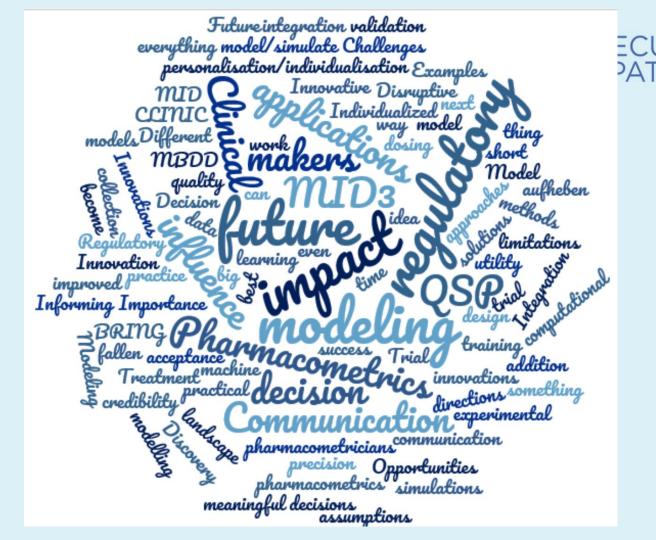
Chair: Sandra A.G. Visser, PhD

GlaxoSmithKline, Collegeville, PA



Thank you for the Feedback!

(Pre-meeting survey)















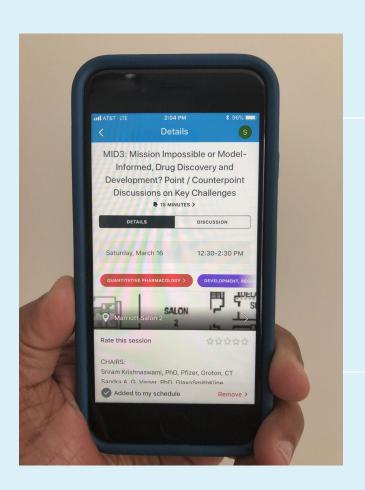












How energized are you feeling this afternoon?

(1 = no energy, 5 = super energized)

Point: Counterpoint Topics

Theme	Point	Counter-point	
1. State of the art	MIDD/MID3 has been a smashing	No. MIDD/MID3 has fallen short of	
	success	expectations	
2. Primary Limitations to	Model less, communicate more	Talk less, model more	
success	Wiodel less, communicate more		
3. All models are wrong but	Wrong models are dangerous	Wrong models are useful	
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4. Transforming Clinical Trial	All clinical trials should be informed by	Simulations are unnecessary and time	
Design Decision making	simulations	consuming in most cases	
5. Disruptive Innovations	Industrialize current models &	Future lies in machine learning and systems	
necessary for the future	methodologies	models	
6. The ideal MID3 scientist for	Best pharmacometricians have training	Best pharmacometricians have training in	
the future	in mathematics and statistics	medicine and pharmacology	
7. Organizational Opportunities in R&D	Pharmacometricians have a strategic	Pharmacometricians provide technical	
	role and hence need to be part of the	solutions but are not part of drug	
	core development team	development teams	

1. State of the Art

MIDD/MID3 has been a smashing success (Joga Gobburu)

Vs.

No. MIDD/MID3 has fallen short of expectations (Oscar Della Pasqua)







MIDD is a smashing success

Joga Gobburu PhD FCP MBA

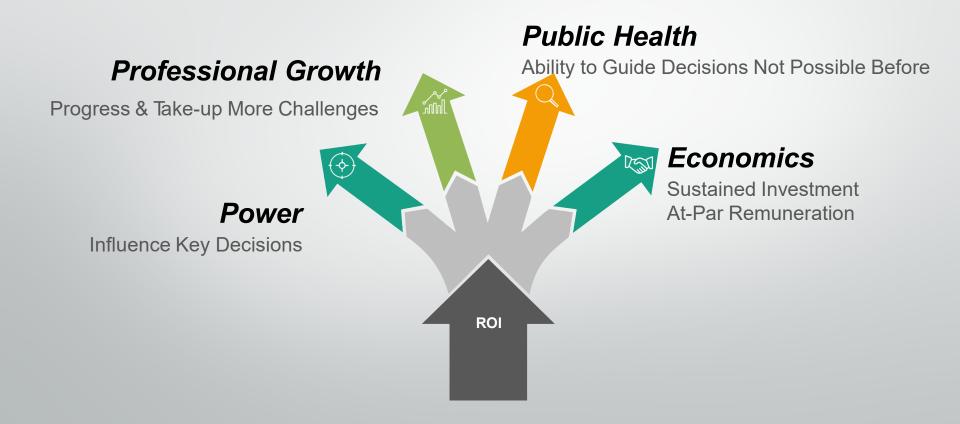
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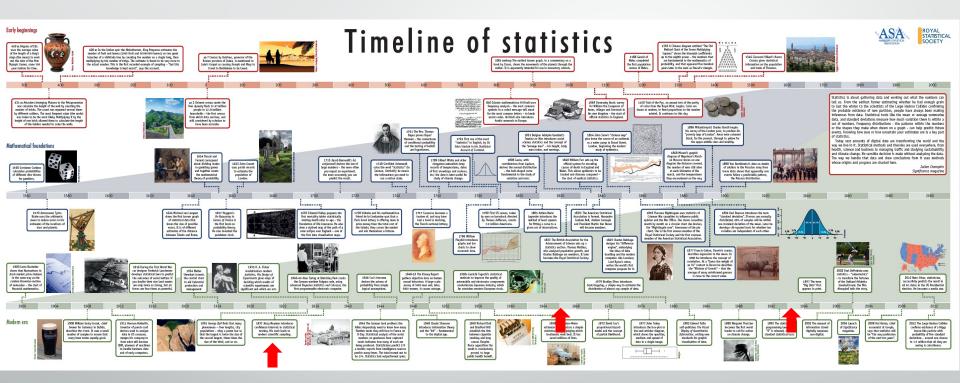
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MIDD has been a Smashing Success !!!









