

Spinal Cord
Outcomes

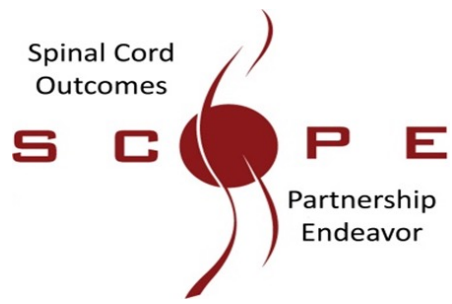
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Partnership
Endeavor

Spinal Research
Clinical Trials Update

Clinical Trials Update – Sponsors and Partners



Agenda

- **The SCI Biotech perspective**, David Weiner
- ***In Preparation***
 - Embryonic stem cells - Armin Blesch, UCSD
 - Autologous olfactory ensheathing cell - James St. John, Griffith University
 - Ibudilast/pregabalin - Patrick Freund, Balgrist Hospital
 - HSV-1 vector gene therapy for neurogenic bladder - Cornelia Haag-Molkenteller, EG 427
- **In Progress**
 - Anti-RGMA (Abbvie and Mitsubishi trials) - James Guest, University of Miami
 - ANVG-291 - Daniel Mikol, NervGen
 - Epidural Stimulation - Susan Harkema, University of Louisville
 - Intermittent Hypoxia /Transcutaneous Stim. - Randy Trumbower, Harvard Medical School
- **Recently Completed Clinical Trials**
 - Riluzole - Michael Fehlings, University of Toronto
 - Nogo-inhibition - Norbert Weidner, Heidelberg University Hospital
 - OPC1 - Gary Hogge, Lineage Cell Therapeutics
 - Up-LIFT - Edelle Field-Fote, Shepherd Center
 - RESET – Steve Strittmatter, ReNetX – presented in main ISRT program
- **Wrap-up – Dave Weiner**
- **Debrief**

SCOPE Relevance



Mission

To enhance the development of clinical trial and clinical practice protocols that will accurately validate therapeutic interventions for spinal cord injury (SCI) leading to the adoption of improved best practices.

Relevant goals

- To *facilitate communication and coordination* of effort between basic scientists, clinical researchers, academic institutions, industry, government agencies, and not-for-profit foundations
- To *widely disseminate* the teaching of valid therapeutic interventions for SCI through all available media.

77 in person attendees



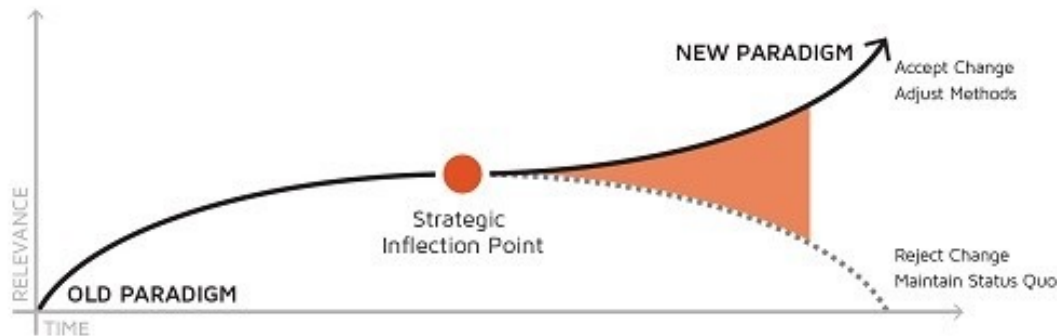
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Debrief (closed discussions): key discussion points (1)

Multiple completed trials signal an inflection point to gather thought leaders:

