

Opportunities and Threats

Economics and Access, Health Care Systems
and Novel Therapies

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Haemophilia – Current Standard of Care

- Clotting Factor Concentrate (CFC) based
- Comprehensive Care Centre (CCC) coordinated
- Severe forms – self-sufficiency (prophylaxis)
 - EHC advocacy - Minimum units/capita/country
- Non-severe forms – hospital dependent (on demand)
- Chronic inhibitor patients – medically disadvantaged - less efficacious therapeutics

Current Landscape

- Cost lies predominantly with prophylaxis
 - Prophylaxis results in a bleed free subgroup, but **not** majority
- Number of “Severe” PWH – surrogate metric of judging a clinic’s expertise.
- Bleed and treatment burden and pathways for treatment access for “non-severe” PWH less well understood
- Trough thresholds for prophylaxis protection are increasing
 - Clinical data, EHL, novel agent and gene therapy expectations

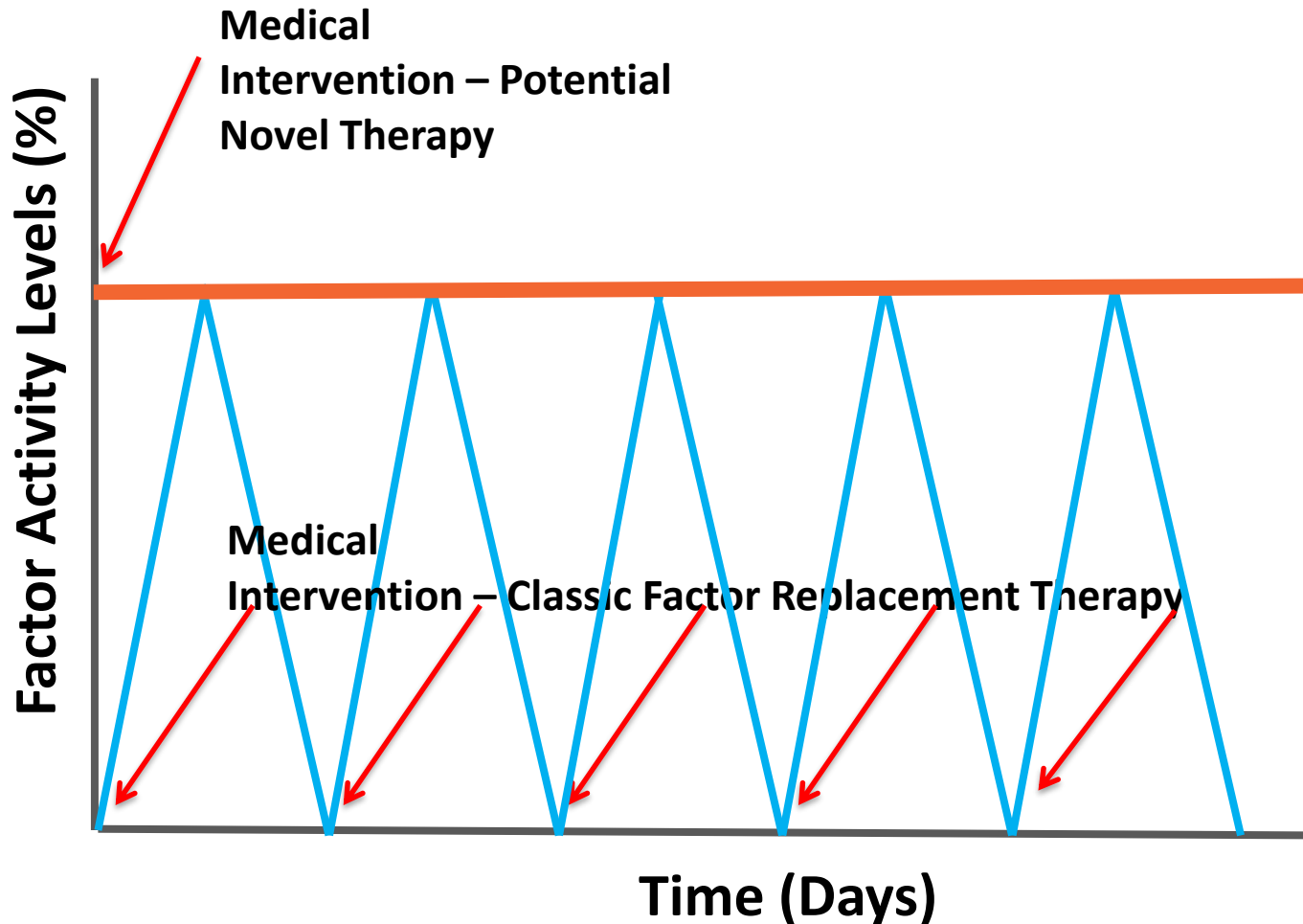
Novel agents

- Biphentotypic antibody (Emicizumab)
- Interfering RNA (Fitusiran)
- Anti-TFPI strategies
- Gene therapy/editing strategies

