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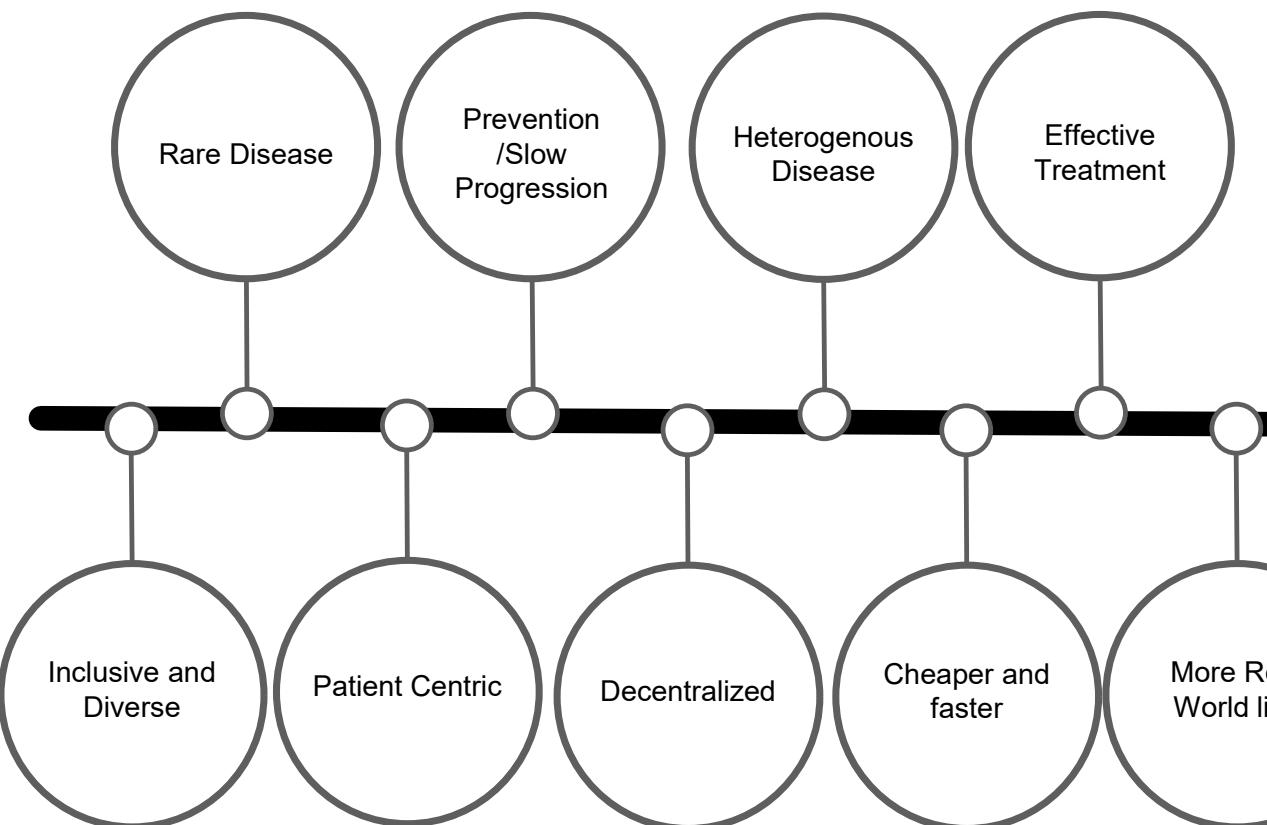
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A new generation of clinical trials calls for a new generation of endpoints



Digital Endpoint



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The validation of digital endpoint is a demanding, complex and risky endeavour



- Regulatory and Professional guidance exist
 - FDA, DIMEv3, etc...
- But the pathway for digital endpoint validation needs to be re-invented every time
- The bar (level of evidence) is high and requires multi-disciplinary engagement and coordination