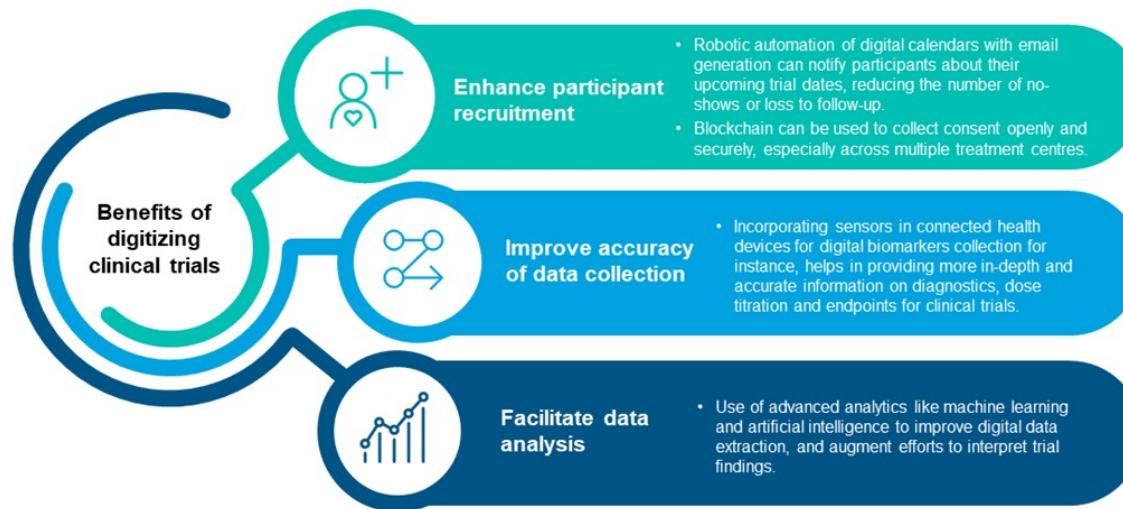
- Drug studies show small effects due to heterogeneity of injury severity.
- Small effects are still important and may be additive.
- Targeting patients with less severe injuries (more preserved neural tissue) may be better at revealing targets.
- Stimulation trials show effects even in patients with severe injury.
- Placebo effect needs to be better understood.



Debrief (closed discussions): key discussion points (2)

Opportunities to improve clinical trial design:

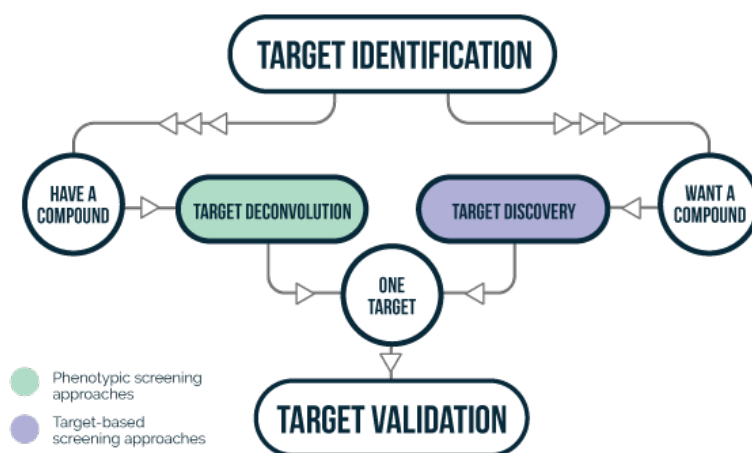
- Adaptive designs, URP, patient identification, algorithms play a role.
- Accurately assessing acutely injured patients is crucial.
- Choice of primary outcomes needs reconsideration (e.g. relevance of AIS).



Debrief (closed discussions): key discussion points (3)

Leveraging previously approved drugs:

