

DESIGN AND ANALYSIS OF BIOSIMILAR STUDIES



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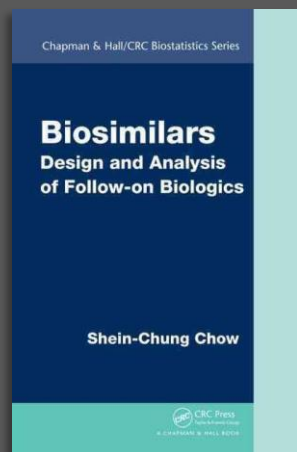
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- and the 3rd edition of the book entitled "**Design and Analysis of Bioavailability and Bioequivalence Studies**" by *Chow SC* and *Liu JP* published in 2008 by Chapman and Hall/CRC Press, Taylor & Francis, New York.

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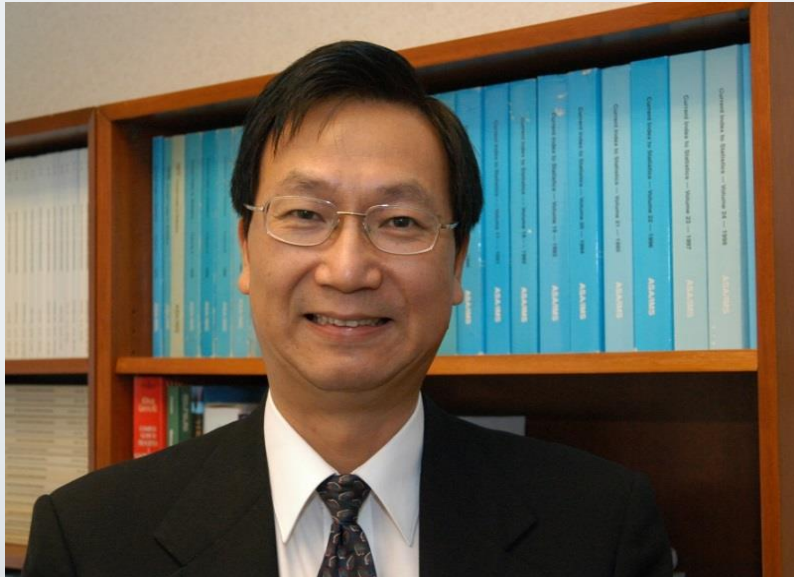
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Design and Analysis of Biosimilar Studies

Lecture 1

Assessing Biosimilarity: Issues and Recent Development

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Outline

- Expanding biosimilar opportunity
- Fundamental differences
 - Generics versus biosimilars
- Regulatory requirements
 - EU EMA, **US FDA**, and WHO
- Definition of biosimilarity
- Scientific factors for assessing biosimilarity
- Development of biosimilarity index
- Remarks





Terminology

- **Biosimilars**
 - by EU EMA
- **Follow-on biologics**
 - by US FDA
- Subsequent entered biologics (**SEB**)
 - by Health Canada
- Similar biotherapeutic product (**SBP**)
 - by WHO
- Biological/biotechnology-derived products (**BDP**)
 - as indicated in EMA, FDA, and ICH guidances
- **Biogenerics**
 - by general population





What are biosimilars?

- A biosimilar product is a **similar** biological product such as protein product, vaccine, or blood product whose active drug substance is made of **a living cell** or derived from **a living organism**
- Biosimilars are **not** generic drugs but **similar** biologic drug products
- **Similar** is in the sense that it is similar to an innovator drug product in terms of **safety**, **purity**, and **potency**



“A biosimilar is a biopharmaceutical that contains a version of the active substance of an already authorized biopharmaceutical”

“Similarity to the reference medicinal product in terms of quality characteristics, biological activity, safety, and efficacy needs to be established”¹



“Biosimilarity means the biologic product is highly similar to the reference product notwithstanding minor differences in clinically inactive components”

“There are no clinically meaningful differences between the biologic product and the reference product in terms of the safety, purity and potency of the product”²