Drug Development



Digital Endpoint Development



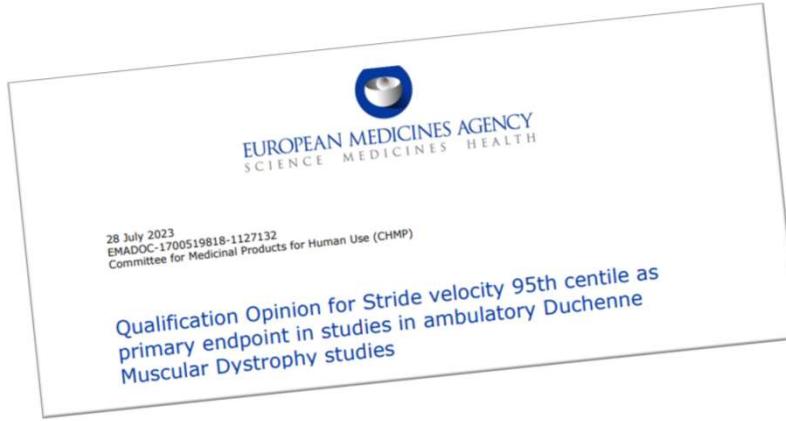
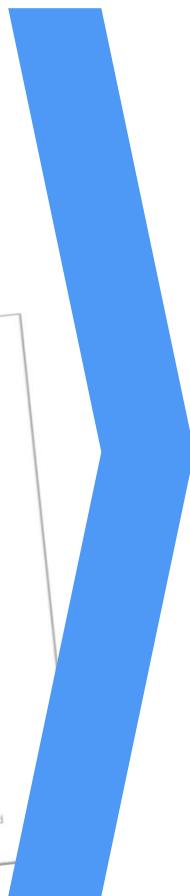
Biostatistician :

- Innovation and curiosity
- X-functional Communication
- System Thinking
- Analytical mindset
- Data Science
- Clinical data / Regulated Environment

**A complex endpoint validation process needs a rock solid foundation :
Precise and Reliable measurement**

The Roche – Sysnav Partnership

- Roche has formed a strategic partnership with Sysnav for the development of novel endpoint
- Match the right technology to the right clinical application



Media Releases

[Ad hoc announcement pursuant to Art. 53 LR] Roche announces EMBARK trial in Duchenne muscular dystrophy (DMD) did not reach primary endpoint, but shows positive efficacy outcomes on all timed functional key endpoints

prognostic factors for disease progression and loss of ability to walk. Additionally, a clinically meaningful and statistically significant improvement was also observed for the pre-specified secondary endpoint stride velocity 95th centile. This novel digital endpoint, qualified by the European Medicines Agency (EMA), measures speed of walking via a wearable device (Syde®). The time to ascend 4-steps secondary endpoint also demonstrated consistent treatment benefit in favour of Elevidys.

