



SYMPOSIUM

Benefit/Risk Optimization in the Confirmatory Space and Beyond: Myths, Reality and Possibilities

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Symposium Objectives

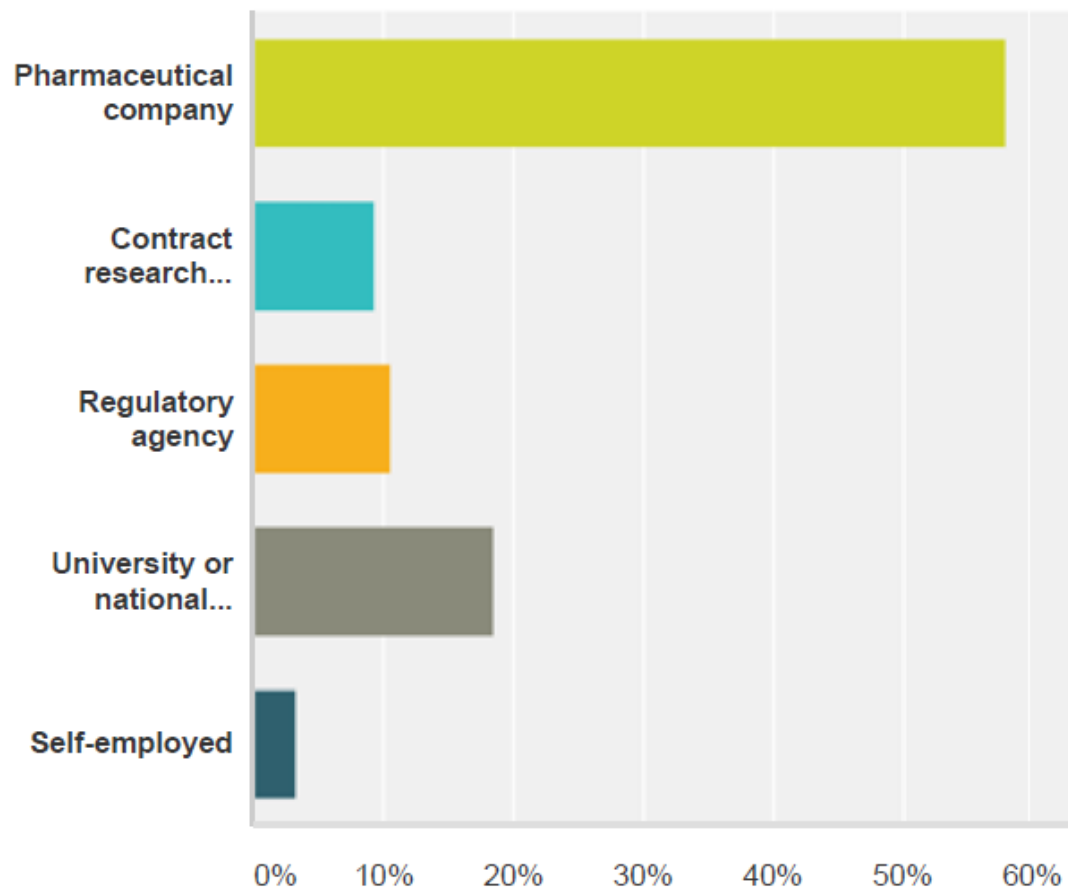
The current symposium will discuss whether there is enough information and learning opportunities in clinical trials for marketing authorization (registration studies), that may allow for optimization of benefit/risk and inform clinical practice.

Following questions will be discussed:

- Should findings of post-hoc exercises be considered only as hypothesis generating and require confirmatory evidence for regulatory review?
- When should post-hoc approaches be considered and what are the risks?
- Can pharmacometric analyses based on totality of available data be used to inform labeling and dosing?
- What constitutes adequate evidence in registration and post marketing studies that can allow optimization of benefit/risk and dosing?