Future Holds Tremendous Promise

PBPK

Future State The next BIG thing in our field **Patient Care RWE QSP**

Current State

Galvanizing Networks









No. MIDD/MID3 has fallen short of expectations



Oscar Della Pasqua University College London, London, United Kingdom

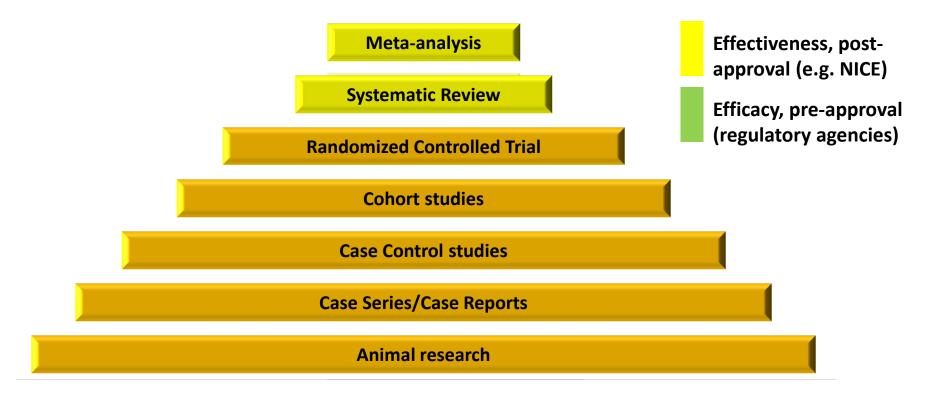






Decision-making is mostly driven by p-values

The learning-confirming paradigm still succumbs to hypothesis testing



Clark N, 2003 - Oxford Centre for Evidence-based Medicine

Drug-disease modelling is not part of the evidence pyramid





Sherif El-Khamisy Editor

Personalis Medicine

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The Power of Zebrafish in Personalised Medicine

Authors	Authors and affiliations		
Sarah Baxendale 🖂 , Freek van Eeden, Robert Wilkinson			
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Abstract

The goal of personalised medicine is to develop tailor-made therapies for patients in whom currently available therapeutics fail. This approach requires correlating individual patient genotype data to specific disease phenotype data and using these stratified data sets to identify bespoke therapeutics. Applications for personalised medicine include common complex diseases which may have multiple targets, as well as rare monogenic disorders, for which the target may be unknown. In both cases, whole genome sequence analysis (WGS) is discovering

M&S approaches seem disconnected from Big Data and Personalised Medicine









Word search → No. of hits

Pharmacometrics		U
Modeling	0	
Simulation	0	
Clinical trial simulation		0
PKPD		
MIDD	0	
MID3	0	

M&S is <u>not</u> mentioned or formally recognised as a toolkit for innovation



MOLECULE TO PATIENT

Трохх

ADVANCING HEALTH
THROUGH INNOVATION
2018 NEW DRUG
THERAPY APPROVA

Impact | Innovation | Predictability | Access



CDER approved the first new drug to treat smallpox, helping to protect the U.S. from bioterrorism.

Tpoxx (tecovirimat), the first drug with an indication for treatment of patients with smallpox, a contagious and sometimes fatal disease. Although the World Health Organization declared smallpox to be eradicated in 1980, there have been longstanding concerns that smallpox could be used as a bioweapon. Because smallpox no longer occurs, the drug could not be tested on humans with the disease. Instead, this drug was approved under the FDA's Animal Rule, which allows efficacy findings from adequate and well-controlled animal studies to support at FDA approval when it is not feasible or ethical to conduct efficacy trials in humans.

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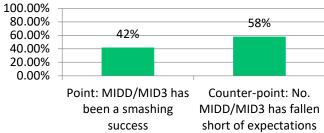


Refutations and Rebuttals!



Time for a Live Poll 1. State of the art

State of the art Pre-meeting Survey





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2. Primary Limitations to Success

Model less, communicate more (Stacey Tannenbaum) Vs. Talk less, model more (Oscar Della Pasqua)









Model less, communicate more!



Stacey Tannenbaum Astellas Pharma

Northbrook, IL





Goal: build something to sit on.