Expanding biosimilar opportunity

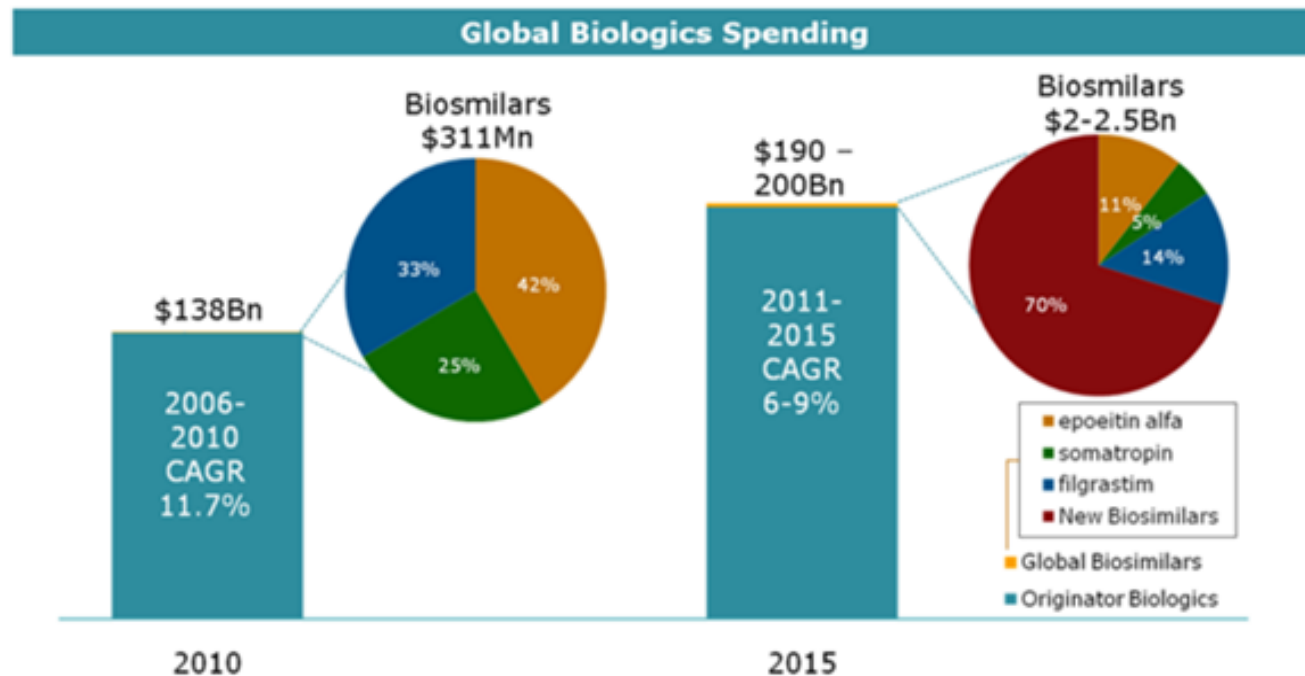
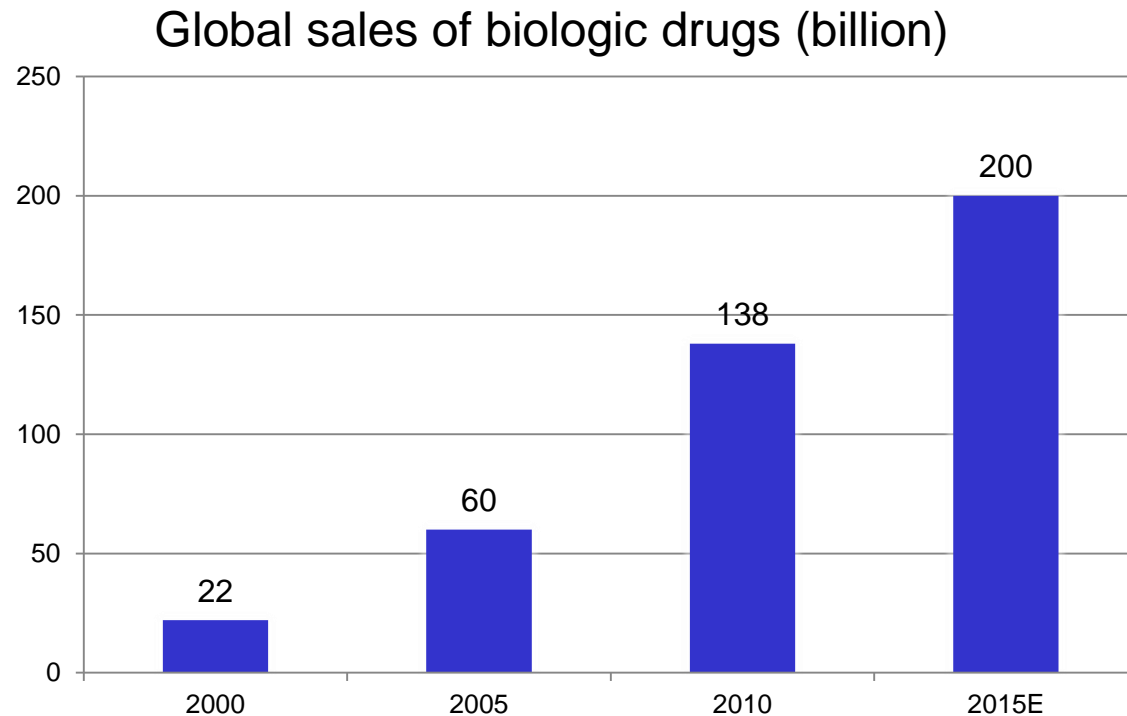


Figure 8.1. Global biologics spending (in billion dollars)

Source: IMS Institute for Healthcare Informatics, MIDAS, December 2010.