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- Likely >10iu/dl factor equivalent
- Possibly >20 iu/dl factor equivalent
- May achieve >50iu/dl factor equivalent

Current changing landscape

- Increasing Commercial Competition
 - Between CFC companies
 - CFC companies against novel therapy companies
- Price reduction – particularly CFC
- Tender processes harnessing this
 - eg PARTNERS, UKHCDO
- Exaggerating price differences across Europe
 - Between countries
 - Between products
 - Challenge for pharma colleagues to enter markets

Opportunities for conventional CFC treatment strategies

- Increasing affordability
- Increasing availability
- Increasing access
- Increasing personalisation (eg PK tailoring)
- Increasing trough expectation (both SHL &EHL)
- Increasing protection
- Increasing participation in registries
 - National and European

Threats to conventional CFC treatment strategies

- **Missing all previous opportunities due to distraction by novel agent “promise”.**
- Educational need to maximise the CFC opportunities
 - Eg pharmacokinetic tools, Lab assay needs & differences
- Increasing number of marketed molecules
 - both SHL & EHL –
 - mechanistic and educational nuances differ for each
 - Decreased power to detect adverse events
 - Need for active not passive surveillance

Novel Technologies

- **Prophylaxis not bleed treatment therapeutics**
- Appear to demonstrate superiority over bypass agents in prophylaxis for inhibitors.
 - Paradigm change for chronic inhibitor patients
- **Opportunity** – may demonstrate superiority over CFC prophylaxis in non-inhibitor patients?
- **Threat** - miss opportunity to demonstrate/quantify superiority
 - *no Randomised Controlled Trial (RCT) planned yet to interrogate this hypothesis*
 - RCTs needed to leverage health care policy change
 - Absence of RCT evidence may delay, limit future access

Depersonalisation of care with novel agents?

- **Opportunity**
 - One dose-size fits all – no tailoring
 - Infrequent, easy dosing (sub cut, SC not IV)
 - All treated become safely “mild” phenotypes
- **Threats**
 - Distracted from optimising CFC access and treatment strategies
 - Managing changing expectations
 - Patients, families, treaters, commissioners etc
 - Implementation brings dramatic treatment paradigm shift
 - Challenging established patient and treaters knowledge and treatment algorithms

Inhibitor Setting and Novel agent

- **Bleed treatment Paradigm shift – happening now**
 - Treat *as soon as possible* vs *Watch & Wait*
 - Concern about serious adverse events on trial
 - Including thrombotic microangiopathies and death
 - Possibility of undertreating bleeds trying to minimise SAE risk
- **Opportunity**
 - Shared, real-world experiential learning
 - New guidelines – eg imminent UKHCDO guidelines
- **Threat**
 - Rushed implementation, outside Comprehensive care
 - Poor communication, poor bleed treatment planning
 - Further, but avoidable serious adverse events, inc.deaths
 - Risk to clinicians overseeing care
 - Risk to PWH and families

Adverse Events

- Known unknowns
- Unknown unknowns
- **Opportunity**
 - Consolidating contributions to national and european registries
- **Threat**
 - Not prioritising and re-focusing surveillance
 - Missing short, medium and long term signals of adverse events (over months, years and decades)

Does comprehensive care have a future?

- Arguably, if all severes' phenotypes changed to mild – current metric implies substantially reduced burden on CCCs.
- Contrary position – they all are better managed , less frequent bleed/trauma/procedure events
- **BUT....**
- Increased dependency and risk when (not if) events occur
 - Need clear Emergency pathway of access
 - dependency on hospitals for IV CFC replacement
 - Continued and changing educational/advocacy needs

Novel Technologies - implementation

- **Need & Opportunity**

- Education, education, education
- Empower care staff, PWHs and families
- Partnerships with Pharma to prioritise CCC access
- European Reference Network value

- **Threat**

- Undermining of comprehensive care structure
- Dissolution of coordinated post marketing surveillance and advocacy potential
- Missed opportunity to maximise CFC strategies

Vision

- Likely co-existence of multiple modalities of treatment for haemophilia A&B
- Patient centric care and choice
 - Needs appropriate patient education
 - Needs appropriate clinician education
 - Needs appropriate evidence base
 - Needs appropriate studies (eg RCT) and registry data

Vision

- Comprehensive care will continue to be pivotal to future generations of persons and families with haemophilia
- Transparent/equitable choice and access to most efficacious and safe treatment for that individual living with haemophilia at that time of their life.