What you started with





What you built



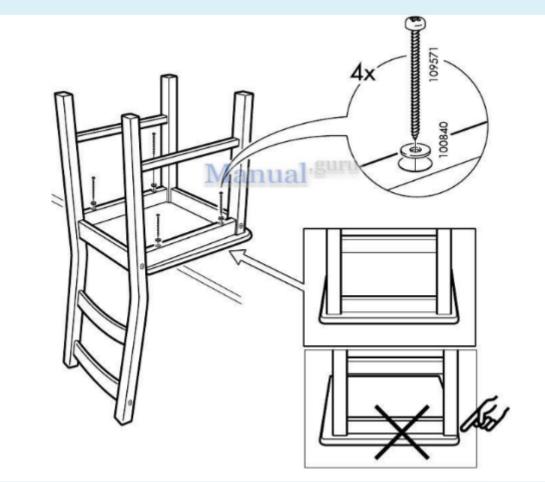


What the team needed















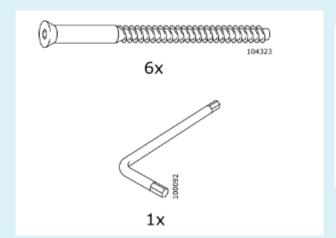


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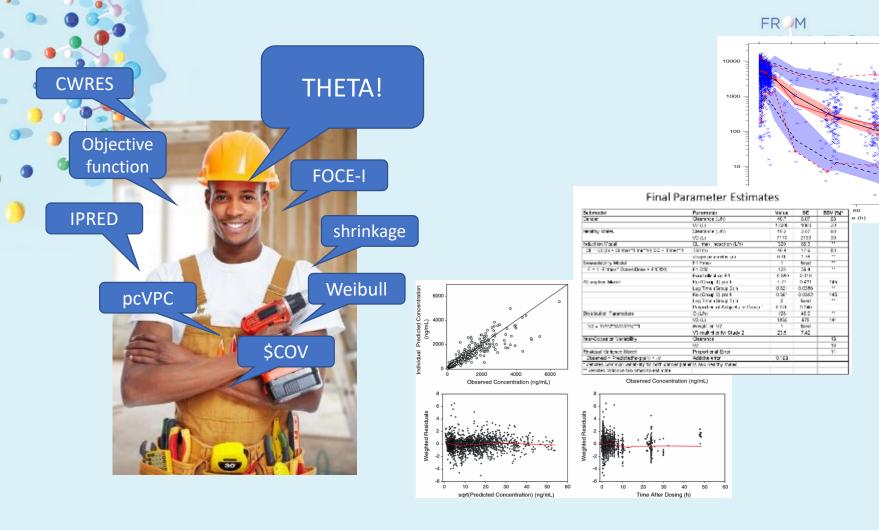
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What the team wanted to know

Can I sit on it?

TUTORIAL

Communicating to Influence Drug Development and Regulatory Decisions: A Tutorial

S Mehrotra and J Gobburu*

Pharmacometricians require three skills to be influential: technical, business (e.g., drug development), and soft skills (e.g., communication). Effective communication is required to translate technical and often complicated quantitative findings to interdisciplinary team members in order to influence drug development or regulatory decisions. In this tutorial, we highlight important aspects related to communicating pharmacometric analysis to influence decisions.

CPT Pharmacometrics Syst. Pharmacol. (2016) 5, 163-172; doi:10.1002/psp4.12073; published online 14 April 2016.



https://www.certara.com/2016/06/21/effective-communication-for-pharmacometricians-with-joga-gobburu/?

https://www.certara.com/2015/06/05/how-to-explain-the-value-of-modeling-and-simulation-to-your-grandma/?







Be a Model Communicator

and Sell Your Models to Anyone

Peter L. Bonate, PhD









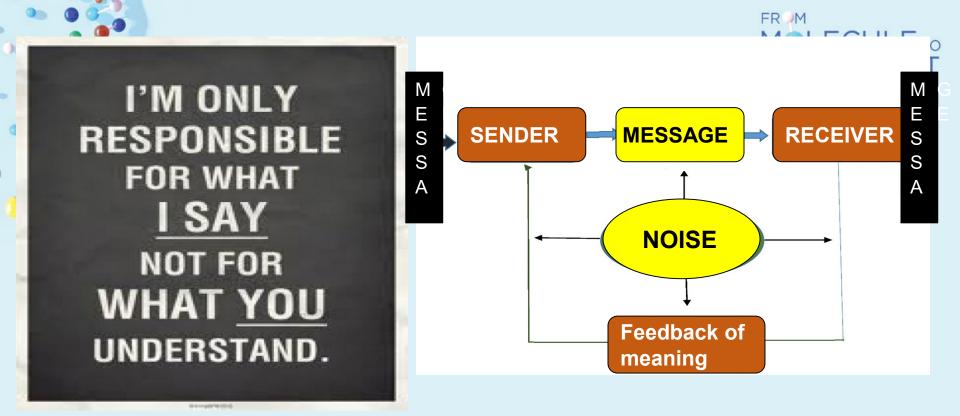
Talk less, model more!







Oscar Della Pasqua
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A little Learning is a dang'rous Thing (Essay on Criticism, Alexander Pope, 1711)





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Deceptive: Models can be "unidimensional"

Clin Pharmacokinet. Author manuscript; available in PMC 2010 Jul 21.

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Are population pharmacokinetic and/or pharmacodynamic models

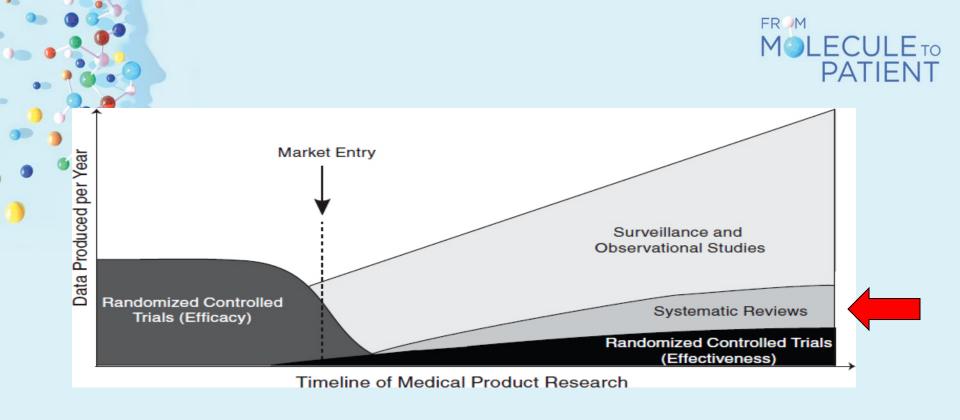
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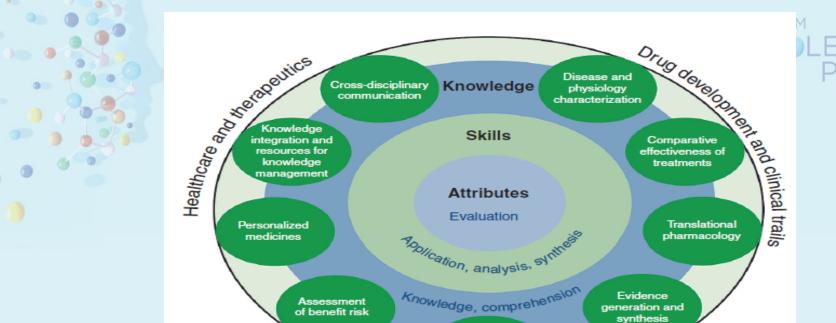
Comparison of Power, Prognosis, and Extrapolation Properties of Four Population Pharmacodynamic Models of HbA1c for Type 2 Diabetes