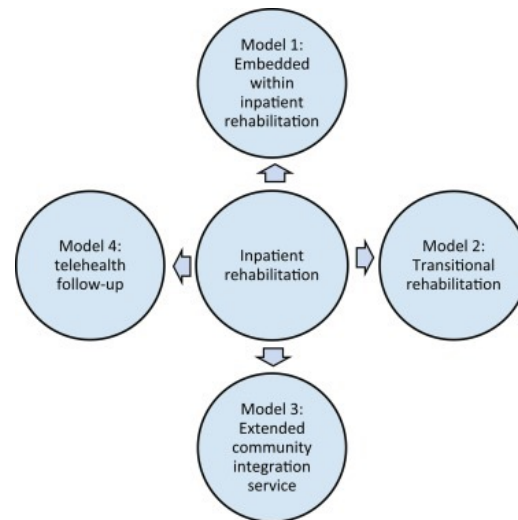
- Approved drugs in other indications offer faster path to SCI clinical trials.
- Established safety profiles reduce the need for additional SCI safety studies.
- Opportunities for combinatorial trials in SCI.
- Working hypothesis for mechanism of action can be validated for SCI.
- De-risking path for investors by utilizing approved drugs.



Debrief (closed discussions): key discussion points (4)

Importance of rehabilitation in clinical trials:

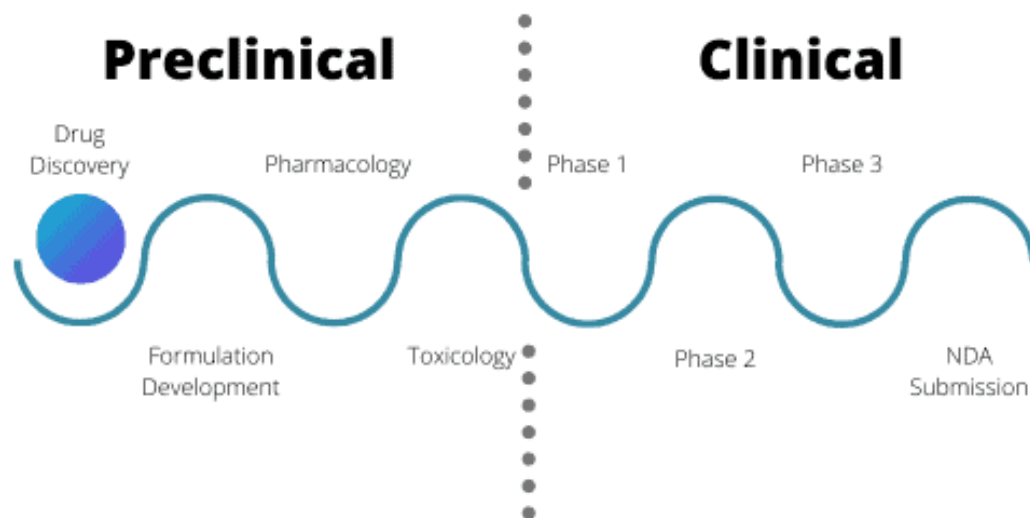
- Need to address standard of care rehabilitation in clinical trials.
- Consider the concept of specialized out-patient centers for clinical trial rehabilitation.
- Continuity of care and tailored rehabilitation is important in clinical trials.



Debrief (closed discussions): : key discussion points (5)

Aligning goals of preclinical and clinical trials:

- Validated animal models perhaps less useful to demonstrate efficacy in humans.
- Need for preclinical assessment of PK/PD.
- Need for preclinical assessment of therapeutic window and potency.





“It was great! The format, flow and presenters. One of the best clinical trial updates I have seen.”



“This was my first ISRT meeting, honestly because the clinical trial pre-course was taking place there. To have all the recently completed and ongoing studies summarized by experts in one half-day session was amazing, and totally worth the additional time.”



“A confluence of favorable factors, together with excellent organization, allowed this to be one of the most impactful workshops I have participated in during my career.”



“ Great review of recent and current clinical trials. Circulated to Craig MDs who thought it was great educational update”.