**TO BE CONTINUED,
MANY MORE TO COME ...**



From clinical research to clinical care

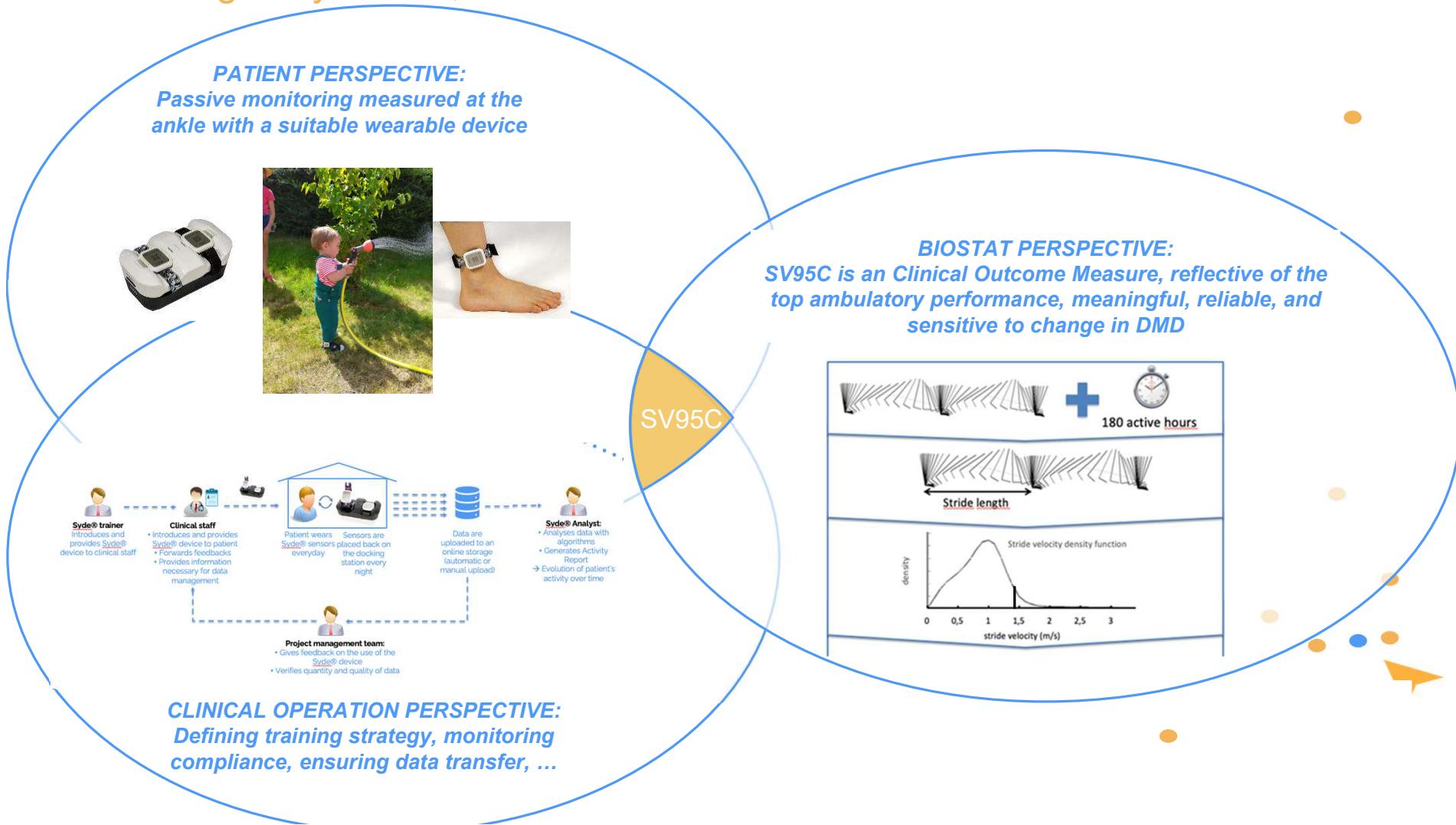


- ✓ **Improve treatment decisions** (e.g., start/stop/alter treatment, increase/decrease dose, etc.), especially as more therapies come on to market or for add-on therapies
- ✓ Enable personalized medicine, by developing attainable **personal targets** & way to continuously monitor it
- ✓ Enabling smarter **payers' schemes**