Gustaf J. Wellhagen, Mats O. Karlsson and Maria C. Kjellsson*

Why bother about predictive performance?



Models should become an integral part of the evidence synthesis framework



Informed

Regulatory affairs and safety of medicines

Competence fields

PATIENT

Vlasakakis et al., CPT:PSP 2013; 2:e40

Pluralitas non est ponenda sine necessitate

("Plurality should not be posited without necessity" (William of Ockham)







When you earnestly believe you can compensate for a lack of skill by doubling your efforts, there's no end to what you can't do.



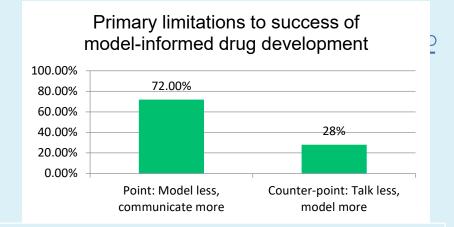


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Time for a Live Poll

2. Primary Limitations to Success





Model less, communicate more Vs.

Talk less, model more

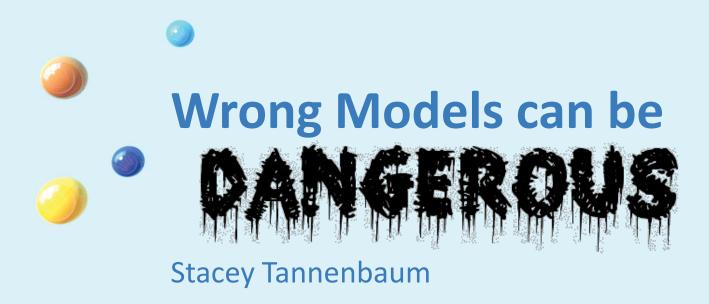
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RECIPE FOR DISASTER: THE FORMULA THAT KILLED WALL STREET

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Here's what killed your 401(k) *

Franken-algorithms: the deadly consequences of unpredictable code

Uber's self-driving car saw the pedestrian but didn't swerve - report

Tuning of car's software to avoid false positives blamed, as US

National Transportation Safety Board investigation continues



Discriminating algorithms: Al showed prejudice

Artificial intelligence is supposed to make life easier for us all – but it is also amplify sexist and racist biases from the real world

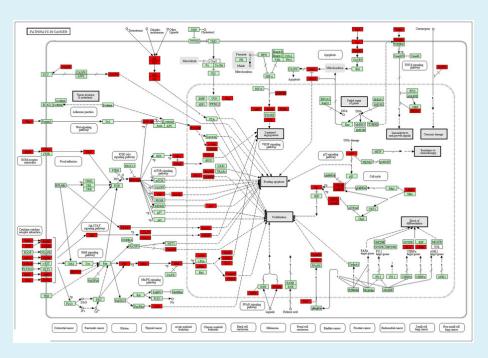
The Most Dangerous Equation

Ignorance of how sample size affects statistical variation has created havoc for nearly a millennium

Cathy O'Neill: Weapons of Math Destruction, mathbabe

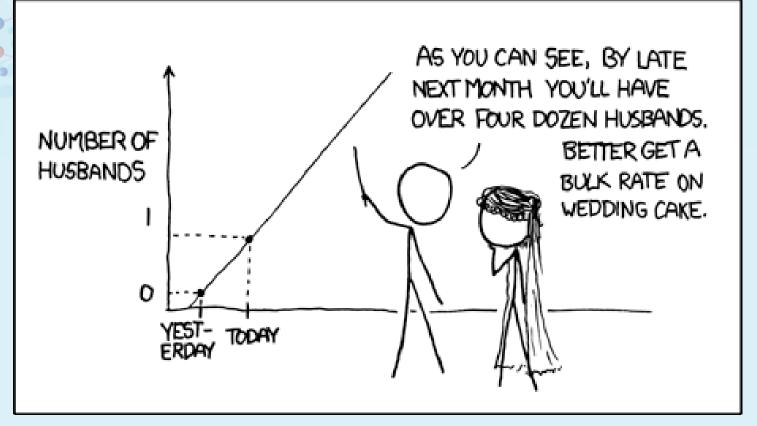






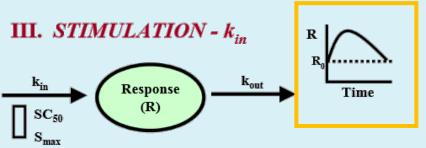
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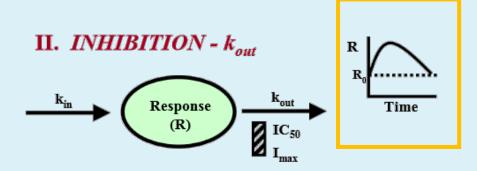