Expanding biosimilar opportunity

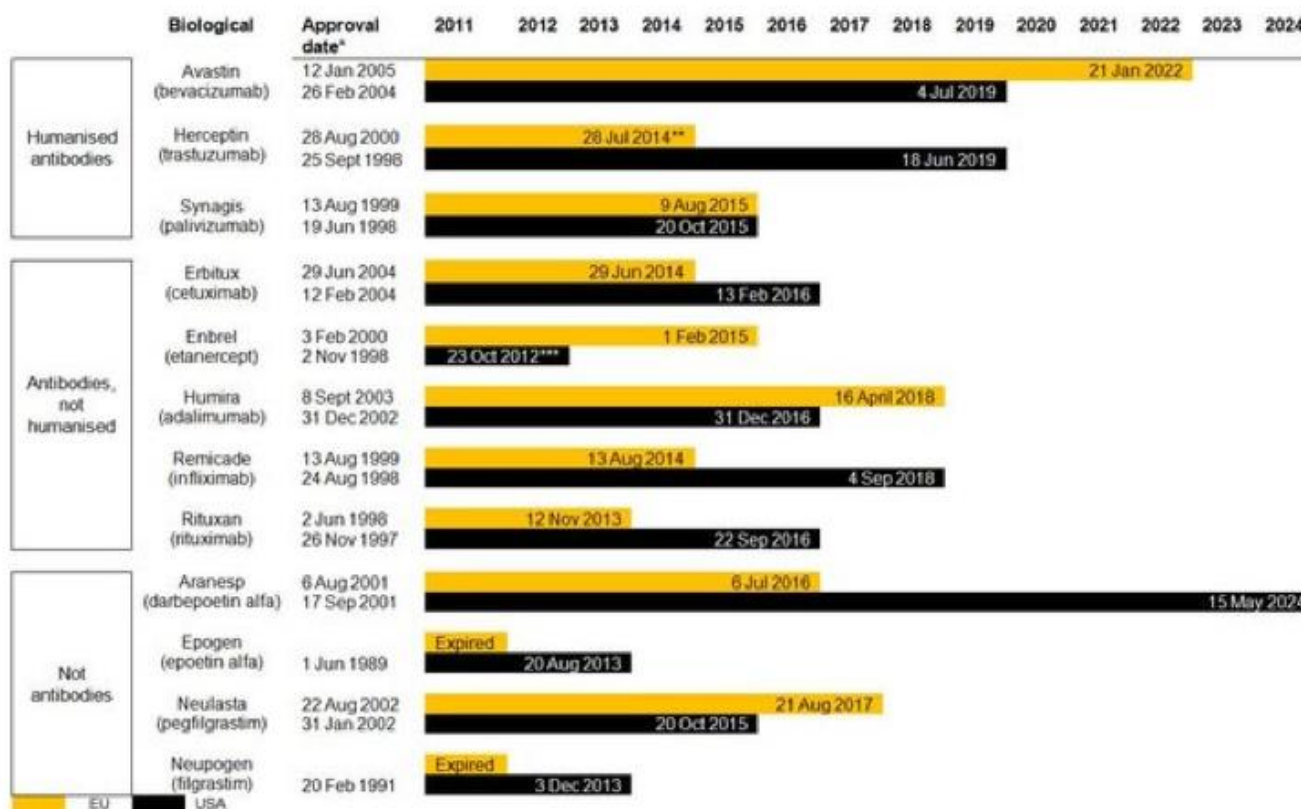


Source: IMS; Lehman Brothers Pharma Pipelines

Table 1. Pharmas biggest biological blockbusters

Brand name	Primary indication(s)	Peak year (to date)	Peak year sales (\$m)
Humira	Autoimmune diseases	2012	9265
Enbrel	Autoimmune diseases	2011	7830
Rituxan	Autoimmune diseases	2011	6798
Remicade	Autoimmune diseases	2011	6782
Avastin	Colon, lung, renal cancer	2010	6216
Herceptin	HER-2 + breast cancer	2011	5947
Lantus	Diabetes	2011	5452

Figure 1 Biological drug products and their patent protection in EU and USA



* EU provides 10 years of data exclusivity, US BPCI Act provides 12 years exclusivity

** In the UK. Other major EU markets follow on 28 August 2015.

*** Aqueous formulation patent runs until 2023, but dry powder biosimilar possible.

Source: Bernstein Research

Current regulatory submissions in EU and US



Recent events in the USA will play a pivotal role:
4 approved biosimilar;
3 additional known biosimilar filings under the new 351(k) pathway
(pending review)



Fundamental differences – generics versus biosimilars

- **Generic drugs**
 - Made by chemical synthesis
 - Defined structure
 - Easy to characterize
 - Relatively stable
 - Usually taken orally and often prescribed by a general practitioner
- **Biosimilars**
 - Made by **living cells**
 - Heterogeneous structure
Mixtures of related molecules
 - Difficult to characterize
 - **Variable**; sensitive to conditions
 - Usually injected and prescribed by specialists
 - **Immunogenicity**





Generics vs. biosimilars

- **Generics**
 - **Small** molecule (chemical) drug products
 - Drug products with **identical** active ingredient(s)
 - Conduct of bioequivalence (BE) trials is required
 - Regulatory approval pathway is well established
- **Biosimilars**
 - **Large** molecule **biological** drug products
 - Generic versions of original biological products
 - It is **not generic** drug but **similar** biological products
 - Regulatory approval pathway in US is still **not** well established





Past experience for assessing bioequivalence for generics

- Fundamental Bioequivalence Assumption
- Criteria for bioequivalence
- Study design
- Sample size calculation
- Statistical methods
- Drug interchangeability
- Regulatory review/approval





Key question

Can standard methods for assessment of bioequivalence be directly applied for assessment of biosimilarity of follow-on biologics?





