

The Pros and Cons of Global Clinical Studies

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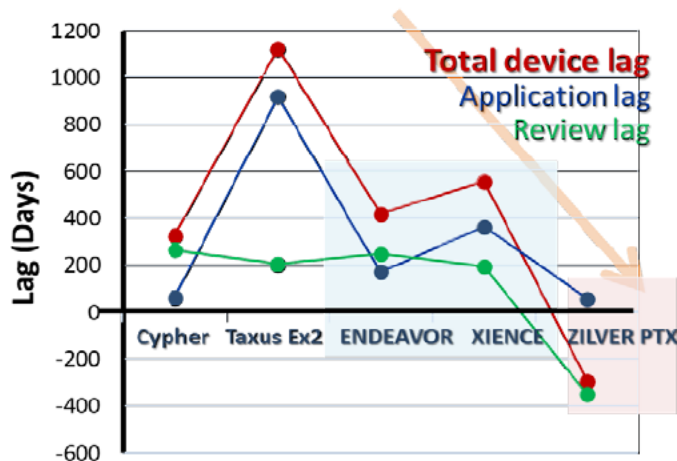
2003 Establishment of Harmonization By-Doing (HBD) Working Group

➤ Conducted the US-Japan joint clinical trials for two drug eluting stents

- ENDEAVOR (Medtronic Japan Co., Ltd.)
- XIENCE V (Guidant Japan K.K. (former name))

2005 First Think Tank meeting in Tokyo**2010 Simultaneous application for marketing approval of Zilver PTX in the US and Japan****Proof of Concept (POC) project**

- Target: Specific medical devices under development
- Purpose: To identify issues in simultaneous development in Japan and the US and find solutions.



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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

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Partnership Between Japan and the United States for Early Development of Pediatric Medical Devices — Harmonization By Doing for Children —

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Regulatory pathway for clinical trials in the US and Japan

Consultation



- ✓ Device overview
- ✓ Outline of non-clinical data
- ✓ Outline of clinical trial protocol (including investigator's brochure and draft of informed consent document)

Clinical Trial Notification

R&D

Pre-clinical

Clinical Trial

Application

Investigational Device Exemption

Meeting



- ✓ Device or product description
- ✓ Proposed indications for use or intended use
- ✓ Specific questions for FDA

Consultation categories for clinical trials of medical device in the US and Japan


| PMDA | FDA |
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| <p><u>General consultation</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Discuss device development process or appropriate consultation pathway | <p><u>Informational meeting</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Share information on device development without expectation of specific feedback |
| <p><u>Pre-meeting for formal consultation</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Discuss topics of future formal consultations | <p><u>Pre-submission</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Obtain FDA feedback on various topics, including the clinical trial protocol |
| <p><u>Pre-development formal consultation</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Discuss the outline of non-clinical data package and clinical trial protocol before the next formal consultation | |
| <p><u>Clinical trial protocol formal consultation</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Discuss proposed clinical trial protocol | |