PMK 2016 Symposia Survey Results



90% (N = 150) of the survey respondents either Clinical Pharmacologists or Pharmacometricians

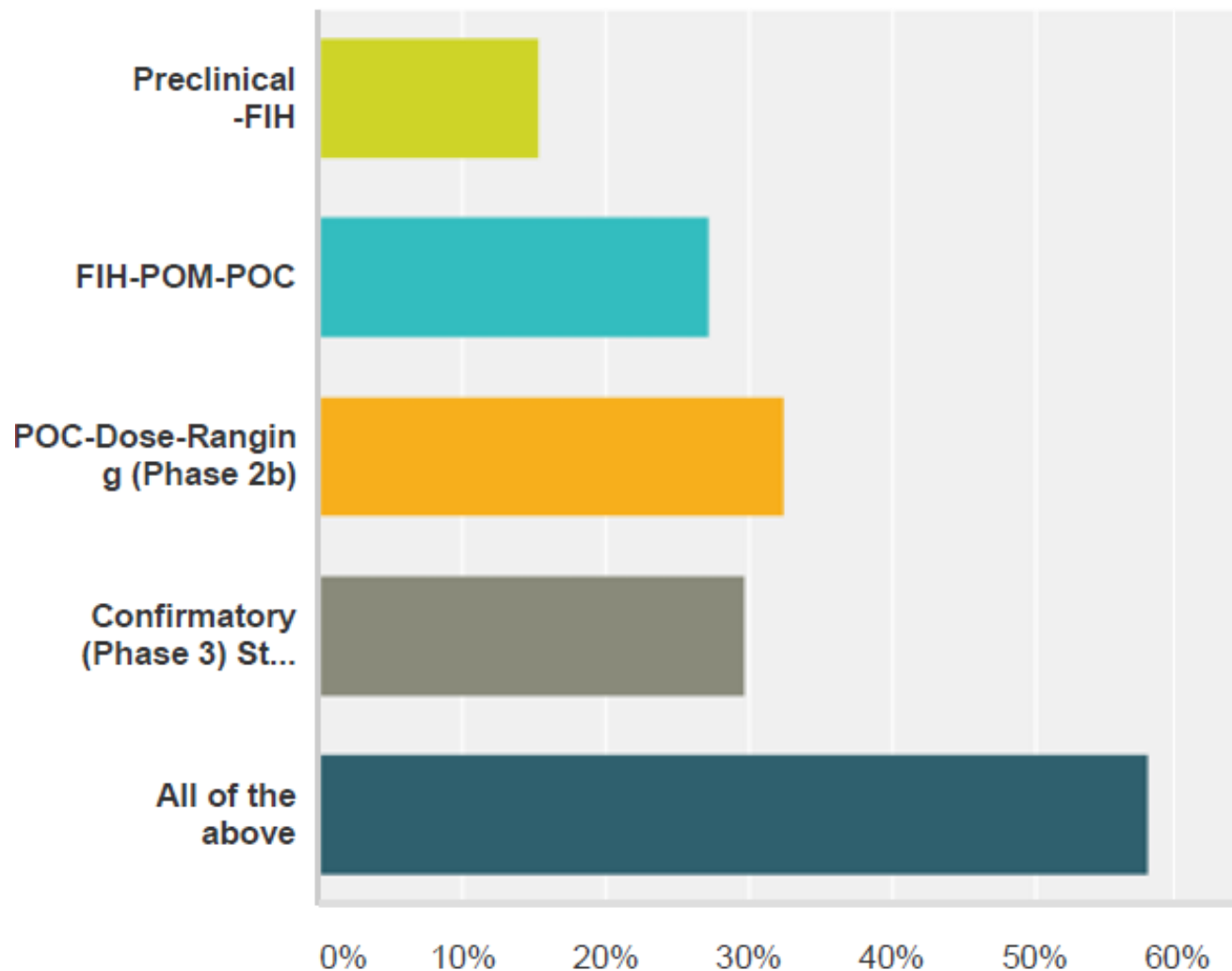


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80% (N = 117) of the survey respondents use M&S approaches frequently to inform decisions