Key question

Can standard methods for assessment of bioequivalence be directly applied for assessment of biosimilarity of follow-on biologics?

NO – due to **fundamental differences** between generic drugs and biosimilars





Comparison

In vivo BE and biosimilarity testing

In vivo BE testing

- Drug absorption
- Variability 20-30%
- BE criterion (80%, 125%)
- Confidence interval approach
- Crossover design
- Fundamental BE Assumption
- BE trial is required

Biosimilarity testing

- Drug safety/efficacy
- Variability 40-50%
- (70%, 143%)? SABE?
- Confidence interval approach or biosimilarity index?
- Parallel or crossover design?
- Fundamental Biosimilarity Assumption?
- How many studies are required?





Fundamental Biosimilarity Assumption – ***proposal***

When a follow-on biologic product is claimed to be biosimilar to an innovator product in **some well-defined study endpoints**, it is assumed that they will reach similar therapeutic effect or they are therapeutically equivalent .

Proposed by SSAB on October 21, 2009



What is SSAB?

- SSAB is a Statistical Scientific Advisory Board on Biosimilars, which consists of the following members
 - Shein-Chung Chow, PhD, Duke University School of Medicine
 - Laszlo Endrenyi, PhD, University of Toronto
 - Peter Lachenbruch, PhD, Oregon State University
 - France Mentre, PhD, Paris University
 - Yangfeng Wu, MD, PhD, Peking University
- Established in 2009
 - Submitted a communication package to the FDA in 2010
 - Conducted seminars and workshops at FDA





Regulatory requirements of biosimilars



World Health Organization (WHO)



European Union

European Medicines Agency (EMA)



The United States of America

Food and Drug Administration (FDA)



Asian Pacific Region

China (March 2015), South Korea, Taiwan,
Singapore, Japan, India, etc



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Development of regulatory approval pathway in US

- *Biologics Price Competition and Innovation (BPCI) Act*
 - Passed by US Congress in 2009
 - Written into law on March 23, 2010
- Regulatory requirements/guidances
 - FDA Public Hearing (November 2-3, 2010)
 - Various User Fees Stakeholders' meetings within the FDA between November 2-3, 2010 and December 16, 2011
 - FDA Public Meeting (December 16, 2011)
 - Three FDA draft guidances (February 9, 2012)
 - FDA Public Hearing (May 11, 2012)
 - One FDA draft guidance (May, 2014)





FDA regulatory requirements

- Biologic products that are licensed under a BLA, i.e., US Public Health Service (PHS) Act
 - The robustness of the **manufacturing** process
 - The **degree** to which **structural similarity** could be assessed
 - The extent to which **mechanism of action** was understood
 - The existence of valid, mechanistically related **pharmacodynamic** assays
 - **Comparative pharmacokinetics**
 - **Comparative immunogenicity**
 - The amount of **clinical** data available
 - The extent of **experience** with the original product





Definition of biosimilarity

A **biosimilar** product:

Is **highly similar** to the reference product
notwithstanding **minor** differences in clinically
inactive components

There are no **clinically meaningful differences**
in terms of **safety, purity and potency**.

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US BPCI Act, 2009





Key questions raised at FDA Public Hearings

- How similar is similar?
How similar is considered **highly similar**?
 - **Degree** of similarity
- What are the criteria for biosimilarity?
 - One-size-fits-all criterion?
 - Should **disaggregated** criterion?
 - e.g., average for general similarity; then similarity in variability for highly similarity





Key questions raised at FDA Public Hearings

- Can we establish non-inferiority instead of bioequivalence (biosimilarity)?
 - Selection of **non-inferiority margin**
- How many biosimilar studies are required?
 - **Safety, purity, and potency**
- Can standard methods for assessment of bioequivalence of generic drugs be applied?
 - Concern in large **variability** in biosimilars
 - Standard methods for BE assessment focus on **average bioavailability**





Criteria for biosimilarity

- Several criteria available in the literature and/or regulatory guidances for bioequivalence
 - Criteria for ABE, PBE, and IBE
 - **Similarity factor** for dissolution profile comparison
 - Determination of **non-inferiority margin** in active control trials
- One-size-fits-all criterion?
 - Shouldn't it be adjusted for variability and/or therapeutic index?
- Degree of similarity?
 - Definition of highly similar
 - The use of disaggregated criteria?