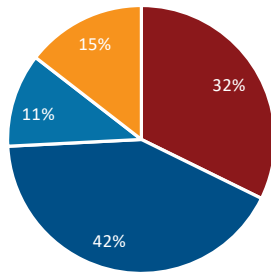
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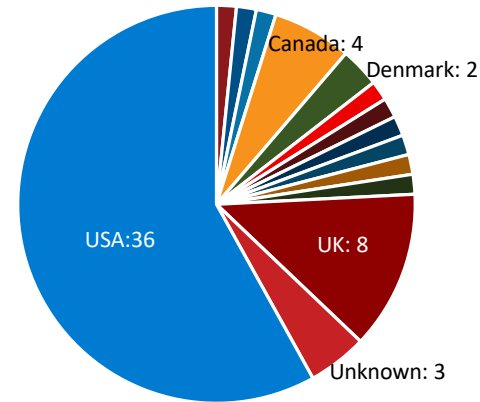
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N=62 on-line viewer survey responders



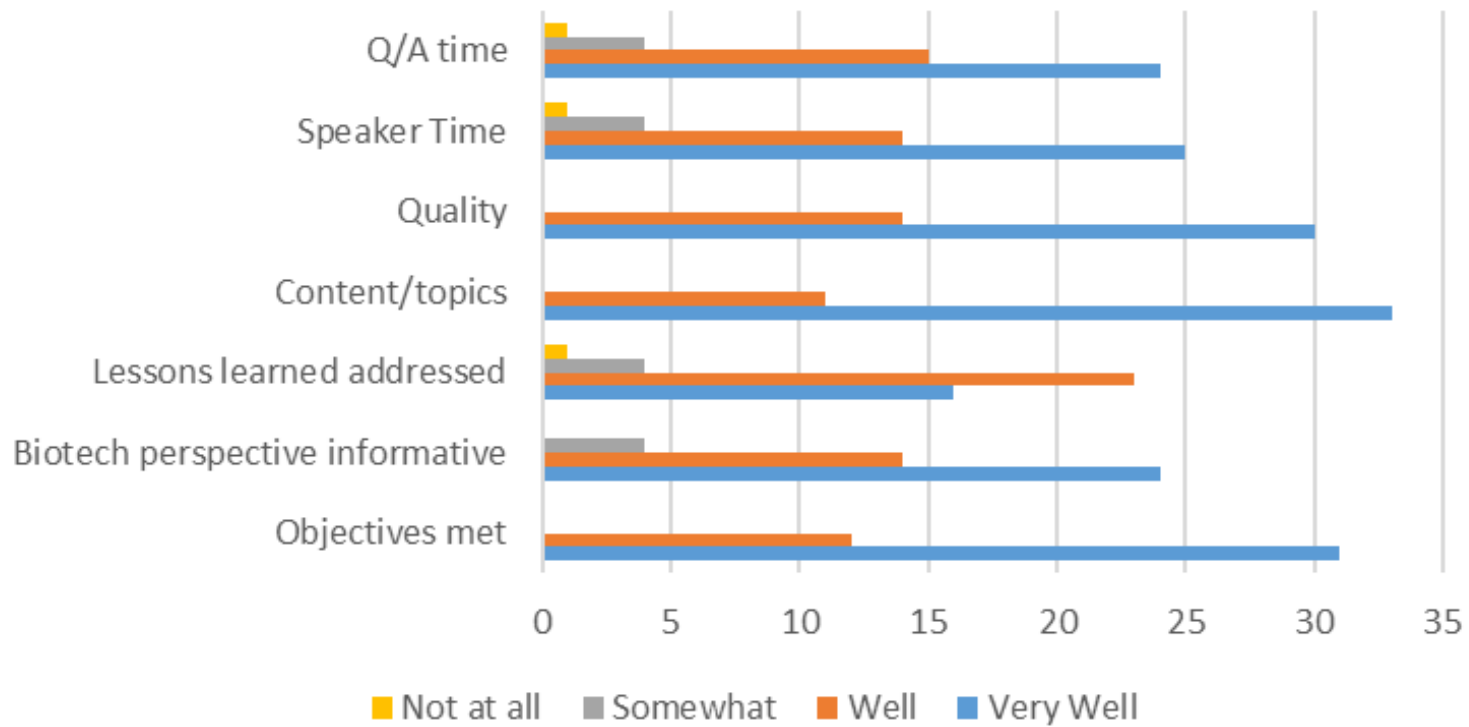
Basic researcher Clinician, Clinical Researcher PLEX Other