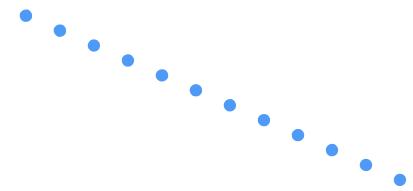


Before we go any further, a few definition on what is the SV95C



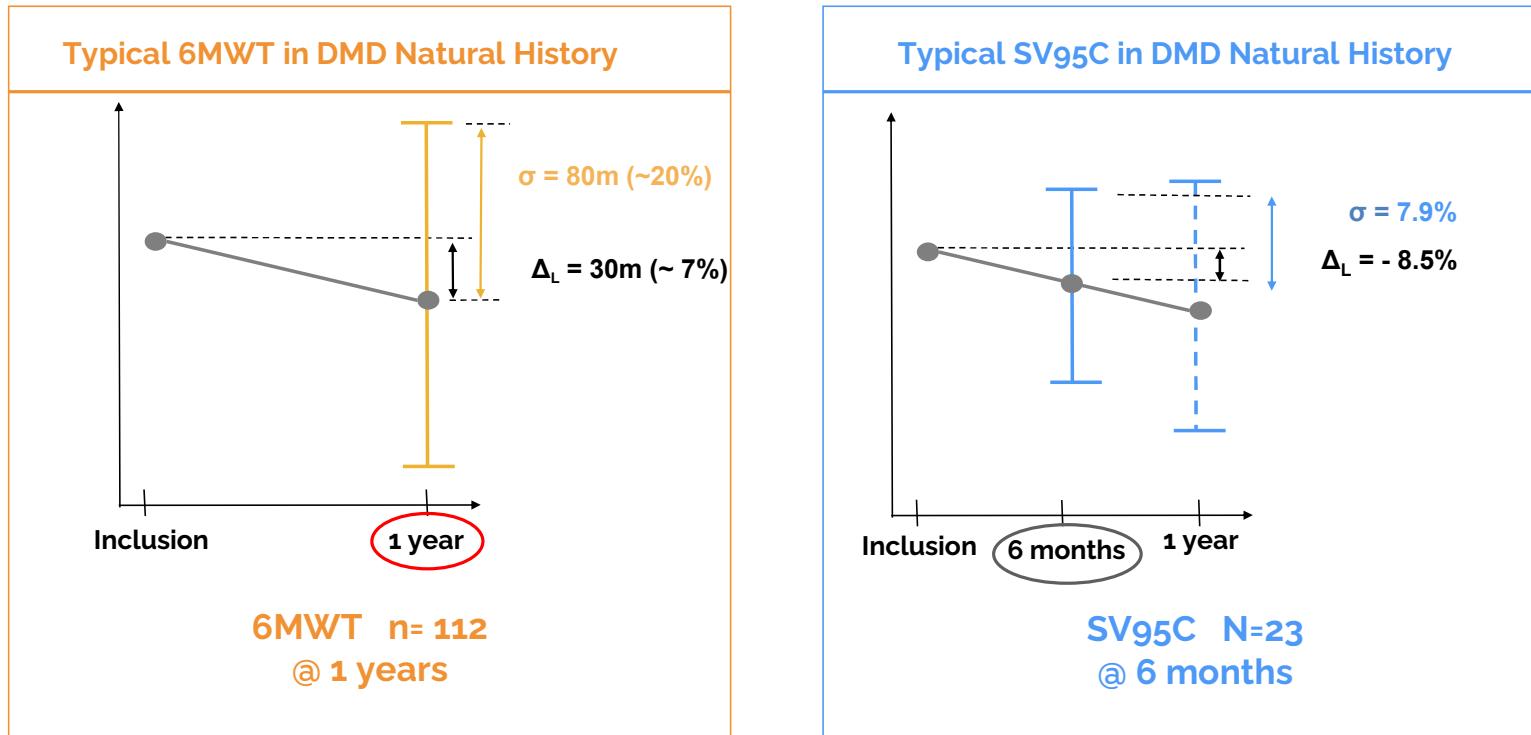


Measuring meaningful data





The power of digital endpoint: Number of patients needed in Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy to power a trial with 6MWT and SV95C as primary outcome measure



↑ Sensitivity to change
↓ Variability

$$n = \frac{2\sigma^2}{\Delta_L^2} (z_{1-\alpha} + z_{1-\beta})^2$$

Risk α = probability to wrongly conclude to treatment efficacy $\rightarrow \alpha : 5\% Z = 1.96$
Risk β = probability to wrongly conclude to treatment inefficacy $\rightarrow \beta : 20\% Z = 0.842$



The development requires to develop and validate a number of « sub-systems »

Digital Health Technology (DHT) development

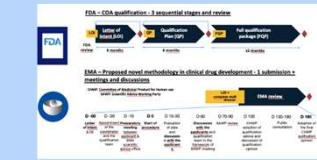
Endpoint development

Endpoint qualification

Device devlpt & verification

Analytical validation

Clinical validation

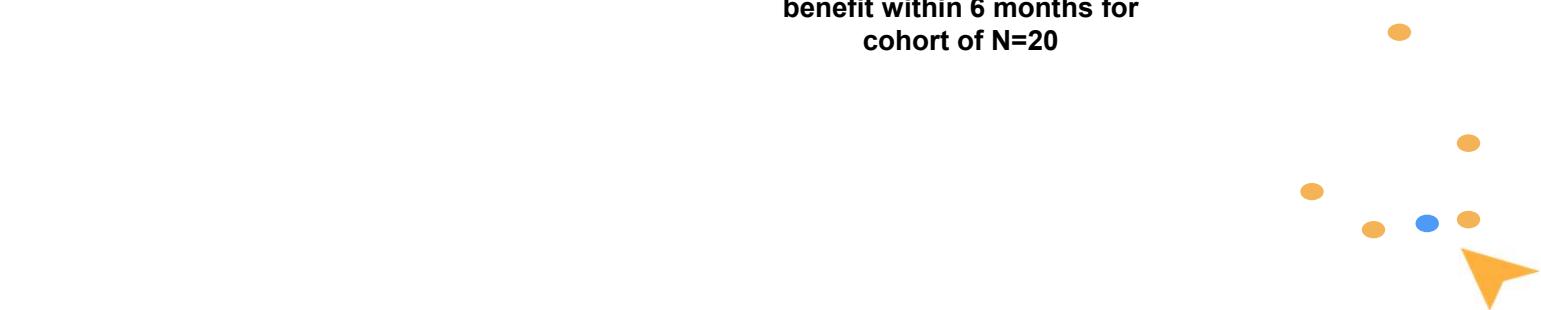


The device measures angular velocity within 0.02 °/s

The device measures strides within 3 cm in the CoU

The endpoint measures evolution of disease or drug benefit within 6 months for cohort of N=20

The endpoint is an industry standard



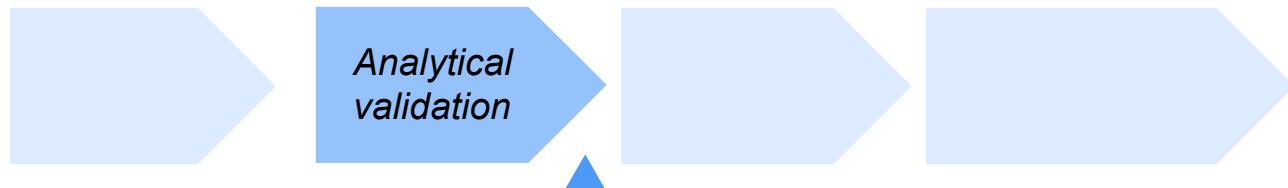


What can go wrong ?