Confirmatory Space: Perception Paradox

Confirmatory registration clinical trials are designed with a single key objective: to demonstrate an acceptable treatment effect on an average compared to a control of interest using a pre-specified statistical test:

Agree	61%	(70)
Disagree	39%	(44)

In general, learning from registration trials using post-hoc analyses can only be considered as hypothesis generating and require further confirmatory evidence:

Agree	30%	(34)
Disagree	70%	(81)



Speakers

- **Registration Trials: Are They Meant to be Confirmatory or is Learning Allowed?**
 - Joga Gobburu, PhD, FCP, MBA, University of Maryland, Baltimore, MD
- **Scientific, Strategic and Organizational Challenges and Opportunities: An Industry Perspective**
 - Sriram Krishnaswami, PhD, Pfizer Inc., Groton, CT
- **Integration of Knowledge from Late Phase Trials to Support Regulatory Decisions**
 - Yaning Wang, PhD, US Food and Drug Administration, Silver Spring, MD
- **Does Pharmacometric Modeling Reliably Predict Efficacy and Safety Outcomes in Registration Trials and Can it be Utilized to Optimize Benefit-Risk?**
 - Sanjay Kaul, MD, MPH, FACC, FAHA, Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, Los Angeles, CA



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Panel Discussion/Q&A

9. Which of the following “learning” activities may be permissible in the confirmatory space?

Derive alternate/untested dosing or regimens for labeling that were not directly studied in confirmatory trials	74%
Optimization of benefit-risk profile using model-based inferences	73%
Dose restriction or modification in subpopulations or special populations (pediatrics, elderly, patients with comorbidities etc)	91%
Using exposure-response as supportive evidence of effectiveness	94%
Using exposure-response as confirmatory evidence of effectiveness in lieu of a failed primary endpoint	51%

10. What technical or regulatory barriers may make the acceptance and utilization of such ad-hoc approaches difficult ?

Post-hoc analyses are exploratory by definition and need to be confirmed in future trials before regulatory action can be taken	56%
Data limitations	59%
Assumption rich parametric models may be needed; the statistical properties of these methods are not well characterized for regulatory purposes.	43%
Limited regulatory guidance or precedence, or lack of consensus on suitable methodology.	75%

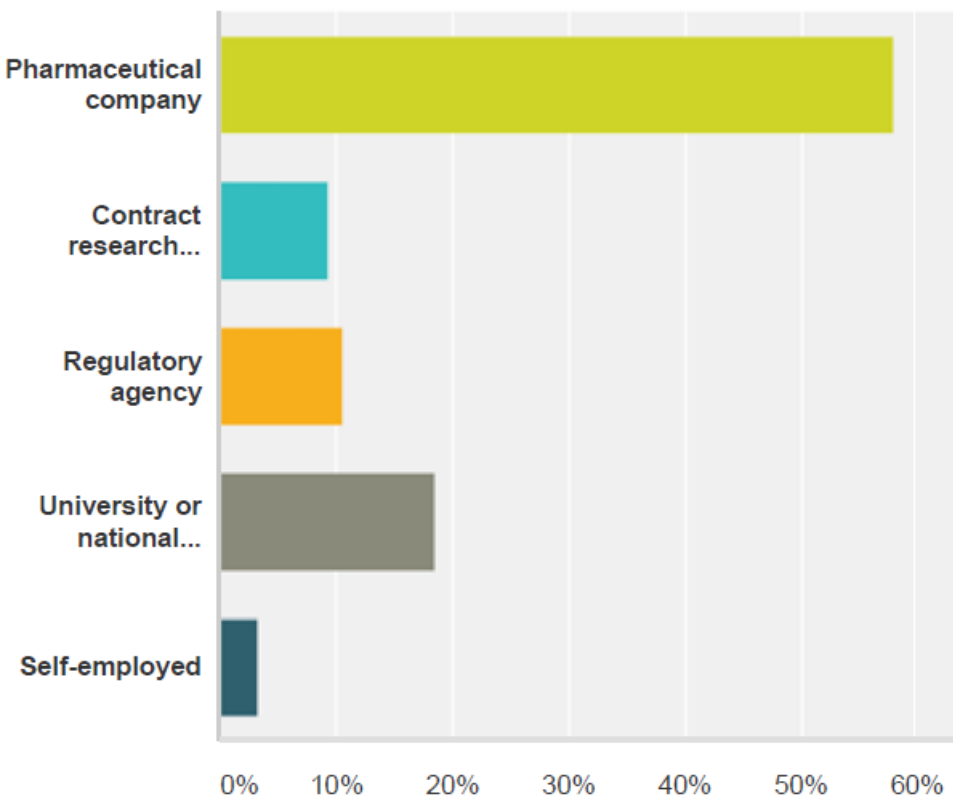
11. What organizational barriers may make the acceptance and utilization of such ad-hoc approaches difficult?

