

Translational Imaging in Drug Safety Assessment

Background to the IMI-2 Project “TRISTAN”

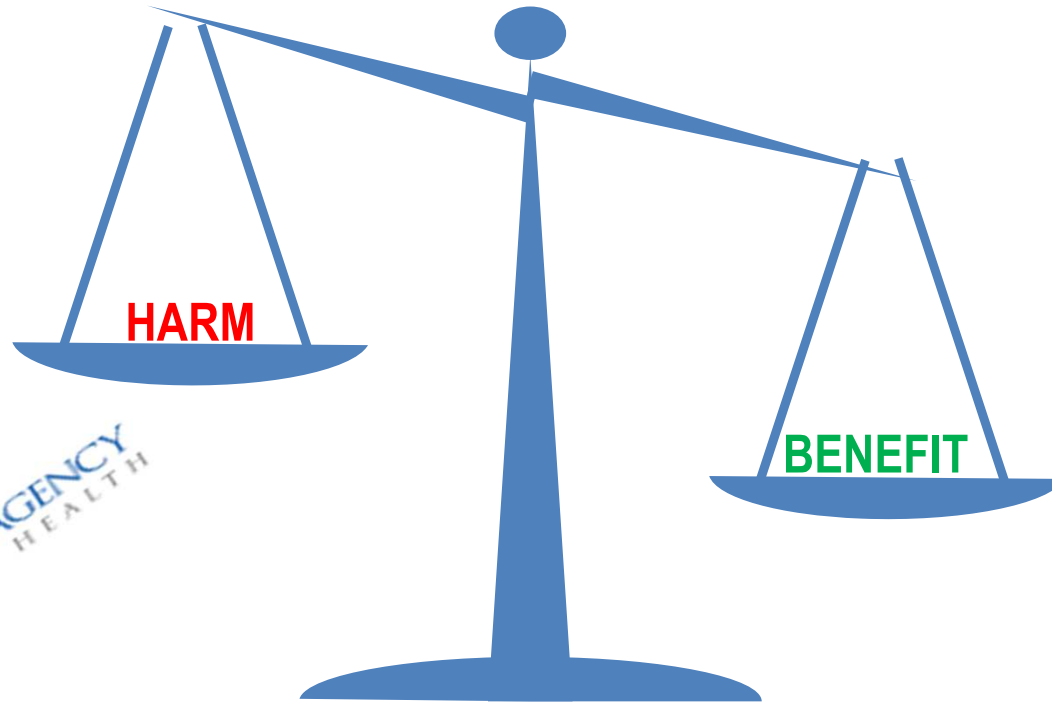
Drug safety assessment

Before new drugs are marketed, regulatory authorities must be satisfied that the **benefits** from the new drug outweigh any **harms** that might occur.

The characterisation and amelioration of potential harms is called **Drug Safety Assessment**.