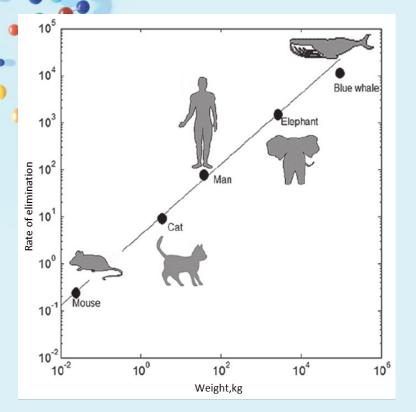






$$\frac{dR}{dt} = k_{in} - k_{out} \left(1 - \frac{I_{max} \cdot C_{p}}{IC_{50} + C_{p}} \right) \cdot R$$

 $\frac{d\mathbf{R}}{dt} = \mathbf{k}_{in} \left(1 + \frac{\mathbf{S}_{max} \cdot \mathbf{C}_{p}}{\mathbf{SC}_{50} + \mathbf{C}_{p}} \right) - \mathbf{k}_{out} \cdot \mathbf{R}$





CL ~ BW^{???}



Shoe size is a significant covariate!

"If you torture the data long enough, it will confess."
Ronald H. Coase













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Wrong Models can be













Wrong models are useful



Piet van der Graaf

Certara

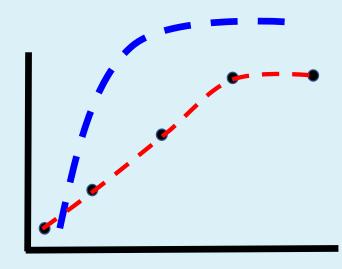
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Wrong? / Useful?

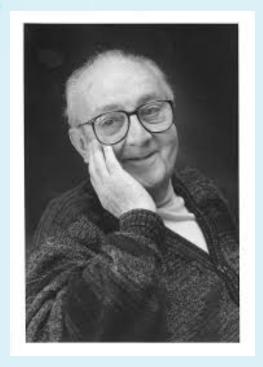
Heart Rate = -10 x Concentration



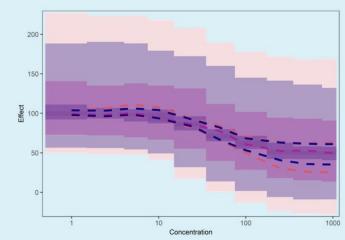


"All models are wrong but some are useful"













All models are hypotheses

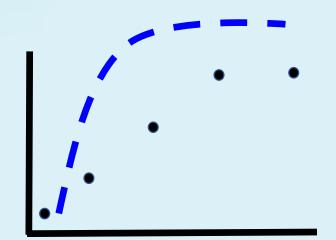


"The criterion of the scientific status of a theory is its falsifiability, or refutability, or testability"





Wrong models are useful



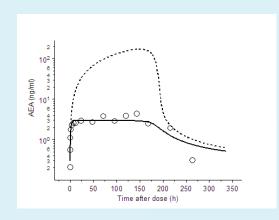
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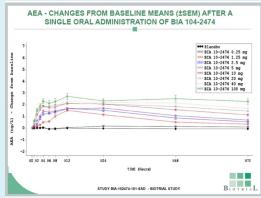
ORIGINAL ARTICLE

A Systems Pharmacology Perspective on the Clinical Development of Fatty Acid Amide Hydrolase Inhibitors for Pain

www.nature.com/psp

N Benson¹, E Metelkin², O Demin², GL Li³, D Nichols⁴ and PH van der Graaf⁵









Summary

1. Pharmacometricians should stop quoting Box:

 It undermines the credibility and scientific status of the discipline

2. A mechanistic model is always useful when it is "wrong" (and not always when it is "right"):

 It falsifies a hypothesis/assumption and as a consequence we learn and can design the next experiment intelligently



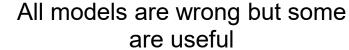


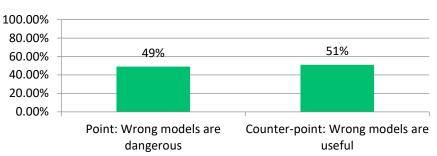
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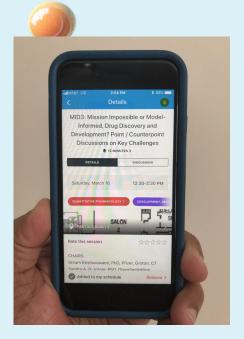


Time for a Live Poll

3. All models are wrong but some are useful







Wrong models are dangerous Vs.
Wrong models are useful

4. Transforming Clinical Trial Design Decision Making

All clinical trials should be informed by simulations (Marc Gastonguay)

Vs.

Simulations are unnecessary and time consuming in most cases

(Daniele Ouellet)









All clinical trials should be informed by simulations

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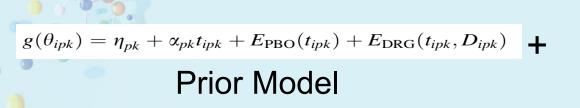


