



Assessing quality and quantity of data to establish exposure-response similarity between adults and pediatric patients: PEACE Initiative

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CERSI Workshop on the Use of Exposure Matching and Exposure Response for Extrapolation of Efficacy in Pediatric Drug Development Disclaimer:

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Outline

- **Critical Path Project**
 - Extrapolation of efficacy from adults to pediatrics (≥ 4 yo)
- **Exposure-response similarity between adults and pediatric patients**
 - Data Collection/Analysis/Preliminary results
 - Future Steps



Critical Path Funded Project

Extrapolating Efficacy of AEDs from Adults to Pediatrics

Collaboration among PEACE-UMD-FDA



Background

	ADULTS	PEDIATRICS
MONOTHERAPY	Approved based on efficacy/safety trials	Pharmacometric based approval (Trileptal & Topamax)
ADJUNCTIVE THERAPY	Approved based on efficacy/safety trials	Can we extrapolate efficacy for adjunctive therapy in pediatrics based on adult trials?

Epilepsy in Pediatrics

- **Epilepsy is a common neurological disorder in childhood.**
- **Childhood is a peak age of onset for seizure onset.**
- **The majority of childhood onset seizures including those in younger children are of partial onset.**



As the majority of studies of new AEDs are conducted in adults with partial onset seizures (POS), is it appropriate to extrapolate the efficacy from adults to pediatrics?



Is it reasonable to assume that children, when compared to adults, have a similar: (1) disease progression and (2) response to intervention?

No to either

Yes to both

Is it reasonable to assume similar exposure-response in pediatrics and adults?

No

Yes

Is the drug (or active metabolite) concentration measurable^{c,d} and predictive of clinical response?

No

Yes

Is there a PD measurement that can be used to predict efficacy in children?

No

Yes

"Full extrapolation"^f

Conduct:
 (1) Adequate PK study to select dose(s) to achieve similar exposure as adults.^e
 (2) Safety trials^a at the identified dose(s).

"No extrapolation"^f

Conduct:
 (1) Adequate dose-ranging studies in children to establish dosing.^e
 (2) Safety^a and efficacy^b trials at the identified dose(s) in children.

"Partial extrapolation"^f

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Conduct:
 (1) Adequate dose-ranging study in children to select dose(s) that achieve the target PD effect.^e
 (2) Safety trials^a at the identified dose(s).

Footnotes:
 a. For locally active drugs, includes plasma PK at the identified dose(s) as part of safety assessment.
 b. For partial extrapolation, one efficacy trial may be sufficient.
 c. For drugs that are systemically active, the relevant measure is systemic concentration.
 d. For drugs that are locally active (e.g., intra-luminal or mucosal site of action), the relevant measure is systemic concentration only if it can be reasonably assumed that systemic concentrations are a reflection of the concentrations at the relevant biospace (e.g., skin, intestinal mucosa, nasal passages, lung).
 e. When appropriate, use of modeling and simulation for dose selection (supplemented by pediatric clinical data when necessary) and/or trial simulation is recommended.
 f. For a discussion of no, partial and full extrapolation, see Dunne J, Rodriguez WJ, Murphy MD, et al. "Extrapolation of adult data and other data in pediatric drug-development programs." *Pediatrics*. 2011 Nov;128(5):e1242-9.

Two Key Questions

- **Disease similarity?**
- **Exposure-response similarity between adults and pediatric patients?**

Disease Similarity

- PEACE/DNP provides the clinical expertise to describe disease and intervention similarities between adults and pediatrics.
- Biological basis concludes that seizures in children four years of age and older are similar to seizures in adolescents and adults.
- Therefore, AEDs that are shown to be effective in adults with partial seizures, also can be expected to be effective in children ≥ 4 years of age.



Exposure-response similarity between adults & pediatric patients

Data Collection

- **Essential Information Requested Study reports of conducted clinical trials for POS**
 - Standardized seizure frequency data (i.e., seizure frequency per 28 days)
 - Individual level pharmacokinetic concentration data and any pharmacokinetic model used to derive the pharmacokinetic parameters
 - Information on demographics and concomitant medications.

Data Collection

- **Additional Information**
 - Individual level seizure frequency data from diaries
 - Statistical analysis code used to evaluate treatment effects
 - Analysis datasets containing concentration and seizure frequency information in adults and pediatrics.