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The drug safety challenge

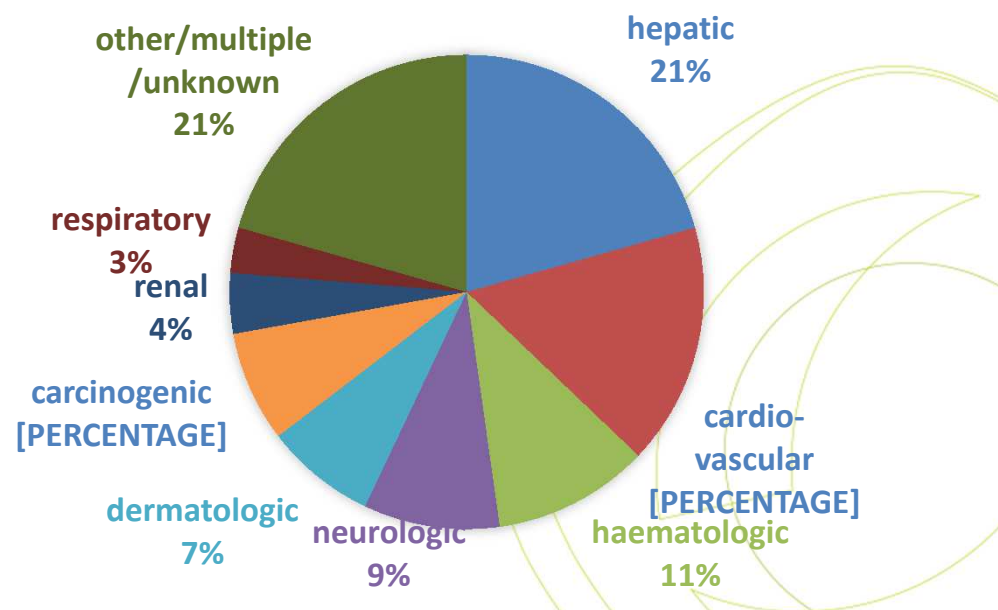
During development

- 25% of failures Ph2 2013-15 due to safety
- 14% of failures Ph3 2013-15 due to safety

Post launch

- 6.7% of hospitalised patients in USA had serious adverse drug reactions (1994)
- 462 drugs withdrawn for safety post-marketing (world literature)

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<http://cheminfo.charite.de/withdrawn/toxicities.html>

Failures harm people, Failures threaten drug research itself

Some high-profile developments stopped because of harm

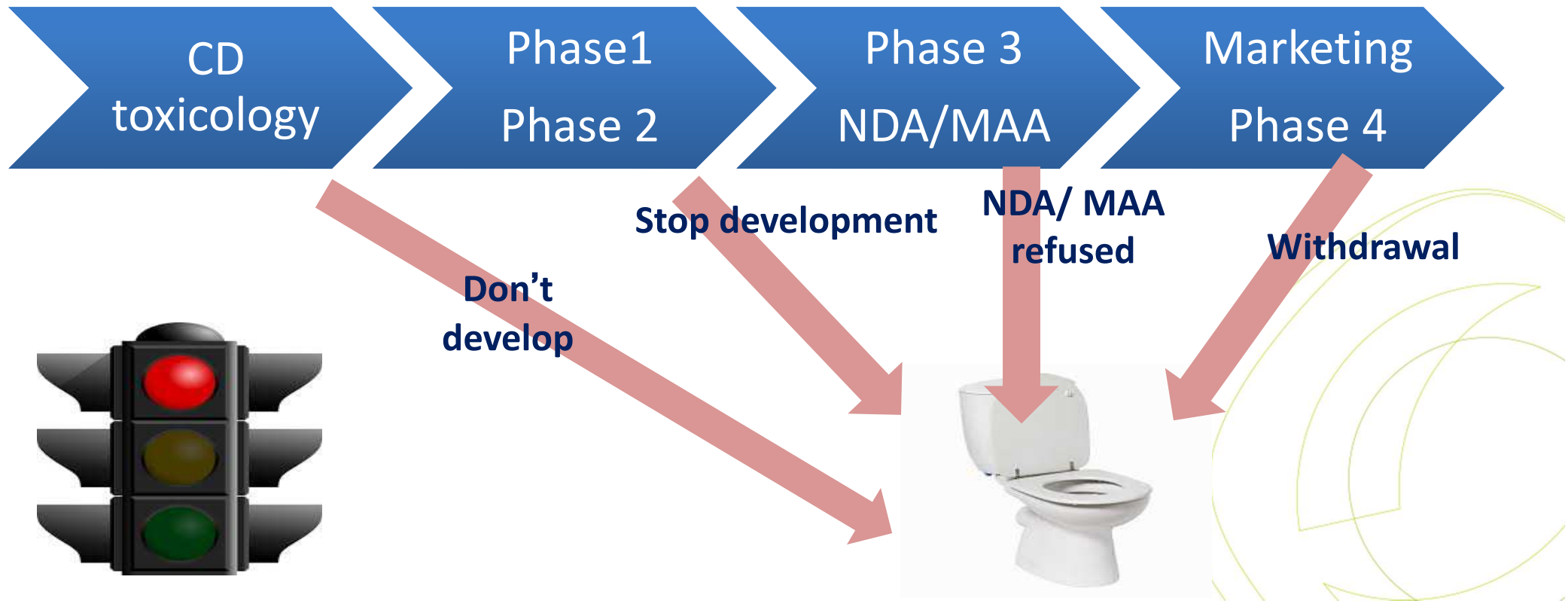
- TGN1412
- BIA 10-2474
- Fialuridine

Some high-profile withdrawals post-launch

- encainide
- ximelagatran
- cerivastatin
- rofecoxib
- practolol
- tolrestat
- rosiglitazone
- thalidomide
- fenfluramine/phentermine
- epanolol



