

Model-based bioequivalence evaluation for ophthalmic products using model averaging approaches

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Situations where no single PK model may be appropriate for BE analysis

- No prior model
- Can not assume true model
- Identifiability issues
- Avoid estimation bias and overestimation of precision





Model Averaging Approach





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Application of model averaging in Pharmacometrics

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Model averaging approaches developed for BE

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Model selection and averaging of nonlinear mixed-effect models for robust phase III dose selection

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- Model selection
- Bootstrap model selection (BMS)
- Conventional model averaging (MA)
- Bootstrap model averaging



Conventional model averaging (MA)







Bootstrap model selection (BMS)





Ophthalmic drug product



Affecting factors

- Solution drainage (naso-lacrimal)
- Lacrimation
- Tear turnover
- Tear dilution
- Conjunctival absorption
- Blinking
- ...

Low Bioavailability High variation

http://www.lumigan.com/Resources/How-to-Apply Agrahari, Drug Deliv. And Transl. Res. 2016



FDA guidance regarding bioequivalence of ophthalmic drug products

Product-specific BE recommendations (draft guidance)

- Waiver (solution and Q1/Q2 products)
- Studies that demonstrate BE
 - Clinical endpoint study
 - PK study in aqueous humor
 - In vitro study
 - Bacterial kill rate study
 - Q3 characterization



PK study in aqueous humor

- Subjects: patients undergoing indicated cataract surgery
- Drug administration:
 - prior to surgery
- Only one single sample collected at assigned time point
- Crossover or parallel study
- Criteria: 90% CI of AUC_{0-t} and C_{max} ratio is within (0.8, 1.25)
- SD may be done via **bootstrapping technique** or a parametric method







Application of model-based method: Identifiability problem



Simulation study flowchart







Ophthalmic drug product BE simulation study crossover study



IIV ($\omega^2 = 0.25$) on all parameters IOV ($\omega^2 = 0.0225$) on all parameters Proportional residual error ($\sigma^2 = 0.01$)

Study design

- Each subject has 2 treatments with the same sampling times
- 5 groups: 0.25, 1.5, 5, 15, 24
- 24 subject/group
- Total subject No=120

Crossover study

Weight distribution among models







Crossover study: Type I error



- Conventional MA–cov matrix
- Conventional MA–SIR
- Conventional MA–bootstrap
- Bootstrap model selection
- Bootstrap NCA





method

Conventional MA-cov matrix

10-

9-

8-

6-

5

4-

3-

2-

1-

0-

AUC_{inf}

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Type I error (%)

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Crossover study: Power





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Ophthalmic drug product BE simulation study Parallel study



IIV ($\omega^2 = 0.25$) on all parameters Proportional residual error ($\sigma^2 = 0.01$)

Study design

- Each subject: 1 treatment and 1 sample
- 2 treatments: reference and test
- 5 potential sampling points:
 0.5, 1, 5, 15, 24
- 2 treatment* 5 sampling=10 group
- 48 subject/group
- Total subject No.=480

Parallel study Weight distribution among models





True ratio = 1.25



Type I error: Pr(conclude Ha: ratio <1.25 | true H0: ratio \ge 1.25)



Parallel BE (n=480) Type I error: FTRT=1.25





- Conventional MA–SIR
- Bootstrap model selection
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Parallel BE (n=480) Type I error: FTRT=1.25



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True ratio = 1.25







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- Bootstrap model selection
- Bootstrap NCA



Power: Pr(conclude Ha: ratio>0.8 | true Ha: ratio>0.8)





- Conventional MA–SIR
- Bootstrap model selection
- Bootstrap NCA



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 Destation model selection
- Bootstrap model selection
- Bootstrap NCA



Power: Pr(conclude Ha: ratio>0.8 | true Ha: ratio>0.8) Type II error: Pr(conclude H0: ratio \ge 1.25 | true Ha: ratio <1.25)



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Simulation study summary

Power:

Power:

Crossover design > parallel design Model-based methods > Bootstrap NCA

Bootstrap NCA's power:

$$AUC_{last} > C_{max}$$

Performance (type I error):

BMS > Conventional MA

Conventional MA vs. BMS







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