

# Optimizing the sample size of a bridging study using Simulx, an application of the MonolixSuite

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### GOAL

- Reference asthma treatment
  - Current standard-of-care
  - Approved globally (also in China)
- New asthma treatment
  - FDA approved
  - does not include Chinese patients

Plan a bridging study for approval in China

What is the sample size required for a trial in Chinese patients to show a difference in response between the two treatments?

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### WORKFLOW

Data

- phase III, NEW treatment, NO Chinese patients
- phase III, REF treatment, NO Chinese patients
- phase II, REF treatment, ONLY Chinese patients

Population modeling in Monolix

- single population model covering the 3 datasets
- Investigate the impact of the covariates for Chinese and non-Chinese patients

Clinical trial simulations in Simulx

- Predict the response to the new treatment in Chinese asthma patients
- Suggest a minimal sample size for China bridging study

**EXPORT** your estimated model in one click

### CLINICAL TRIAL SIMULATION IN SIMULX

**Simulation**

Comparing reference and new treatment in a population of 75 Chinese patients, during 3 months or 6 months.

**Quantitative Outcome and Endpoint**

What is the mean FEV1 change from baseline at the end of the study?

**QUICKLY** define populations and simulate them **EFFICIENTLY** in C++

Process outputs systematically with Simulx **OUTCOMES & ENDPOINTS**

### DATA

Treatments: Reference, Reference lower dose, Test, Test lower dose, Placebo

Phase III studies

Population: White, Other

Phase II studies

Population: Chinese, Other

y = forced expiratory volume: maximum amount of air one can forcefully exhale in one second

**QUICKLY** get a complete overview of all data with Monolix custom PLOTS

### PD MODEL ESTIMATED IN MONOLIX

Structural model: exponential

[LONGITUDINAL]  
input = (A, G, Td, gamma)  
EQUATION:  
S = G \* (1 - exp(-(1/Td)\*t))^gamma  
E = max(1e-3, A + S)  
OUTPUT:  
output = E

TMT	Typical G	RACE	Typical A
Placebo	0.9	White	1.32
RefLow	1.34	Chinese	1.26
Ref	1.59	Other	1.27
TestLow	1.72		
Test	2.30		

Statistical model

Visual Predictive Check, split by Race and Treatment

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### Trial Success

Is the mean FEV1 change from baseline significantly higher with the new treatment?

Unpaired t-test  
H1: difference of arithmetic mean > 0  
Success if p-value < 0.05

REP	DIFFERENCE	P-VALUE	SUCCESS
1	0.16	9.9e-3	✓

**STATISTICAL TESTS** to check trial success in a few clicks

### Power of the study = probability of success

Variability between replicate studies and uncertainty of our model can affect the results

Percentage of success over 300 replicates

TESTTREATMENT	Percentage of success
3months	79
6months	81.33

Include replicates to get the **POWER** of your TRIAL

### Optimize trial design with LixoftConnectors

Study Duration

Sample Size

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Endpoint: change from baseline

Power of Study: probability of success

The required sample size is 80 individuals per group.