Using safety biomarkers to stop drugs



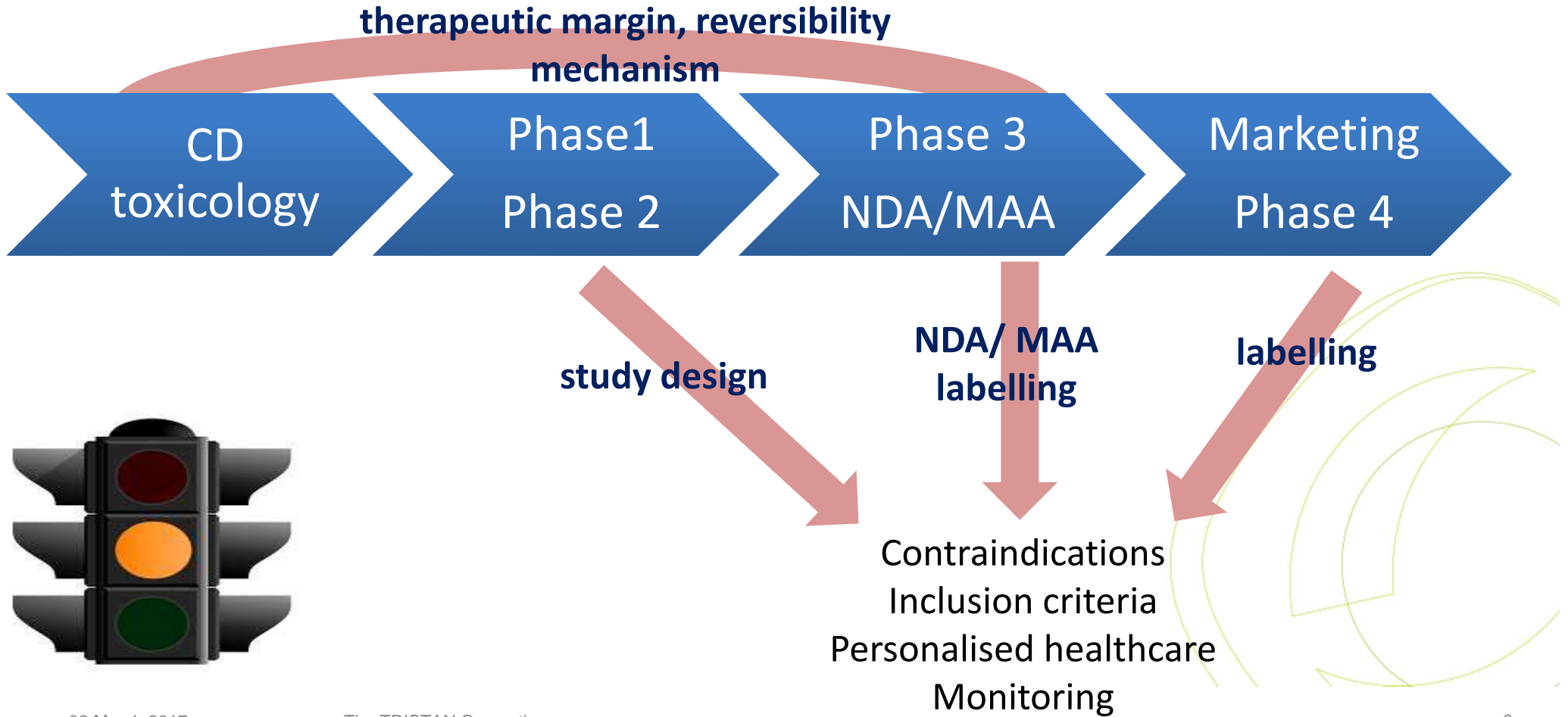


*Alle Ding' sind Gift, und nichts
ohn' Gift; allein die Dosis macht,
daß ein Ding kein Gift ist*