Error 1: Analytical validity everywhere ?

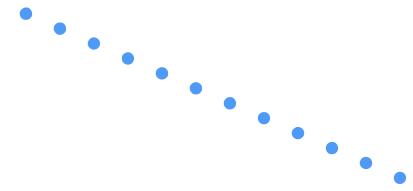


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Error 1: The baby bottle experiment





Error 1: Precision of data acquisition system & analytical validity: If you ask the wrong question, you get the wrong answer !

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Tracking Steps on Apple Watch at Different Walking Speeds

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Question

How accurate are the step counts obtained from Apple Watch?

Findings

In this validation study, video steps vs. Apple Watch steps (mean \pm SD) were 2965 ± 144 vs. 2964 ± 145 steps; $P < 0.001$. Lin's concordance correlation coefficient showed a strong correlation ($r = 0.96$; $P < 0.001$) between the two measurements. There was a total error of 0.034% (1.07 steps) for the Apple Watch steps when compared with the manual counts obtained from video recordings.



Error: 0.034%

??? context of use ???

Error: 100 %

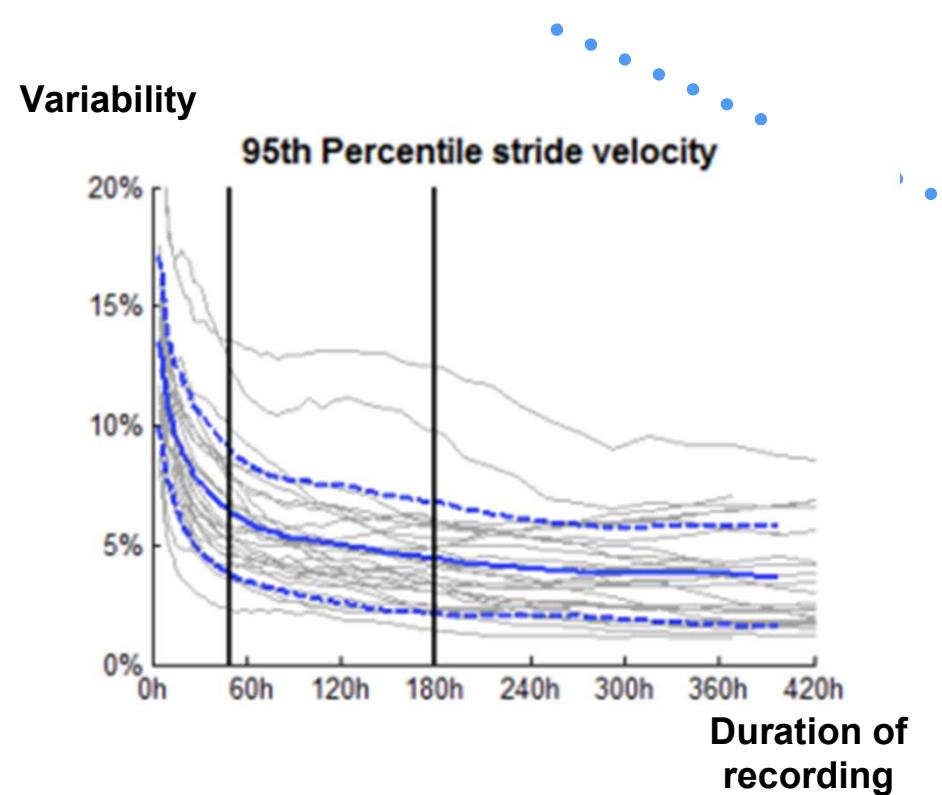
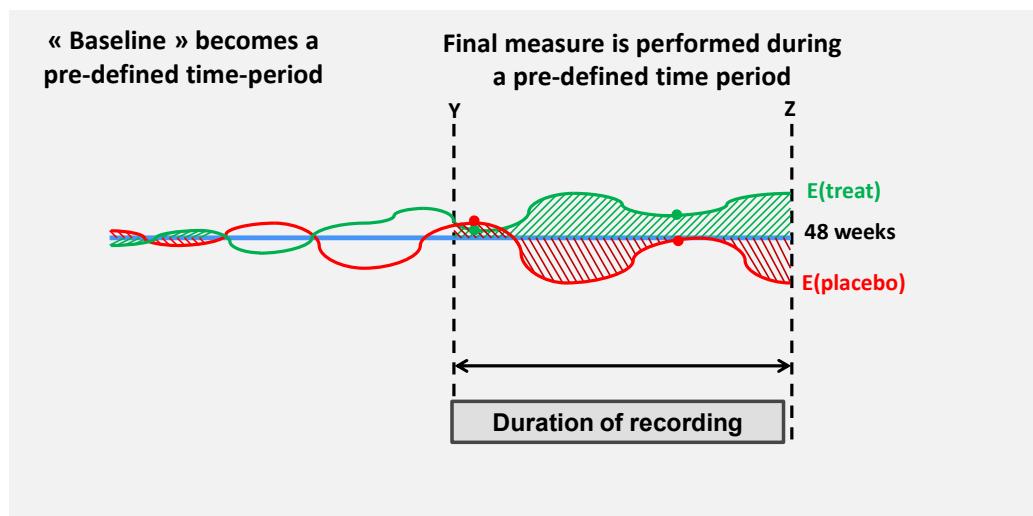