Possible biosimilarity measures

- Absolute change ($\mu_T - \mu_R$)
- Percent change (μ_T / μ_R)
- Relative change in absolute change
- Relative change in percent change
- Responder analysis, i.e., define a responder based on
 - Absolute change
 - Percent change
 - Relative change based on absolute change
 - Relative change based on percent change





Possible criteria for biosimilarity

- Average versus variability
 - Comparing means, variances or CVs
- Moment-based versus probability-based
- Aggregated versus disaggregated
- Scaled versus non-scaled
 - Adjust for intra-subject variability and/or therapeutic index
- Weighted versus un-weighted
 - Different weights for variance components
- Fixed versus flexible
 - Adjust for intra-subject variability and/or therapeutic index





Criteria for biosimilarity - **proposal**

- **Average** versus **variability**
 - Sensitive to small change/variation; Highly variable
- Moment-based versus **probability-based**
 - Can take variability into consideration; More stringent
- Aggregated versus **disaggregated**
 - Can address the degree of similarity
- Fixed versus **flexible**
 - Adjust for the **variability** and/or **therapeutic index** of the reference product





Criteria for biosimilarity - **proposal**

- [1] Chow SC and Liu JP (2010). Statistical assessment of biosimilar products. JBS, 20(1), 10-30.
- [2] Chow SC et al. (2010). A comparison of moment-based and probability-based criteria for assessment of follow-on biologics. JBS, 20(1), 31-45.
- [3] Hsieh TC et al. (2010). Statistical test for evaluation of biosimilarity in variability of follow-on biologics. JBS, 20(1), 75-89.
- [4] SSAB white paper on the assessment of biosimilarity of follow-on biologics

JBS=Journal of Biopharmaceutical Statistics





Non-inferiority vs. equivalence

- Can testing for non-inferiority serve the purpose of testing for similarity?
- Is the non-inferiority margin the same as biosimilarity limit?
- Does the non-inferiority test have to be two-sided?
 - One side of a two-sided test is equivalent to a one-sided test with different alpha
- Does the non-inferiority test have to be symmetric?





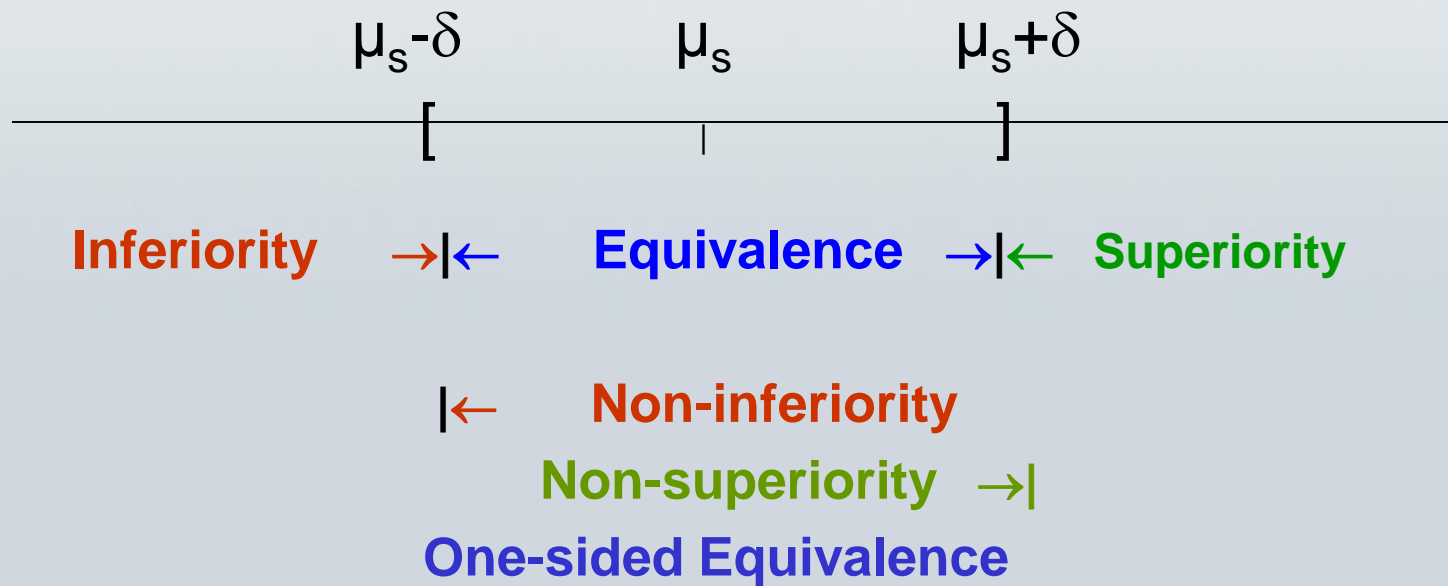
Non-inferiority vs. equivalence

- What is the relationship between non-inferiority and equivalence (similarity)?
 - Non-inferiority = similarity?
- How to determine non-inferiority margin?
 - Non-inferiority margin = similarity limit?
- What is the impact on sample size requirement?
 - Sample size reduction when switches from testing for similarity to testing for non-inferiority



