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Health Economics

- The only medicine that works
- Is one that we can afford to use



Access to cancer medicines is a global problem



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Biosimilars Approved by EMA



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G-CSF: Granulocyte-colony stimulating factor; EMA: European

Biosimilars which may be potentially developed in the next 10 years



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The future of medicines budgets

- More patients to treat
- More treatments for patients
- Means higher costs

Adalimumah	16.1	Arthritic IDDt	are biologics for
Audimumdu	10.1	Artifitis, ibb	Inflammatory
Ledipasvir/sorosbuvir	9.1	Hepatitis C	Disease
Etanercept	8.9	Arthritis	
Rituximab	8.6	Arthritis, leukaemia	
nfliximab	7.8	Arthritis, IBD*	
Lenalidomide	7.0	Multiple myeloma	3 of the top 10
Bevacizumab	6.8	Bowel, lung, kidney, cervical cancer	are biologics for
Trastuzumab	6.8	Breast and stomach cancer	Haematology &
Insulin glargine	6.1	Diabetes	Oncology
Pneumococcal vaccine	5.7 P	neumonia prevention	5,
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8 of the worl	d's top 10 sel	lling medicines are	

The future of medicines budgets

7 of those 10 have, or will soon have biosimilar brand competition

In 2016 sales of these 7 totaled \$61.1 Billion USD

Potential 33% price savings gives back >\$20 Billion USD a year to sustain global healthcare

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Adaimumab	16.1	Arthritis, IBB?	
tedinasvir/sofoshuvir	91	Hapatitis C	Discoso
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Biosymilary Rituksymabu w Polsce





After intruducing G-CSF biosymilar it's usage doubled







Truxima & Rixathon achieved a very fast biosimilar penetration throughout Europe





MoAb in NHL: Everything Started With Rituximab













Rituximab Biosimilars were registered by EMA in 2017

Research on Biosimilars: pivotal trials and principles

Wojciech Jurczak, Arnold G Vulto, Jutta Amersdorffer, Won S Kim, Bertrand Coiffier *The Lancet Haematology*, Vol. 4, No. 9, e409–e410 Published: September, 2017

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with follicular lymphoma: results of the randomised phase 3 ASSIST-FL trial.



Medicines regulation can seem complex: Variability in structure can be acceptable



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How similar are biosimilars and their reference medicines in biochemical structure?

Amino acid sequence Primary Sequence	Identical	
Folding Secondary, tertiary, quaternary structure	Indistinguishable	
Glycosylation and related substances	Identical structures in comparable amounts Differences are only acce if they are clinically not re	eptable elevant
Biological functions	Comparable	Polish L ymphoma R esearch

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Variability in glycosylation and related substances is in the nature of biologicals

Batch-to-batch

- · Non-identicality is a normal principle in glycosylated proteins
- · No batch of any biologic is 'identical' to the other batches
- · Variability is tightly controlled within acceptable limits

Variability of major glycan variant in commercial mAb



Manufacturing changes

- Manufacturing changes are made frequently
- · Differences in attributes can be larger than batch-to-batch variability
- Such changes are stringently controlled by regulators and approved only if they do NOT lead to clinically meaningful differences
- Schiestl M, et al. Nat Biotechnol. 2011;29:310–2

Variability of rituximab reference medicine before and after manufacturing change



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Biological characterization of Sandoz rituximab



Potency bioassays designed to give quantitative results

Sandoz rituximab is functionally indistinguishable from the reference medicine

- ADCC, antibody-dependent cellular cytotoxicity; CDC, complement-dependent cytotoxicity
- Visser J, et al. *BioDrugs*. 2013;27:495–507.



Why do regulators and physicians see biosimilars differently?



Key considerations for Phase III trial designs

	Reference medicine	Biosimilar
Patient population	Any	Sensitive and homogeneous
Clinical design	Superiority versus standard of care	Equivalence study vs reference medicine