Challenge 2: Defining the endpoint correctly





Challenge 2: Defining duration of recording period required new analytical methods, borrowed to electronics stability



A continuous variable will require to define new variables (like the duration) and new ways to analyze them (eg Allen Variance)



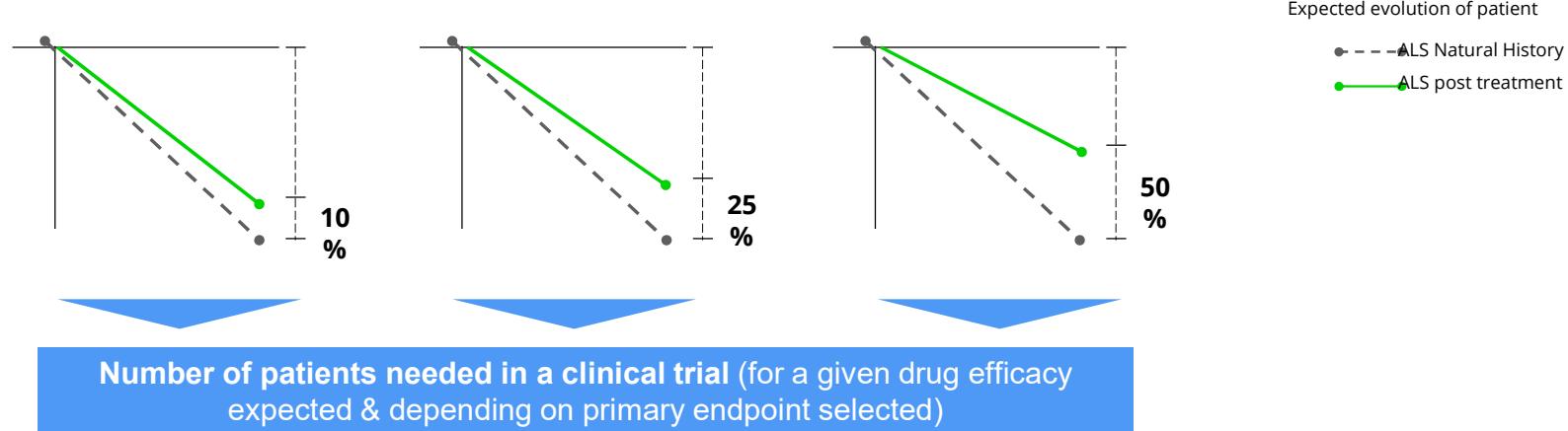
Challenge 3: Not all endpoint are born equal



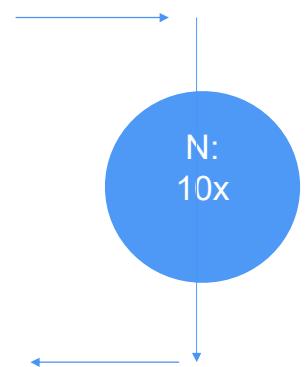
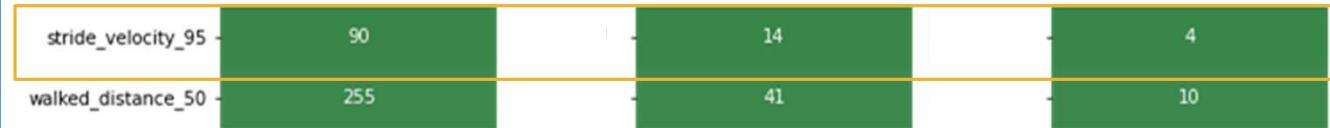