Wide-held organizational belief that approval and labeling are based on exactly how the drug was studied.	69%
Lack of awareness regarding generalization of knowledge based on data generated from trials.	55%
Lack of technical and/or strategic expertise to champion such approaches within the organization.	54%
Lack of support from senior leadership due to perceived risk	50%
Low perceived commercial valuation of alternative proposals	25%

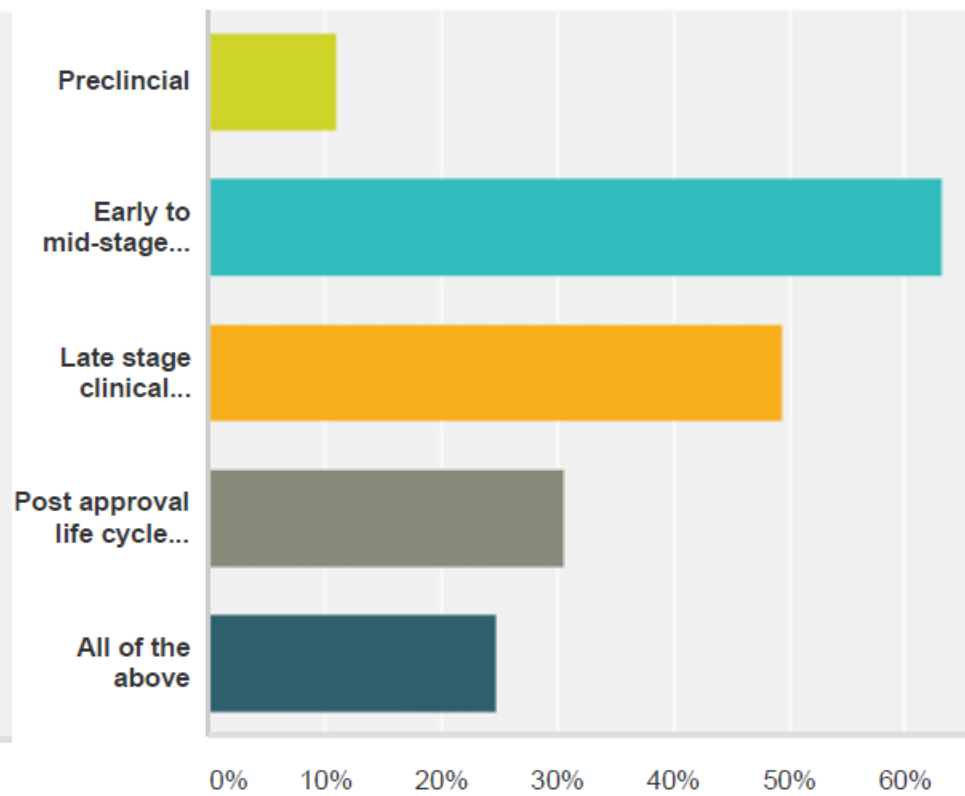


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Development Stage (N=117)



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