Phillippus Aureolus Theophrastus Bombastus von Hohenheim
“Paracelsus”
1493 -1541



Using safety biomarkers to proceed with caution



Biomarkers

- “A defined characteristic that is measured as an indicator of
 - normal biological processes,
 - pathogenic processes, or
 - responses to an exposure or intervention, including therapeutic interventions.
 - “Molecular, histologic, radiographic, or physiologic characteristics are types of biomarkers.”
 - “A biomarker is not an assessment of how an individual feels, functions, or survives”
 - Categories of biomarker:
 - susceptibility/risk,
 - diagnostic,
 - monitoring,
 - prognostic,
 - predictive,
 - pharmacodynamic/response,
 - safety
- <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK338448>



Why use imaging biomarkers?

- Non-invasive follow-up and reversibility
- Well-suited to sites of unmet need e.g. liver, kidney, heart, lung, brain
- Measures focal damage
- Routinely used by Pharma to avoid ADRs in trials
 - core lab support
- Routinely used in healthcare to avoid ADRs
- Regulatory acceptance of imaging biomarkers:
 - Imaging biomarkers successful in FDA biomarker qualification process
 - Imaging biomarkers used by FDA as surrogate endpoints 30 times 2010-14
 - Imaging biomarkers approved by FDA as companion diagnostics
- Distinct but feasible validation roadmap
 - Collaborative non-proprietary route



Established imaging biomarkers for safety assessment

Imaging biomarkers are routinely used:

- for early stop in development
- to set therapeutic margin
- to compare investigational drugs
- to show reversibility
- in regulatory labelling – contraindications
- in regulatory labelling – recommended monitoring
- also in animals



Established imaging biomarkers for safety assessment

Some routinely used safety imaging biomarkers:

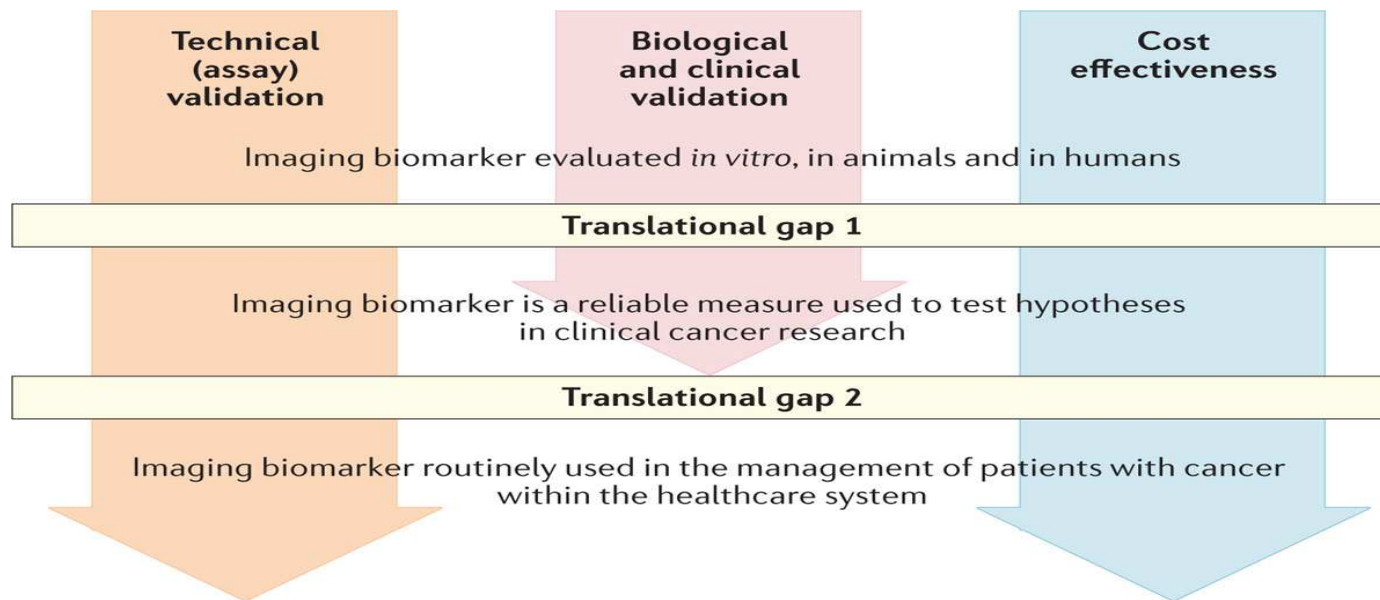
- Left ventricular ejection fraction biomarker of cardiotoxicity (Ultrasound, MRI, SPECT)
- Amyloid-related MR imaging abnormalities with edema/effusions (ARIA-E), microhaemorrhage (ARIA-H)
- Abnormal biodistribution (SPECT, PET)
- Bone Mineral Density (DXA)