With the SV95C, we need 10-20 times less ALS patients to power a clinical trial compared to traditional gold standard

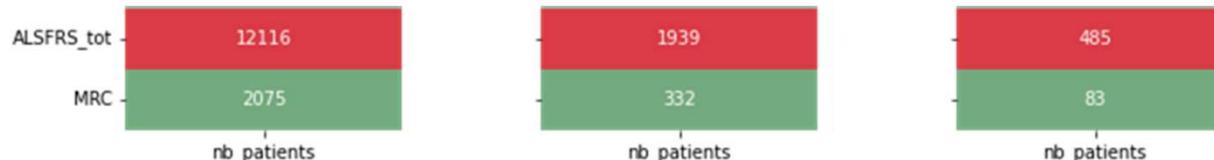
Expected efficacy of compound tested



Syde variable



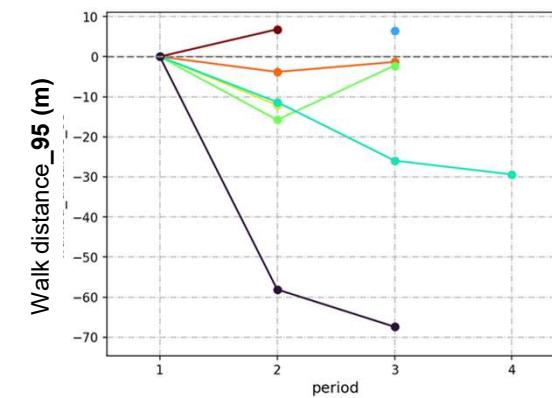
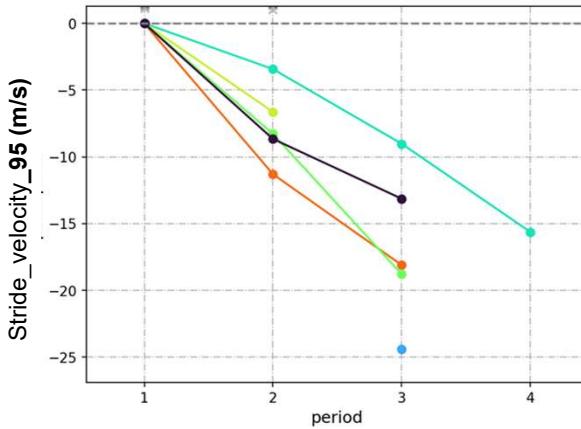
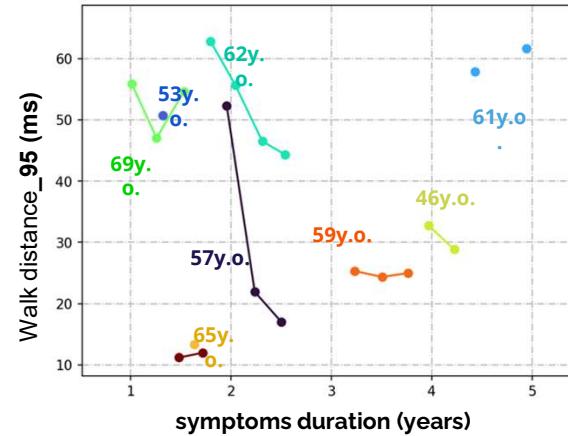
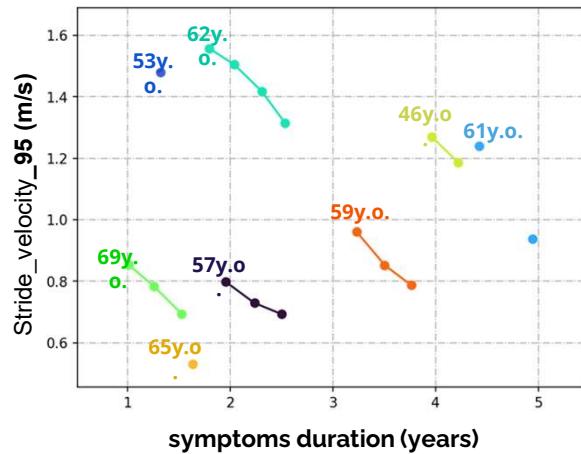
Gold standards