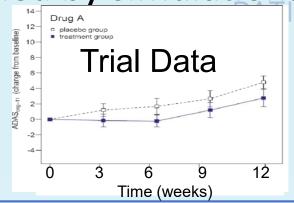


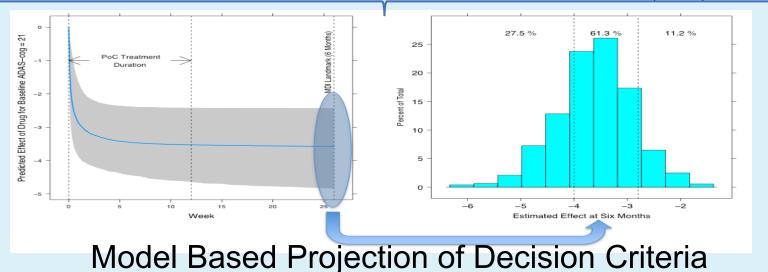
- Pharma decision making process is broken
 - Too dependent on individual intuition and power structures
 - Lacking objective, quantitative, assessment
- All DECISIONS should be informed by simulations

- Start with simulating each trial at time of protocol writing
 - Prepare all analysis in advance on simulated data
 - Deliver input rapidly after database lock
 - Feed into model-based decision-making

All DECISIONS should be informed by simulations







All clinical trials should be informed by simulations



- Pharma decision making process is broken
- Change needed
 - focus quantitative resources earlier
 - invest in restructuring decision process
- All DECISIONS should be informed by simulations
- Even more important when uncertainty is large
- Start with simulating each trial at time of protocol writing
- Arrive at model-based projection of decision criteria











Simulations are unnecessary and time consuming in most cases

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Informing Clinical Trial Design

All clinical trials should be informed by pharmacometric simulations

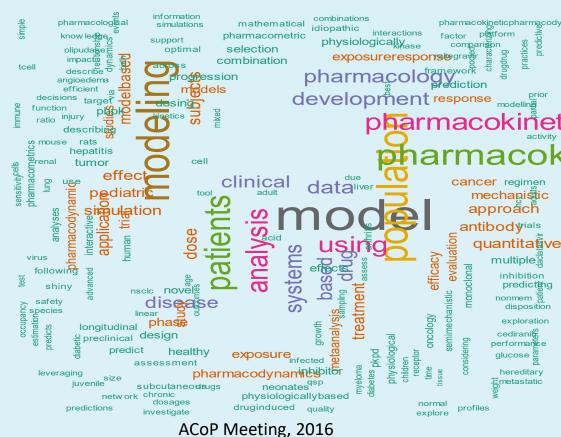
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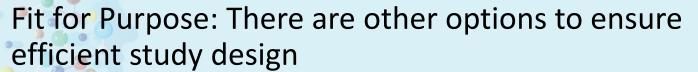


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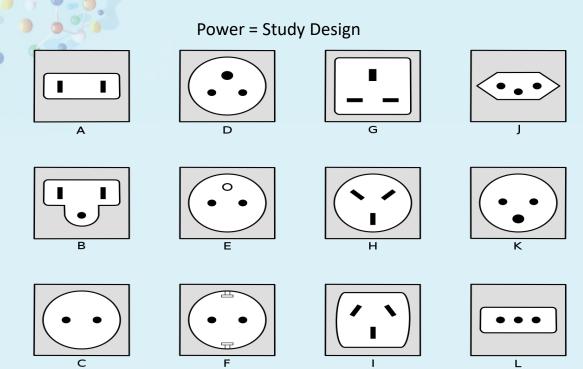
MOLECULE TO PATIENT

- Great examples where M&S had great impact on trial design
- Understanding dose/exposure response
- Assessment of benefit risk in target patients and in special populations
- Select dose(s), inform effect size, select time points, ets
- USE M&S wisely when it can have a large impact











Fit for Purpose: Outcome of M&S can be trumped by other considerations

Efficient, Innovative, More risk



Treatment duration has to be 12 weeks; Need 700 patients*exposure



Emphasis on Speed & Being Transformational Breakthrough Drugs to Patients



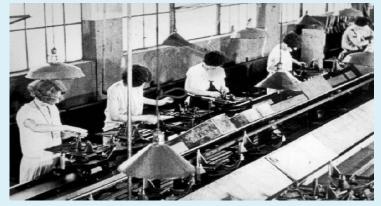


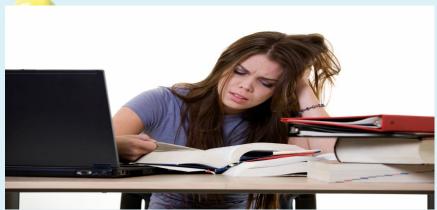


We still lack standards, automation and efficiency: not industrialized enough













Let's be smart





THE HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE WORLD

MAIN EVENT - 15 ROUNDS

"THE RUMBLE IN THE JUNGLE"



FOREMAN

LEAVY WEIGHT CHAMPION OF THE

MUHAMMAD



FORMER HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION OF THE WORLD

TUES.SEPT.24 DIRECT FROM RINGSIDE - KINSHASA, ZAIRE





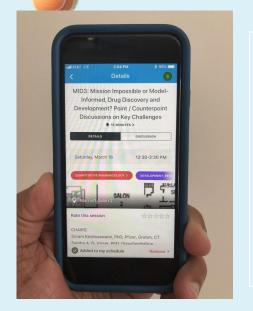


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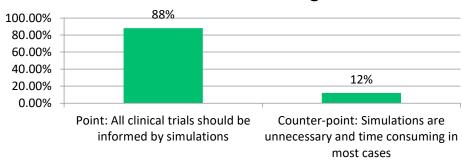
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4. Transforming Clinical Trial

Design Decision making



Transforming clinical trial design decision making



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5. Disruptive Innovations Necessary for Future

Industrialize current models and methodologies (Joga Gobburu)

Vs.

