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Thanks for this Geert. If I could add my own thoughts in advance of the GPT tomorrow...Certainly any progress on the (selective) use of data from COSTAR would be particularly appreciated, as I'm currently getting mixed messages on whether we use the EPS data from this trial.

I was interested to hear that we are discussing the recent JAMA article on the reporting of clinical trials (link attached). This article concerns me as it highlights what appears to be an increasing scepticism among journal editors with regards to certain aspects of company-sponsored publications. Janssen have had their fingers burned in the past in this regard, and are consequently cited every time such an editorial appears, something that presumably irritates the hell out of them. Quite apart from any ethical considerations, if they thought we were publishing positive data vs risperidone from QUEST while results from a second trial were being buried, they'd be onto it in a flash. Selectively using (for example) the EPS data from COSTAR is pushing it too far in my opinion, and might prove extremely damaging in the long run (and you can bet Janssen would push it), and would destroy our current high standing in the publishing community.



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Regards
Jim

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FYI

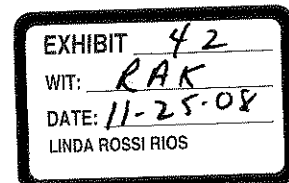
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Best regards,
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Please allow me to join the fray.

There has been a precedent set regarding "cherry picking" of data. This would be the recent Velligan presentations of cognitive function data from Trial 15 (one of the buried trials). Thus far, I am not aware of any repercussions regarding interest in the unreported data.

That does not mean that we should continue to advocate this practice. There is growing pressure from outside the industry to provide access to all data resulting from clinical trials conducted by industry. Thus far, we have buried Trials 15, 31, 56, and are now considering COSTAR.

The larger issue is how do we face the outside world when they begin to criticize us for suppressing data. One

could say that our competitors indulge in this practice. However, until now, I believe we have been looked upon by the outside world favorably with regard to ethical behavior. We must decide if we wish to continue to enjoy this distinction.

The reporting of the COSTAR results will not be easy. We must find a way to diminish the negative findings. But, in my opinion, we cannot hide them.

Best regards,

John

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Steve's comments are pertinent, as the EPS abstracts (for the APA) and the Scourge of EPS review both emanate from the ECNP symposium, and as such represent a potential transition of COSTAR data from a "closed" mtg to a public forum. Coming in late to the debate, the only directive I have on QUEST/COSTAR (contained in a document compiled by Ihor & Martin in August) suggested using them "as clinically appropriate", but independently.

I believe the newly-formed Commercial Support Team will be considering looking at potential ways of using COSTAR. With regards to the present outputs however, a short-term solution (given the impending APA deadline) is to avoid reference to COSTAR in the proposed APA abstract. Whether or not we discuss it in either the poster or the review subsequently will need to be decided by the team, with reference to how we would then need to approach the efficacy story.

Regards
Jim

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Martin has drawn our attention to an enduring problem which requires resolution as soon as possible.

- should we publish COSTAR? The disadvantages are obvious, not least that we provide the opposition with potentially damaging data when they calculate p values re the primary efficacy endpoint
- if not, can we extract some information and use this to support our messages? The following is scheduled to appear in Clear Vision (proceedings of the ECNP EPS meeting):

A second study comparing flexible dosing of risperidone (6-10 mg daily) and quetiapine (300-600 mg daily) reported that over 10 weeks significantly more risperidone patients (31.4%) than quetiapine patients (14.1%) in my draft 30.4 and 13.1% ; need to check experienced EPS or akathisia (30.4% and 16.6 15.4 in MR doc%, respectively) (p<0.001 for both comparisons) (Data on file).

This was sanctioned for the meeting but when it appears in Clear Vision it will be in the public domain. We can be accused of "cherry picking" and this may fuel demands to see the entire study (Cochrane would be most interested, for example).

- Are we using QUEST promotionally? If so, we could be accused of not telling the complete story

I am concerned that by doing nothing re COSTAR, except to allow details to emerge in dribs and drabs we are not taking control of the situation. An initial step may perhaps be to canvass expert opinion

outside the Company (I know that we have had some feedback but I understand this was conflicting and uncoordinated).

Steve

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Judith

I have no real comments on the Juncos abstract, but am concerned about Tandon's.

In Tandon's results section, he refers to a randomised comparative study. This study is COSTAR. I think that we are still not comfortable about communicating the overall results of this study. Whilst this data may have been presented orally in London, I think this abstract would be the first time we have put anything 'down on paper'. Are we sure that this we can present the EPS data in isolation given the nature of the other results? Will we not create a desire for further information about the study? Can we not refer to published (non-comparative) data for risperidone, as we must be doing this for olanzapine? Should we be looking at the ziprasidone data too? They seem to have dose-response effect as well.

Martin

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Dear All

Please find attached, for your review, 2 EPS abstracts that are intended for submission to APA. The abstracts are based on presentations at the AstraZeneca symposium 'CLEAR VISION - A fresh look at EPS' held during this year's ECNP.

Please return any comments you may have by midday (UK time) **Monday 6 December**.

Kind regards

Judith

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