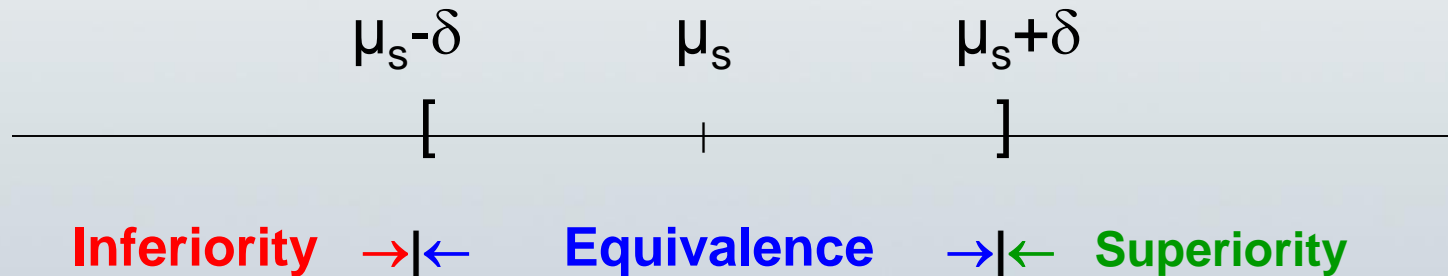


Relationship among non-inferiority, superiority, and equivalence





Relationship among non-inferiority, superiority, and equivalence



$$H_0: \mu_T - \mu_s \leq -\delta$$

$$H_a: \mu_T - \mu_s > -\delta$$

$$H_0: |\mu_T - \mu_s| \geq \delta$$

$$H_a: |\mu_T - \mu_s| < \delta$$

$$H_0: \mu_T - \mu_s \leq \delta$$

$$H_a: \mu_T - \mu_s > \delta$$





Non-inferiority vs. equivalence

- Non-inferiority is one-sided equivalence
- Non-inferiority = equivalence + superiority
 - Superiority may be tested after the non-inferiority has been established
- Non-inferiority \neq equivalence
 - Non-inferiority \neq similarity
- Equivalence = non-inferiority + non-superiority
- Non-inferiority margin = equivalence limit
- Sample size calculation
 - Non-inferiority \neq equivalence (similarity)





Clinical strategy for non-inferiority

- Since non-inferiority is considered one-sided equivalence, we may consider establishing *non-inferiority* first. Then test for *non-superiority*.
- Utilizing the concept of *asymmetric* equivalence limits
 - Dealing with α_1 and α_2 rather than $\alpha_1 = \alpha_2$
 - Enable us to adopt flexible biosimilarity criteria
- Scientific/academic perspectives
 - Selection of non-inferiority margin
 - The choice of α_1 and α_2 for controlling α





Remarks

- **Equivalence limit**
 - Current equivalence limit for small molecule products is fixed (**one-size-fits-all criterion**) for all drug products
- **Non-inferiority margin**
 - Non-inferiority margin is **not** fixed (flexible)
 - Should consult with the 2010 FDA draft guidance
- Non-inferiority margin should reflect the lower equivalence limit
- **Sample size requirements** for testing non-inferiority and equivalence (similarity) are **different**





Statistical methods for assessing biosimilarity

- Should be able to take **variability** into consideration
- Should be **robust** with respect to the criteria for biosimilarity used
- Should be about to address the **degree of similarity**
- Should be able to be applied to **various study design**





Development of biosimilarity index – **proposal**

- A biosimilarity index is derived based on reproducibility probability
 - Can address the question that “how similar is similar?”
 - Can address the practical issue of drug interchangeability
- Reference

Shao J and Chow SC (2002). Reproducibility probability in clinical trials. *Statistics in Medicine*, 21, 1727-1742.





Biosimilarity index - **proposal**

- Step 1: Assess average biosimilarity based on bioequivalence criterion
 - (80%, 125%) based on log-transformed data
- Step 2: Calculate the reproducibility based on the observed ratio and **variability**
- Step 3: Claim biosimilarity if the **95% confidence lower bound** of the reproducibility is larger than a pre-specified number p_0





Biosimilarity index - proposal

- p_0 can be obtained by comparing the reference (R) to itself
 - First, we obtain p_{RR} (reproducibility probability when comparing R and itself)
 - p_0 can be selected as 80% of p_{RR} .
 - In practice, we would expect that p_{RR} is high, say 90%
 - In this case, $p_0 = 80\% \times 90\% = 72\%$.
 - To address “highly similar”, we may consider choosing 90% of p_{RR}





Advantages

- Takes **variability** into consideration
- Compares to a **standard set by reference** itself
- **Robust** against **any criteria** used
- Can be applied under **different study designs**
- Can assess the **degree of similarity** with appropriate choice of level of reproducibility





Remarks

- The proposed biosimilar index follows the well-established criterion for assessment of bioequivalence
- Reflect the sensitivity of heterogeneity in variation
- It is able to address “how similar is similar?” and the issue of interchangeability





Study design

- Crossover Design
 - The design of choice for bioequivalence
- Parallel Design
 - Suitable design for biosimilars with relatively long half-lives
 - Does not provide independent estimates for intra-subject variability
- Hybrid parallel + crossover design





Possible study designs

- Useful study designs
 - Replicated crossover design
 - Parallel design with replicates
 - Balaam's design (TT, RR, TR, RT)
 - Two-sequence dual design (TRT, RTR)
 - Two-sequence four period design (TRTR, RTRT)
 - Modified Balaam's design (TT, RR, TRT, RTR)
 - Extra-reference design (TRR, RTR)
 - Specific design (RRRR, RTRT)





Possible study designs

- Hybrid Parallel-Crossover design
 - Hybrid parallel plus 2x2 crossover design
 - Hybrid parallel plus 2x3 dual crossover design
 - Hybrid parallel plus replicated 2x2 crossover design
 - Complete N-of-1 randomized design
- Potential use of adaptive designs
 - Two-stage seamless design (PK + Clinical)
 - Bayesian adaptive design





How many biosimilar studies are required?