The SV95C is a very robust outcome, because does rely less on motivation & patient environment

Longitudinal evolution of untreated ALS patients measured with SV95C (left, in m/s) and their maximum walking perimeter (right in m)





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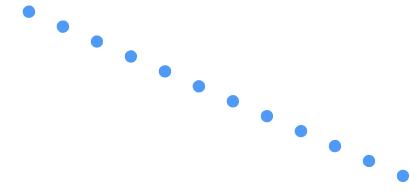




Challenge 4: having robust validation plan, dataset for development & others for validation will help you avoid pitfalls

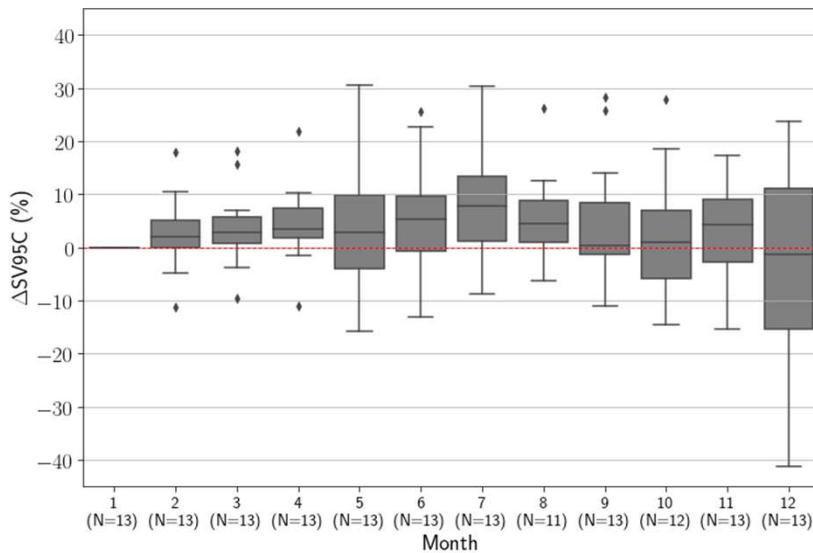
Multi-variate model:

Age, disease progression, patient development, severity, different phenotypes, treatment adaptation, seasonality, treatment response,

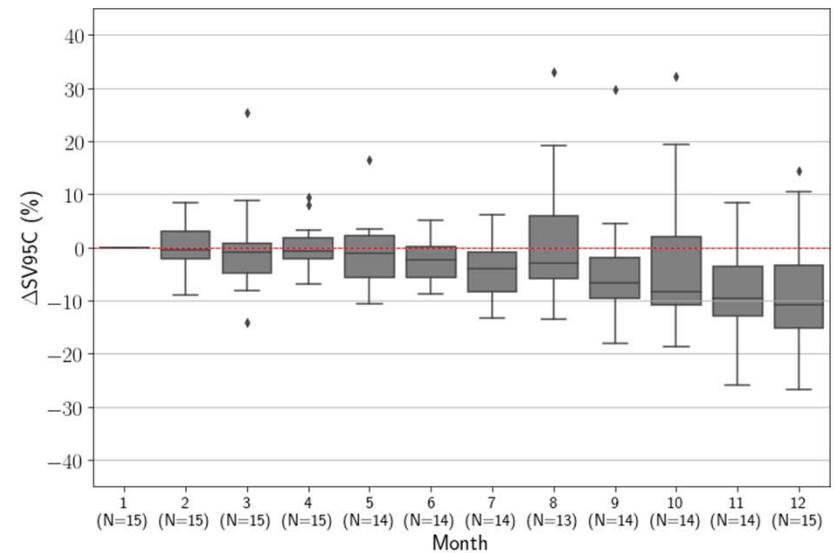


DMD, a progressive disease ?

Young population [5-7]

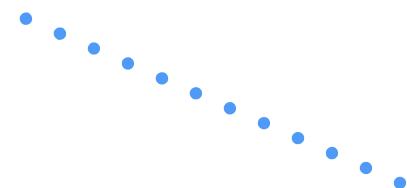


Old population [8-14]





We need the right skillset in the room to avoid missing the important verification & validation



Rolex Frog watch



✓ **Tells time** ✓

✗ **Affordable** ✓

✗ **Frog** ✓



Digital biomarkers have the potential to improve clinical research

We need smart biostats to develop new industry standards





Thank you to all the Patients
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