List Of Approved Drugs To Be Investigated

Drug	Adult	Pediatrics	Indication	Adjunctive
Gabapentin (Neurontin)	> 12y	3y to 12y	Partial Seizures	3y to 12y
	> 16y	1m to 16y	Partial Onset Seizures	
Levetiracetam (Keppra)	> 12y		Myoclonic Seizure in Patients with Juvenile Myoclonic Epilepsy	Y
	> 16y	6y to 16y	Primary Generalized Tonic-clonic Seizures	
Clonazepam (Klonopin)	Y	> 10y or 30kg	Seizure Disorders	
			Partial Seizures	
Lamotrigine (Lamictal)	Y	>=2y	Primary Generalized Tonic-clonic Seizures	Y
			Generalized Seizures of Lennox-Gastaut Syndrome	
			Primary Generalized Tonic-Clonic Seizures	
Topiramate (Topamax)	Y	2-16y	Seizures of Lennox-Gastaut Syndrome	Y
			Partial Onset Seizures	
Oxcarbazepine (Trileptal)	Y	Y	Partial Seizures	Y
Perampanel (Fycompa)	Y	>12y	Partial-onset seizures with or without secondarily generalized seizures	Y
Tiagabine (Gabitril)	Y	>12y	Partial seizures	Y

Approved Dose Ranges

	Adults	Pediatrics (4 years and above)
Oxcarbazepine	1200 to 2400 mg/day BID	20-29 kg - 900 mg/day BID 29.1-39 kg - 1200 mg/day BID >39 kg - 1800 mg/day BID
Topiramate	3 to 6 mg/kg/day BID ~ 70kg Adult 200 - 400 mg/day as BID	5 to 9 mg/kg/day BID
Perampanel	4mg QD to 12mg QD (12 years and above)	
Levetiracetam	21 mg/kg BID ~70kg Adult 1500mg BID	30 mg/kg BID
Lamotrigine	4.3 -7.1 mg/kg/day BID 300 -500 mg/day	5 -15 mg/kg/day BID (max = 400 mg/day)
Gabapentin	25.7 mg/kg/day as TID 1800 mg/day as TID	4 yrs : 40 mg/kg/day as TID; 5-11 yrs : 25-35 mg/kg/day as TID;

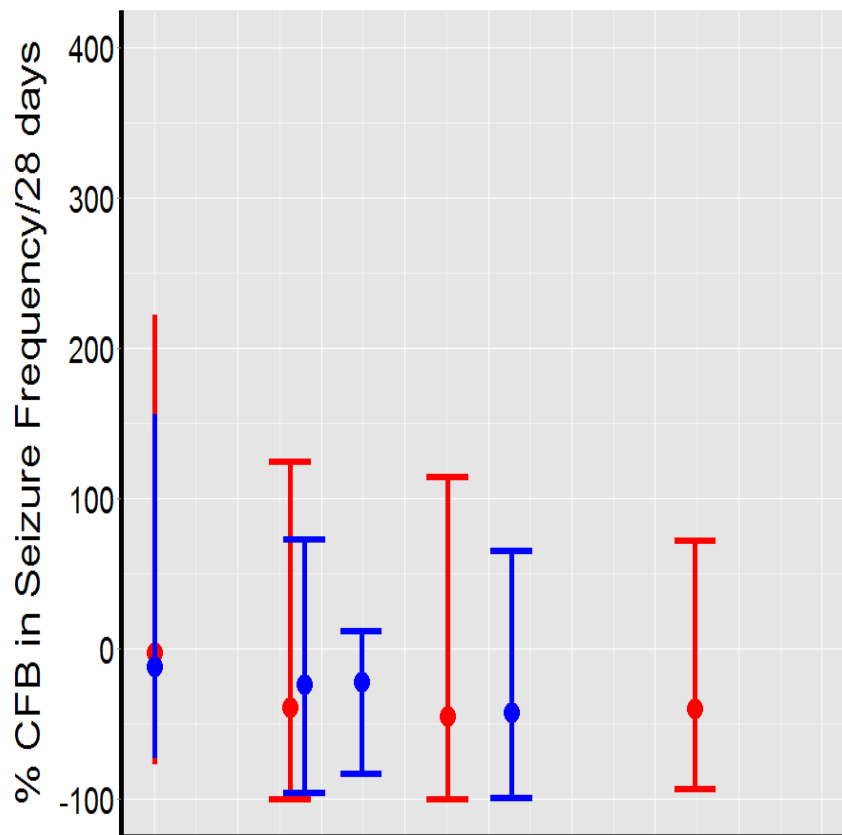
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Observed Exposure Response Relationship



- Metrics evaluated:
 - Conc. comparison
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 - Variability
 - Difference