- Biosimilarity requires that there are no **clinically meaningful differences** in terms of **safety, purity and potency**.
 - **Safety** (e.g., PK/PD, safety/tolerability, and/or Immunogenicity studies)
 - **Purity** (e.g., critical quality attributes during manufacturing process, stability, etc.)
 - **Potency** (e.g., efficacy study).
- Study endpoints selection depend upon the type of biosimilar studies are conducted.





US FDA draft guidances

- On February 9, 2012, FDA circulated three draft guidances for comments.
 - Scientific Considerations in Demonstrating Biosimilarity to a Reference Product
 - Quality Considerations in Demonstrating Biosimilarity to a Reference Protein Product
 - Biosimilars: Questions and Answers Regarding Implementation of the Biologics Price Competition and Innovation (BPCI) Act of 2009
 - These draft guidance were finalized in 2015





US FDA draft guidances

- **Scientific Considerations** in Demonstrating Biosimilarity to a Reference Product
 - This guidance is intended to assist sponsors in demonstrating that a proposed therapeutic protein product is biosimilar to a reference product for purpose of the submission of a marketing application under section 351(k) for the Public Health Service Act





US FDA draft guidances

- Quality Considerations in Demonstrating Biosimilarity to a Reference Protein Product
 - This guidance describes **the FDA's current thinking** on factors to consider when demonstrating that a proposed protein product is highly similar to a reference product licensed under section 351(a) of the PHS Act for purpose of submitting a marketing application under section 351(k) of the PHS Act.





US FDA draft guidances

- Biosimilars: Questions and Answers Regarding Implementation of the Biologics Price Competition and Innovation (BPCI) Act of 2009
 - This guidance provides **answers to common questions** from sponsors interested in developing proposed biosimilar products, biologics license application (BLA) holders, and other interested parties regarding FDA's interpretation of the Biologics Price Competition and Innovation (BPCI) Act of 2009.





Clinical pharmacology guidance

- *Guidance for Industry Clinical Pharmacology Data to Support a Demonstration of Biosimilarity to a Reference Product*
- This guidance document is being distributed for comment purposes only.
- Comments and suggestions regarding this draft document should be submitted within 90 days of publication in the *Federal Register* of the notice announcing the availability of the draft guidance. Submit comments to the Division of Dockets Management (HFA-305), Food and Drug Administration, 5630 Fishers Lane, rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852. All comments should be identified with the docket number listed in the notice of availability that publishes in the *Federal Register*.





Review of FDA guidances

- Reference standards
 - Single versus multiple references
- Asymmetric two-sided test for biosimilarity
 - One side is for testing non-inferiority
 - The other side is for testing non-superiority
- Stepwise approach
 - Starts with **analytical similarity assessment**
- Totality-of-the-evidence
 - Biosimilarity across different functional areas





Reference standards

- U.S.-licensed reference product and other comparators
- Single reference product is less problematic
- Different reference products may be problematic
 - Reference from U.S.-licensed reference product versus reference from non-U.S.-licensed reference product
- **What if** the two reference products are not biosimilar under similar study design?





Reference standards

- Reference products could be different
 - Different batches from the same manufacturing process
 - Different sites (locations) of the same manufacturer
 - Different countries such as EU and US
- Which product should be used as the reference product for assessing biosimilarity?





Reference standards

- If there are two different reference products say R1 and R2, which one should be used as the reference?
 - R1 or R2 with scientific justification
 - Max (R1, R2)
 - Average of R1 and R2
 - Have to show biosimilarity with R1 and R2, respectively





Reference standards

- Kang and Chow (2013) proposed the use of a 3-arm design for addressing this issue
 - After the conduct of the study, data can be analyzed by comparing the test product with either the average of R1 and R2 or the $\max(R1, R2)$
 - The observed difference between R1 and R2 could be used to (i) verify the criteria for biosimilarity, and (ii) serve as reference standard for future studies
 - One of the controversial issues is that what if we fail to meet the biosimilarity criteria when comparing with R1 but meet the criterion when comparing with R2.





Asymmetric test for non-inferiority

- Non-inferiority is one-sided equivalence
- Non-inferiority = equivalence + superiority
- Test for biosimilarity
 - First, test for non-inferiority with α_1
 - Then, test for non-superiority with α_2
 - Controlling α with appropriate choices of α_1 and α_2
- Sample size calculation
 - Non-inferiority \neq equivalence (similarity)