Validation challenges

Imaging biomarker: Scanner in hospital	Biospecimen biomarker: In vitro diagnostic device in biomarker lab
Different scanners from different vendors installed in different hospitals	Identical IVDDs
Scanners not designed, maintained or approved for measuring biomarkers	IVDDs designed, maintained and approved for specific measurement
Staff whose main job role is not quantitation	Trained, dedicated staff
Quality depends mainly on events at the moment of scanning	Quality depends mainly on the central lab
Picture quality drives innovation: unpredictable effect on quantitation	Stable platform due to regulatory approval
Seldom defined analytes	Defined molecular entity via analytical biochemistry

Distinct imaging biomarker roadmap: validation activities in parallel, not in series



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Imaging biomarker roadmap for cancer studies James P. B. O'Connor, Eric O. Aboagye, Judith E. Adams, Hugo J. W. L. Aerts, Sally F. Barrington, Ambros J. Beer, Ronald Boellaard, Sarah E. Bohndiek, Michael Brady, Gina Brown, David L. Buckley, Thomas L. Chenevert, Laurence P. Clarke, Sandra Collette, Gary J. Cook, Nandita M. deSouza, John C. Dickson, Caroline Dive, Jeffrey L. Evelhoch, Corinne Faivre-Finn, Ferdia A. Gallagher, Fiona J. Gilbert, Robert J. Gillies, Vicky Goh, John R. Griffiths, Ashley M. Groves, Steve Halligan, Adrian L. Harris, David J. Hawkes, Otto S. Hoekstra, Erich P. Huang, Brian F. Hutton, Edward F. Jackson, Gordon C. Jayson, Andrew Jones, Dow-Mu Koh, Denis Lacombe, Philippe Lambin, Nathalie Lassau, Martin O. Leach, Ting-Yim Lee, Edward L. Leen, Jason S. Lewis, Yan Liu, Mark F. Lythgoe, Prakash Manoharan, Ross J. Maxwell, Kenneth A. Miles, Bruno Morgan, Steve Morris, Tony Ng, Anwar R. Padhani, Geoff J. M. Parker, Mike Partridge, Arvind P. Pathak, Andrew C. Peet, Shonit Punwani, Andrew R. Reynolds, Simon P. Robinson, Lalitha K. Shankar, Ricky A. Sharma, Dmitry Soloviev, Sigrid Stroobants, Daniel C. Sullivan, Stuart A. Taylor, Paul S. Tofts, Gillian M. Tozer, Marcel van Herk, Simon Walker-Samuel, James Wason, Kaye J. Williams, Paul Workman, Thomas E. Yankeelov, Kevin M. Brindle, Lisa M. McShane, Alan Jackson, John C. Waterton Nature Reviews Clinical Oncology (2017) <http://dx.doi.org/10.1038/nrclinonc.2016.162>

Key validation activities

- Imaging-pathology correlation and reversibility
 - Animal studies also important here
- Standardisation
 - Non-proprietary or non-exclusive
 - Consider public-private partnership e.g. IMI
 - Agnostic to particular imaging device
 - FDA qualification programme, not IVD or 510(k)
 - Standardisation by expert groups
 - radiologist/imager; multiple pharma precompetitive regulator; disease physician; academic societies
 - Regular revision as new devices are marketed
- Repeatability and reproducibility
- Availability
 - Preclinical: near-GLP implementations available in valid animal model
 - Trials: Imaging biomarker is implemented validly to ICH GCP (use core lab) in every hospital in the world where the trial recruits
 - Post-marketing: Imaging biomarker is: available, robustly valid, inexpensive in every hospital in the world where the drug is prescribed



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