Live viewer responses (N=62) by Country



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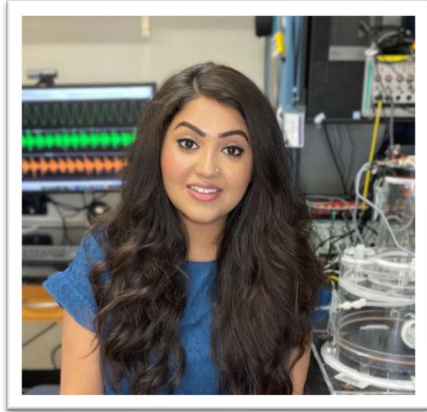
ISRT Survey Feedback



Next Steps – Short Term



Bethany Kondiles, PhD



Sabhya Rana, PhD



Conference Proceedings
Publication

Journal of
Neurotrauma

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Next Steps ?

Guidelines for the conduct of clinical trials for spinal cord injury (SCI) as developed by the ICCP panel: clinical trial outcome measures

JD Steeves*¹, D Lammertse², A Curt¹, JW Fawcett³, MH Tuszynski⁴, JF Ditunno⁵, PH Ellaway⁶, MG Fehlings⁷, JD Guest⁸, N Kleitman⁹, PF Bartlett¹⁰, AR Blight¹¹, V Dietz¹², BH Dobkin¹³, R Grossman¹⁴, D Short¹⁵, M Nakamura¹⁶, WP Coleman¹⁷, M Gaviria¹⁸ and A Privat¹⁸

Guidelines for the conduct of clinical trials for spinal cord injury as developed by the ICCP panel: spontaneous recovery after spinal cord injury and statistical power needed for therapeutic clinical trials

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Guidelines for the conduct of clinical trials for spinal cord injury as developed by the ICCP Panel: clinical trial inclusion/exclusion criteria and ethics

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2007

An Evaluation of Impact

A Quantitative Analysis of Clinical Trial Designs in Spinal Cord Injury Based on ICCP Guidelines

Marco D. Sorani, Michael S. Beattie, and Jacqueline C. Bresnahan

2012



Inflection Point

Phase 1 Safety Trial of Autologous Human Schwann Cell Transplantation in Chronic Spinal Cord Injury

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Ten-year safety of pluripotent stem cell transplantation in acute thoracic spinal cord injury

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A phase 1/2a dose-escalation study of oligodendrocyte progenitor cells in individuals with subacute cervical spinal cord injury

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Soluble Nogo-Receptor-Fc decoy (AXER-204) in patients with chronic cervical spinal cord injury in the USA: a first-in-human and randomised clinical trial

George Maynard¹, Ramakrishnan Kannan², Jian Liu², Weiwei Wang³, Tu Kiet T Lam⁴, Xingxing Wang², Crista Adamson¹, Craig Hackett¹, Jan M Schwab⁵, Charles Liu⁶, Donald P Leslie⁷, David Chen⁸, Ralph Marino⁹, Ross Zafonte¹⁰, Adam Flanders⁹, Gilbert Block⁷, Erika Smith¹, Stephen M Strittmatter¹¹

Safety and Efficacy of Riluzole in Acute Spinal Cord Injury Study (RISCIS): A Multi-Center, Randomized, Placebo-Controlled, Double-Blinded Trial

Michael G. Fehlings,^{1,2,*} Ali Moghaddamjou,¹ James S. Harrop,³ Ralph Stanford,⁴ Jonathon Ball,⁵ Bizhan Aarabi,⁶ Brian J. C. Freeman,⁷ Paul M. Arnold,⁸ James D. Guest,⁹ Shekar N. Kurpad,¹⁰ James M. Schuster,¹¹ Ahmad Nassr,^{1,2} Karl M. Schmitt,^{1,3} Jefferson R. Wilson,¹ Darrel S. Brodke,¹⁴ Faiz U. Ahmad,¹⁵ Albert Yee,¹ Wilson Z. Ray,¹⁶ Nathaniel P. Brooks,¹⁷ Jason Wilson,¹⁸ Diana S-L Chow,¹⁹ Elizabeth G. Toups,²⁰ and Branko Kopjar²¹