Future is in machine learning and systems models (Marc Gastonguay)







Industrialize Current Models and Methodologies

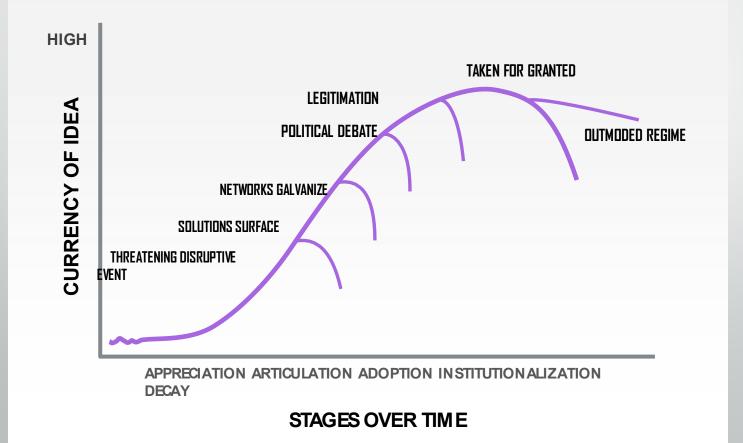
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Pharmacy University of

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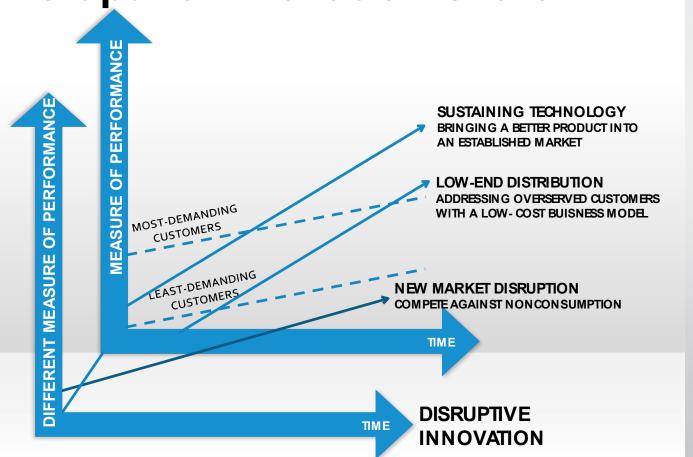
Where is the automobile in 1915?



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Disruptive Innovation Chart







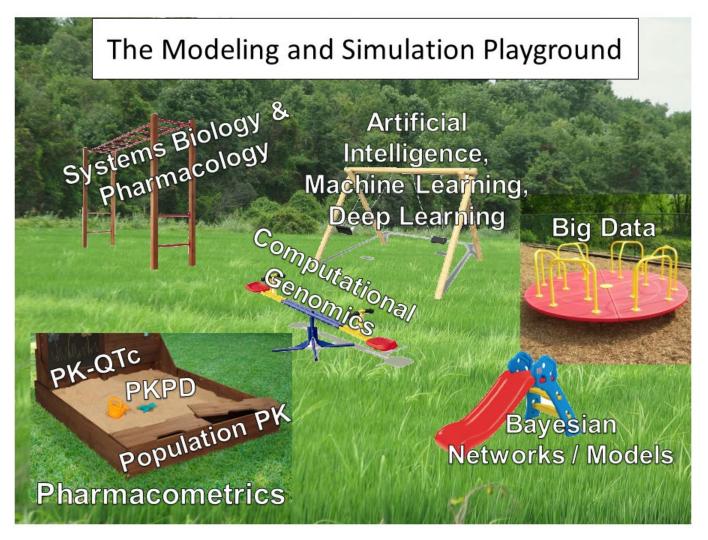




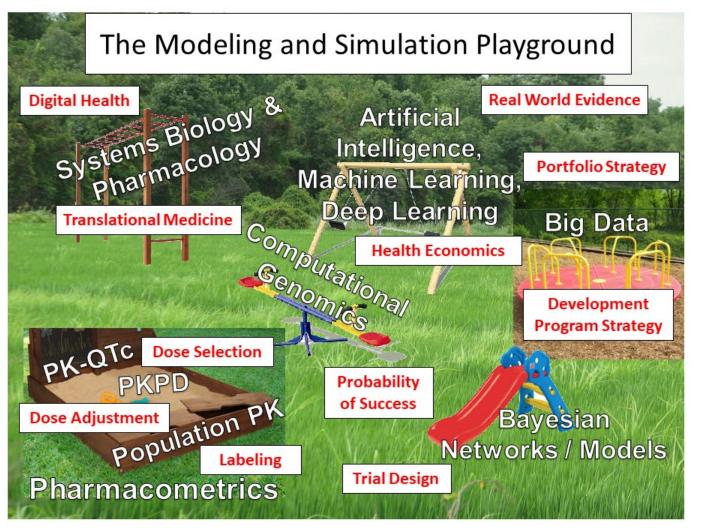


Future is in machine learning and systems models

Marc Gastonguay Metrum Research Group Boston, MA











Future Lies in New Methodologies



- Automation without innovation leads to stagnation
 - Pharmacometrics impact is limited to same old questions
 - Automation allows us not to think about the problem

Embrace new methods

- Beware of hype; thoughtful application is warranted
- Methods are a bridge to other disciplines & questions
- Innovate at the intersection & improve decisions
- Opportunity to learn

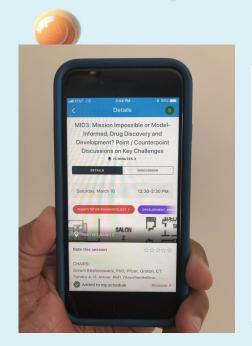




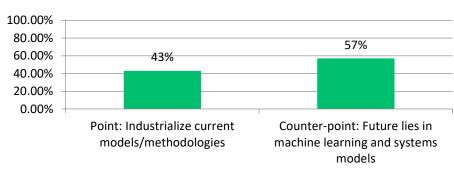
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5. Disruptive Innovations



Disruptive innovations necessary for the future



Industrialize current models and methodologies

Vs.