Clinical development for EMA-approved rituximab biosimilars

Sandoz rituximab (1054 natients)	Study	Design	Indica-	Primary endpoint	N	Status	CT-P10 Study	Design	Indica- tion	Primary endpoint	N	Status
		Phase I	Indelent	Sofety and DK		Completed	patients) 1.1	Phase I RCT (2:1) Double-blind	RA	PK equivalence between CT-P10 and Ref-RTX	154	Completed Published ^{4,5}
patientey	JP-trial	Open-label Single-arm	LTB NHL	of SDZ-RTX	RTX NCT01933516	1.3 (1.1 follow on study	Phase I /- Open-label Single-arm	RA	Long-term efficacy and safety of CT-P10	58	Completed Published ⁶	
	ASSIST- Phase II PK RCT (1:1:1) RA equivalence Completed	1.2	Phase I Open-label Single-arm	DLBCL	Initial evidence of CT-P10 safety	N/A	Terminated recruitment difficulties ^{7,8}					
RA Double-blind SDZ-RTX and Ref-RTX	Published ¹	3.2	Phase III RCT (1:1:1) Double-blind	RA	PK and therapeutic equivalence between CT-P10 and Ref-RTX	372	Study ongoing Published ⁹					
	ASSIST- FL Phase III RCT (1:1) Double-blind Advanced FL Therapeutic equivalence Study SDZ-RTX and Ref-RTX-EU Ongoing Published ²	3.3	Phase I/III RCT (1:1) Double-blind	Advanced FL	PK equivalence and therapeutic non-inferiority between CT-P10 and Ref-RTX-US	140	Study ongoing Published ¹⁰					
	ASSIST- RT	Phase III RCT (1:1) Double-Blind	RA	Safety and immunogenicity	107	Completed Published ³	3.4	Phase III RCT (1:1) Double-Blind	LTB FL	Therapeutic equivalence between CT-P10 and Ref-RTX	258	Study ongoing Published ¹⁰



Pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics of Sandoz rituximab



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Sandoz rituximab efficacy on Disease Activity Score (DAS)



Smolen J, et al. Ann Rheum Dis. 2017;76:1598–602.



Study rationale in FL

- Studies were **designed to confirm non-inferior clinical effectiveness** of biosimilar as compared to originator rituximab in a **sensitive population**
- Follicular lymphoma was chosen as the most appropriate indication as the disease has a more homogeneous nature amongst the approved oncology indications of rituximab
- Further, the combination R-CVP was considered the most sensitive treatment option, as rituximab had shown the largest additive treatment effect to a chemotherapy backbone treatment in the combination with CVP
- Immunochemotherapy with rituximab remains the current standard of care for previously untreated patients, the combination regimen increases the RR and prolongs both PFS and OS

Jurczak W, et al. Lancet Haematol 2017; 4:e350-e361.



Choosing the disease to study for "confirmation" : Statistical sensitivity

- The indication where the drug makes the greatest statistical impact on a clearly measurable endpoint is the best model for discovering any difference
- A 20% difference in a drug that has a 50% impact is 10%
- A 20% difference in a drug that has a 5% impact is 1%

Pharmacodynamic end-points are likely to be more sensitive than clinical ones

The first indication offers 10x the sensitivity for detecting a difference



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Choosing the disease to study for "confirmation" is a critical step: Statistical sensitivity – example: rituximab and ORR

Indication & pivotal trial result	Chemo + rituximab	Chemo Alone	Absolute Difference	Data Source	Pharmacodynamic
1. Follicular NHL induction therapy (R-CVP)	81%	57%	24%	1	end-points are likely to be more sensitive than
2. Diffuse large B- cell lymphoma (R- CHOP)	76%	62%	14%	2	clinical ones
3. Chronic lymphocytic leukaemia (FCR/FR)	86%	72%	14%	3	
4. Rheumatoid arthritis (R-MTX)*	51%	18%	33%	4	P clich

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ASSIST-FL: randomized, Phase III trial of efficacy, safety and PK of Sandoz rituximab vs EU-sourced reference rituximab





Equivalence trials — show comparability between a biosimilar and its reference drug. Potential results of a comparability study





Phase III trial designs for biosimilars vs new biologics in oncology – statistical aspects

Design features	Study for a new biologic	Biosimilar study
Statistical inference	Based on <mark>p-values</mark>	Based on confidence intervals (good precision), maintained within pre-defined margins
Analysis approach	Significance level of 5% for hypothesis testing Primary analysis on FAS	90% or 95% confidence intervals Primary analysis on PPS
Design type	Superiority or non-inferiority Powered to show difference for primary endpoint (if one exists)	Equivalence or non-inferiority Powered to show similarity for primary endpoint
Error types	Type I: superiority shown but not true Type II (if study not powered): superiority not shown but actually exists	Type I: equivalence shown but drugs are not similar Type II (if study not powered): difference shown but drugs are equivalent



Primary endpoint was met: equivalence in overall response rate demonstrated

	Response,	Response, % (90% CI)			
	E Sandoz rituximab (SDZ-RTX)	EU-sourced reference rituximab (EU-RefRTX)			
	N=311	N=313			
Overall response rate	87.1 (83.59, 90.15)	87.5 (84.04, 90.49)			
Complete response	14.8 (11.6, 18.5)	13.4 (10.4, 17.0)			
Partial response	72.3 (67.9, 76.5)	74.1 (69.7, 78.2)			