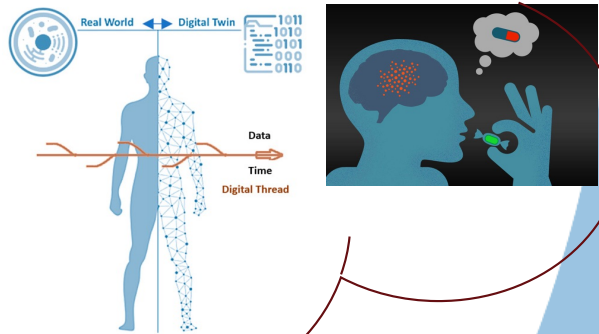
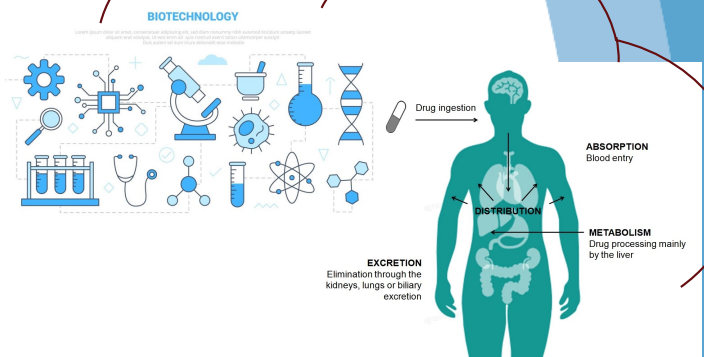
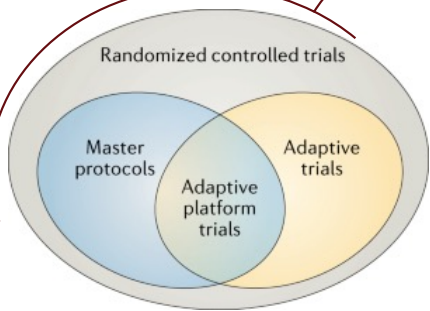
Riluzole in Spinal Cord Injury Study (RISCIS)-Pharmacokinetic (PK) Sub-Study: An Analysis of Pharmacokinetics, Pharmacodynamics, and Impact on Axonal Degradation of Riluzole in Patients With Traumatic Cervical Spinal Cord Injury Enrolled in the RISCIS Phase III Randomized Controlled Trial

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Unbiased Recursive Partitioning
Bayesian Modeling
Item response theory
Multivariate/Principal Components Analysis



Next Steps ?



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Relevant SCOPE goal:

Where warranted, to facilitate and establish guidelines for clinical trial protocols and outcomes, clinical practice, and community access and integration.

ISRT Survey Feedback

Introduction to Mixed Models and Multivariate Analysis – [SCOPE/ICCP](#)

How to start a clinical trial - tips and suggestions

Suggest clinical trials updates when warranted which may be less than every other year. Suggest pre-clinical precourse (smaller/different format) on how we can better align pre-clinical and clinical studies re: design, outcome, etc. and required elements for pre-clinical studies/drug development.

Funding possibilities

Collaborative opportunities

A diverse interventions for healing spinal cord injury.

Biomarkers, using external control data to supplement placebo arms in clinical trials- [SCOPE pre-course](#)

Alternative methods of running clinical trials; big data analytics- [SCOPE/ICCP](#)

Preclinical models of spinal cord injury: How good are they? Are they more of a problem than a help for clinical translation?

A dedicated session on clinical trials design and challenges in [SCI- SCOPE/ICCP](#)

A debate of some kind is always fun...with the right people involved.

While the cost of travel is prohibitive, I would definitely come back to this conference even without changes.

This pre-course was very informative