Future is in machine learning and systems models

6. Ideal MID3 scientist for the future

Best pharmacometricians have training in mathematics and statistics (Daren Austin)

Vs.

Best pharmacometricians have training in medicine and pharmacology
(Piet van der Graaf)









The best pharmacometricians have a training in mathematics and statistics



Daren Austin

GlaxoSmithKline

London, United Kingdom



Statistics is the **lingua franca** of drug discovery and development









How non-mathematicians see modelling: Point and click – driverless?









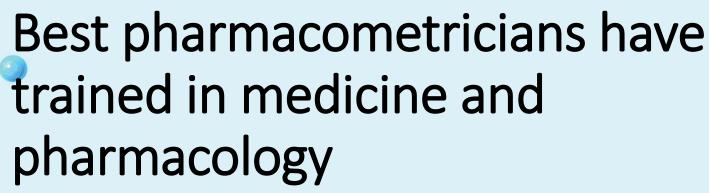










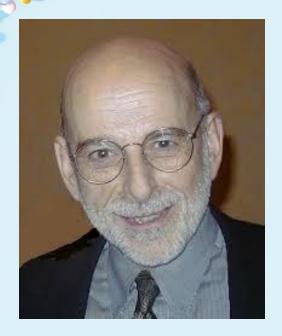


Piet van der Graaf Certara

Canterbury, UK



Let the data speak





Marc Gastonguay Raymond Miller Marc Pfister Stacey Tannenbaum Jill Fielder-Kelly Nick Holford William Jusko Matts Karlsson Jogarao Gobburu **Donald Mager** Stephen Duffull Jeffrey Barrett France Mentre Daniele Ouellet Yaning Wang

Richard Brundage David D'Argenio





Who needs statistics?



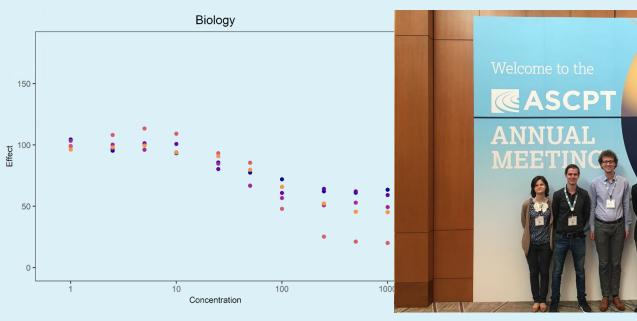
Although the study didn't meet any of the clinical endpoints, Company X presented the Phase 2B results as "promising," based on non-significant trend observed in a subgroup analysis.

If I need a statistician to tell me if my compound has worked or not it will not be a drug





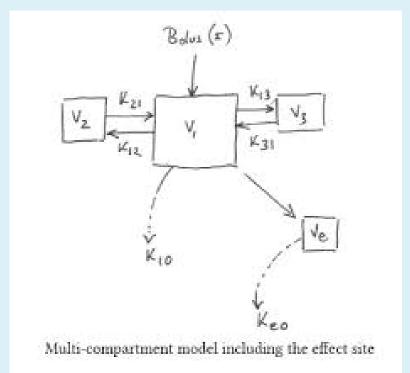
Harmful Statistics







Harmful Mathematics



Dividing by V_D yields the steady state plasma drug concentratio C.

$$C_{1} = \frac{k_{e0}D_{e}}{k_{1e}V_{D}} \qquad ...(14)$$

$$D_{e} = \frac{D_{0}k_{1e}}{(k_{e0} - k)}(e^{-kt} - e^{-k_{e0}t}) \qquad \text{from eq....(10)}$$

substituting D_e in equation (14)

$$C_1 = \frac{k_{e0}D_0k_{1e}}{k_{1e}V_D(k_{e0} - k)}(e^{-kt} - e^{-k_{e0}t}) \qquad \dots (16)$$

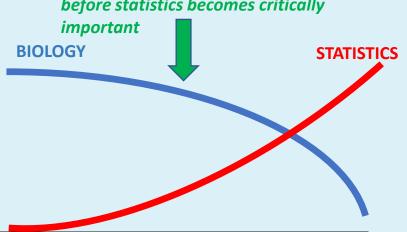
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MID3: Biology versus Statistics

Most compounds/projects fail before statistics becomes critically



- Late-stage statistical support already very-well covered by expert statisticians
- Pharmaco-statistics typically a bounded problem: machines will take over



Summary

- 1. "Best" pharmacometricians trained in (bio)medical sciences
- 2. Statistics has never discovered a drug
- **3.** Compounds fail before statistics becomes critically important
- 4. Pharmacometrics without biology is harmful in early R&D
- 5. Statistics of vital importance in **late-stage development**:
 - Too important to leave to non experts
 - Machines (not pharmacometricians) will take over





Refutations and Rebuttals!

Time for a Live Poll

6. The Ideal MID3 Scientist



100.00% 80.00% 60.00% 40.00% 21% 20.00% O.00% Point: Best pharmacometricians have training in mathematics and statistics pharmacometricians have training in medicine and pharmacology

The ideal MID3 scientist for the future

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Pharmacometricians provide technical solutions but are not part of drug development teams (Daren Austin)







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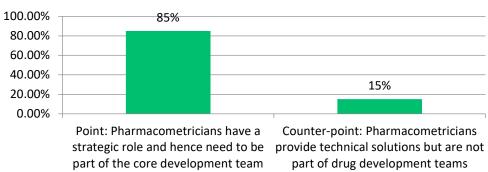
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