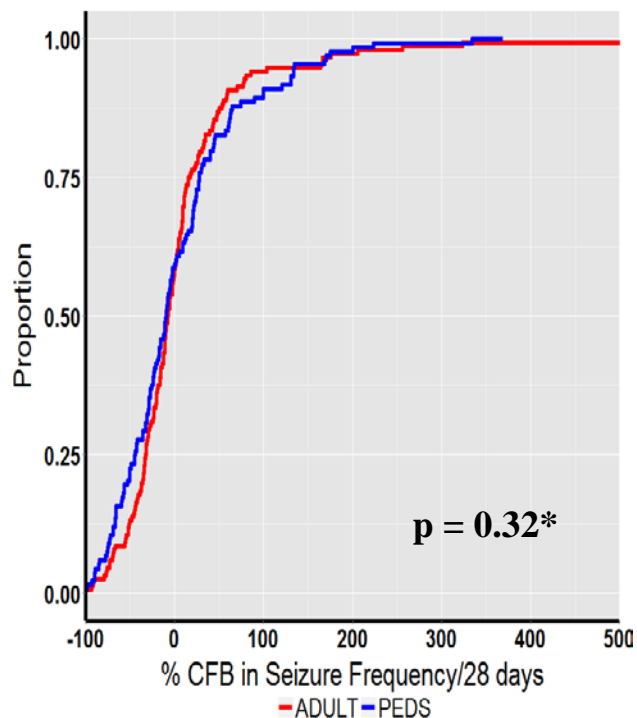
Concentrations (Coverage or Cmin)

● ADULT ● PEDS

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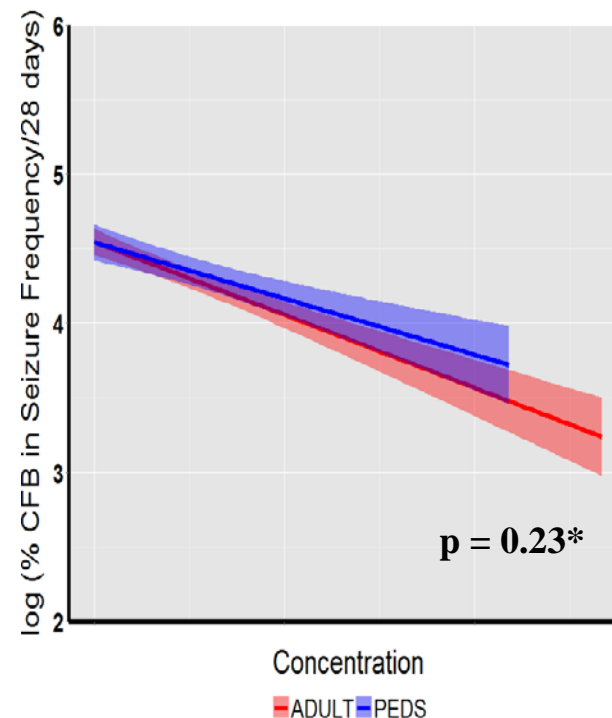
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Placebo Response



- P value > 0.05 indicates the distributions are not statistically different*

E-R Relationship



P value > 0.05 indicates that the difference between slope of exposure-response between adults and pediatrics is not statistically significant

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Trileptal Equivalence Analysis

Comparison of the model-predicted percent change from baseline in seizure frequency between adult and pediatric patients.

Cmin (umol/L)	Percent change from baseline		Difference: Pediatric patients-Adults	
	Pediatric patients	Adults	Estimated difference (% relative to adults)	95% Confidence interval for difference
0.0	-16.7	-14.1	-2.5 (-17.9%)	(-15.0, 9.9)
17.0	-27.2	-29.5	2.3 (7.8%)	(-6.5, 11.1)
40.8	-40.0	-47.0	7.0 (14.8%)	(-2.5, 16.4)
68.0	-52.2	-62.3	10.1 (16.2%)	(-1.9, 22.1)
73.8	-54.5	-65.1	10.6 (16.2%)	(-1.5, 22.6)

Similar Shape predicts the similar responses to a given concentration achieved over the range of concentrations likely to be experienced.

Challenges

- Pooling trials across different periods of time and geographic areas
- Six drugs across five different mechanism of actions
- The clinical trials were conducted in different countries at different sites
- How to interpret if the E/R relationship is not similar

Preliminary Results

- Concentration at approved dose are similar
- Exposure response relationship are similar for several drugs evaluated

Future Steps

- **Continuously conduct E-R analysis for AEDs in adults and pediatrics**
- **Discuss with PEACE in early March**
- **Set criteria for extrapolating efficacy from adults to pediatrics in the adjunct therapy setting for POS**

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