...Clinical trial, Application


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<Advantages>

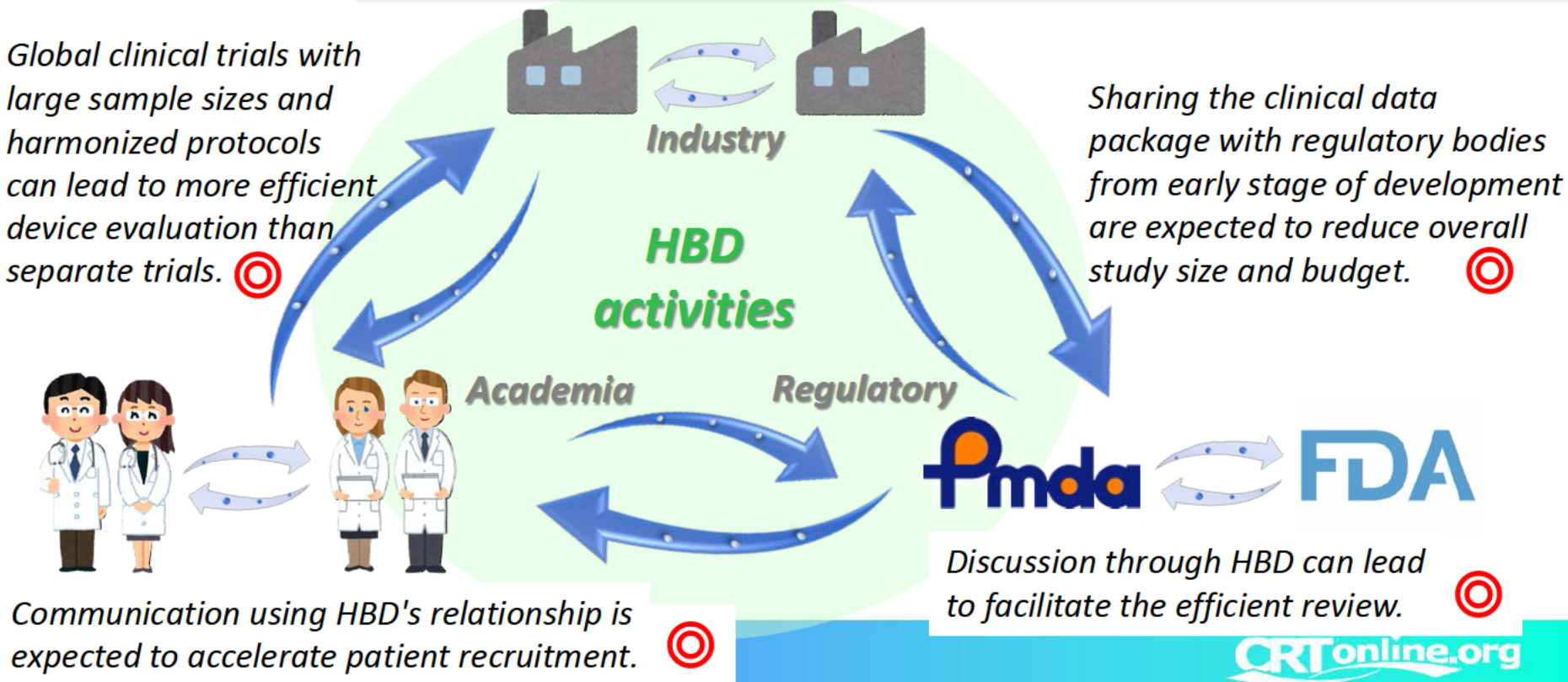
Global clinical study contributes early introduction of medical devices!!

Global clinical trials with large sample sizes and harmonized protocols can lead to more efficient device evaluation than separate trials. 

Sharing the clinical data package with regulatory bodies from early stage of development are expected to reduce overall study size and budget. 

Communication using HBD's relationship is expected to accelerate patient recruitment. 

Discussion through HBD can lead to facilitate the efficient review. 



<Disadvantages>

Minor Differences in the following points between the US and Japan

- ✓ Medical practices and technical terms (including the definition of device relatedness)
- ✓ GCP inspection procedure
- ✓ Review/consultation options for the non-clinical data package



Comparing GCP Requirements for Medical Device Clinical Trials in the US and Japan

By Harmonization-by-Doing Working Group 4

Introduction

The convergence of US and Japanese medical device regulations and practices provides an opportunity to accelerate delivery of innovative medical devices to patients in need of medical treatment. Reciprocal acceptance of Good Clinical Practices (GCPs) would facilitate multinational studies and promote the use of clinical data to support regulatory submissions in multiple countries. The process of regulatory

to the complexity. By understanding the nature of these differences, it may be possible to more accurately determine whether data from an alternate GCP provide similar assurances of valid scientific information and patient protection.

GCP, as described in standards and regulations, governs the quality of clinical trials for medical products, including medical devices, but the differences between GCP requirements have not been well studied. Further study of these differences is needed to enhance the meaning of compliance with one set of GCP requirements versus another.

Regulatory Focus 2010; April: 40–44
It showed substantial similarities.

Expectation for future global development

- We all recognize not only the advantages but also the disadvantages, based on the practical experience such as Misago® and Zilver®.
- Cooperation among academia, industry, and regulatory agency in both the US and Japan is essential for proper evaluation of the device and promotion of global development.
- The global development efforts are expected to become more active, based on the practical experience.

1. Proof of Concept (POC) project

Purpose

- To encourage global development by finding solutions for identified issues.

- ✓ 4C medical's mitral valve
- ✓ OrbusNeich Medical Trading's Tric Valve
- ✓ Diaxamed's Sealed Synthetic Graft
- ✓ (HBD-for-children) Medtronic's Harmony TPV system, Renata Medical's Minima stent etc.
- ✓ Lim Flow's device for CLI treatment
- ✓ CORVIA MEDICAL's IASD System II
- ✓ Mitre Medical Corp.'s Mitral Touch System

2. Preparation for publication of papers

3. (HBD-for-children) Standardization of definitions and endpoints

- ✓ Pulmonary artery stenosis
- ✓ Mechanical circulatory support



Thank you for your kind attention.

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