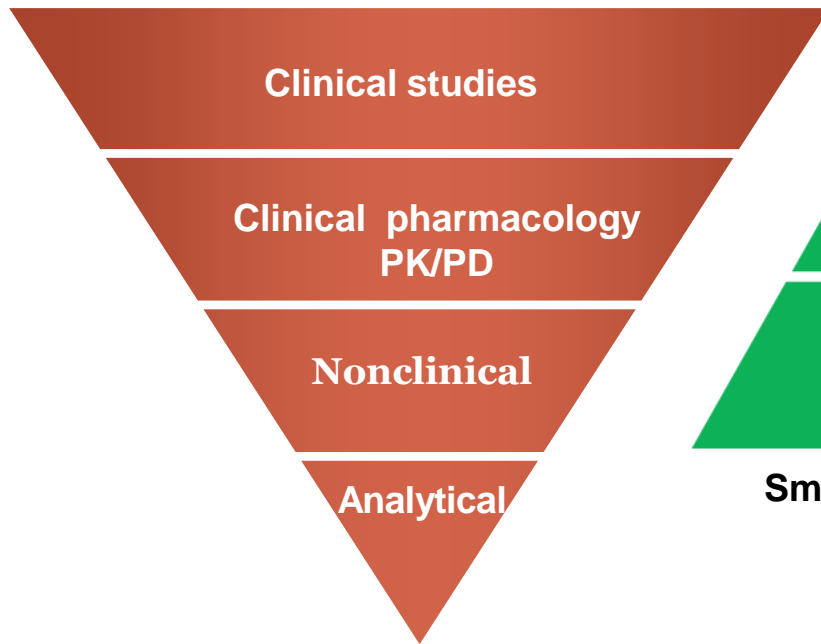
Stepwise approach

- US FDA recommends the **stepwise approach** to provide evidence of biosimilarity
- Stepwise approach for obtaining **totality-of-the-evidence**
 - Starts with critical quality attributes in manufacturing process
 - PK/PD assessment
 - Clinical trials
- Remarks
 - Adjustment for stepwise error rate?
 - The order of the stepwise testing procedure may have an impact on the final test results

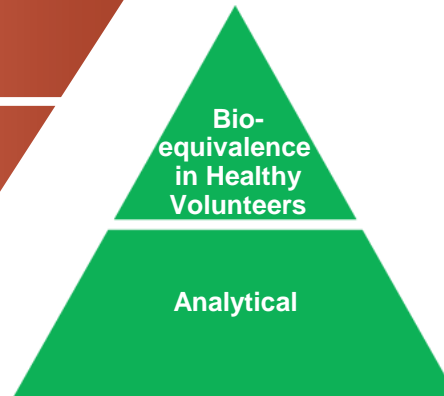


US FDA stepwise approach

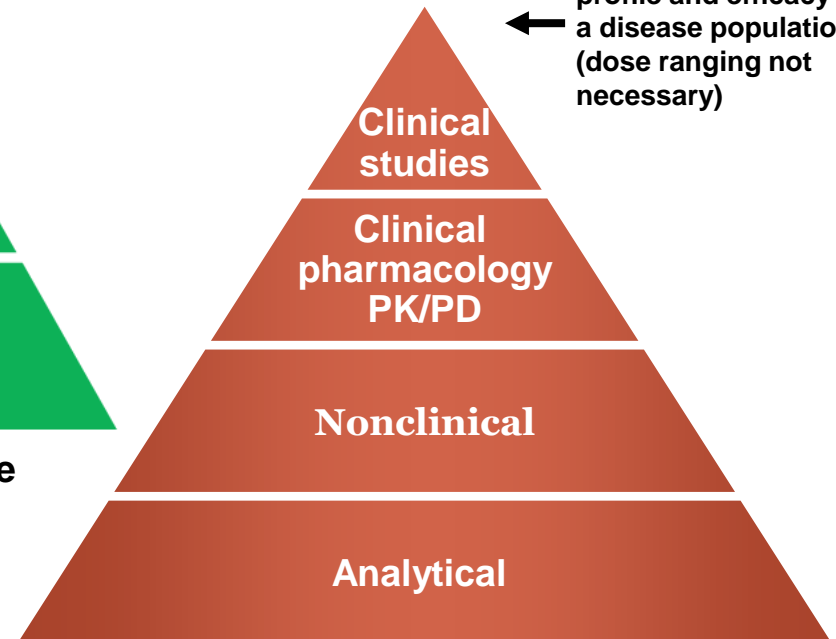
Standard Biologics



Biosimilars



**Small Molecule
Generics**



Confirm safety
profile and efficacy in
a disease population
(dose ranging not
necessary)





Totality-of-the-evidence

- Local biosimilarity versus global biosimilarity
- Degree of biosimilarity may vary from domain to domain
- Each domain may carry different weights
- FDA seems to suggest a scoring system for measurement of totality-of-the-evidence
- Biosimilarity index proposed by Chow et al (2011) may be useful
 - Will achieve the totality-of-the-evidence under different study designs and/or biosimilarity criteria





Recent development

- Special issues
 - Journal of Biopharmaceutical Statistics (2010)
 - Statistics in Medicine (2012)
 - Journal of Generics and Biosimilar Initiatives (GaBI) (2013)
 - Journal of Biopharmaceutical Statistics (2014)
 - Journal of Pharmaceutical Analysis (2015)
 - Journal of Biopharmaceutical Statistics (2017)
- Books
 - Biosimilars: Design and Analysis of Follow-on Biologics Chow SC (2013). Chapman and Hall/CRC Press, NY
 - *Development of Biosimilar Products* Endrenyi L et al. (2017). Book manuscript submitted.



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