SDZ-RTX vs EU-RefRTX (pre-specified equivalence margins [90% CI])



 CI, confidence interval, EU-RefRTX, EUsourced reference rituximab; SDZ-RTX, Sandoz



Complete response rates up to month 30 confirm similar efficacy

- Complete response (CR) after 30 months is considered a surrogate for PFS, as correlation between these two
 outcome measures has been established¹
 - CR rates (based on investigator assessment) were similar between treatments at all time points, including 33 months²



Sandoz biosimilar rituximab development code: GP2013.

 1. Shi Q, et al. J Clin Oncol. 2017;35:552–560; 2. Amersdorffer J, et al. Poster 1011P presented at the 2017 Annual Meeting of the European Society for Medical Oncology, Madrid, Spain 8-12 September 2017



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Secondary endpoints: OS





Secondary endpoints: PFS





Additional exploratory analyses performed

Main investigation category	Outcome
 Demographics and baseline disease characteristics At baseline and beginning of maintenance phase 	No imbalances between treatment groups
 PFS subgroup analyses by FL prognostic factors FLIPI/FLIPI 2 and its components 	No conclusive evidence of subgroup impacting PFS
CR30: CR rates at month 30 as surrogate for PFS ¹	Supports similar efficacy, does not support PFS observation
 Change in tumor size (sum of product diameters of index lesions) in individual patents by treatment group Combination and maintenance phases 	Supports similar efficacy via overlapping tumor shrinkage profiles in responding patients
 OS of patients with early progression (POD24) Patients who fail to achieve EFS at month 24 have poor subsequent OS² 	OS is higher in GP2013 group, opposes PFS observation
 Statistical evaluations of validity of PFS observation Power of the study to demonstrate equivalence of PFS Evaluation of significance of the PFS difference Suitability of Cox proportional hazard model 	 Study power to demonstrate PFS equivalence <1%* 90% CI of the PFS difference cross 0 at all time points – difference not significant Cox model assumptions violated
 * Assumptions for explorative power assessment presented on slide 15 1. Shi Q, et al. <i>J Clin Oncol.</i> 2017;35:552–560; 2. Maurer MJ, et al. <i>Am J Hematol.</i> 2016;91:1096–1101. 	Polish L ymphoma R esparch

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ASSIST-FL: similar safety profiles with Sandoz and reference rituximab

	Comb	ination phase	Maintenance phase		
n (%)	Sandoz rituximab-CVP n=312	Reference rituximab-CVP n=315	Sandoz rituximab n=254	Reference rituximab n=252	
Any AE	290 (92.9)	288 (91.4)	183 (72.0)	175 (69.4)	
Neutropenia	80 (25.6)	93 (29.5)	30 (11.8)	16 (6.3)	
Constipation	70 (22.4)	63 (20.0)	6 (2.4)	8 (3.2)	
Nausea	51 (16.3)	42 (13.3)	9 (3.5)	8 (3.2)	
Cough	33 (10.6)	37 (11.7)	29 (11.4)	17 (6.7)	
Urinary tract infection	_	_	13 (5.1)	23 (9.1)	
Grade 3–4 AE	136 (43.6)	144 (45.7)	49 (19.3)	48 (19.0)	
Serious AE	71 (22.8)	63 (20.0)	20 (7.9)	18 (7.1)	
AE leading to discontinuation	22 (7.1)	22 (7.0)	10 (3.9)	7 (2.8)	
Potential infusion-related reaction	228 (73.1)	225 (71.4)	113 (44.5)	123 (48.8)	
Deaths	4 (1.3)	7 (2.2)	2 (0.8)	2 (0.8)	

Safety profiles of Sandoz biosimilar rituximab and reference rituximab were similar when combined with CVP in the combination phase, or alone in the maintenance phase

- Incidences of AEs, SAEs, AEs leading to discontinuations, and deaths were comparable
- Most AEs were mild or moderate in severity

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Jurczak W, et al. Lancet Haematol. 2017;4(8):e350-e361; Jurczak W, et al. ESMO, Madrid, Spain 8-12 September 2017: Abstract 9940.



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Subgroup analyses by stratification factors (FLIPI score and region)





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Change in tumor size from baseline to the last assessment in the combination phase



Sum of product size of the index lesions is included in the analysis

Sandoz. Data on file, 2019.



Predicted savings from biosimilars of rituximab in Europe – make it a priority for sustainable Haematology Oncology



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