

The Data and Safety Monitoring Board (DSMB) for REMED trial

The Data and Safety Monitoring Board (DSMB) is instituted by University Hospital Brno, for advising and providing expertise and recommendations regarding participant safety and data integrity in clinical trial REMED.

1. MEMBERS OF DSMB

The DSMB is composed of experts in the field reflecting the disciplines necessary for evaluating the data integrity and patient's safety in REMED trial, medical monitor, experts in conducting clinical trials, statisticians, and safety manager. One of the DSMB member's task is the management and communication among members of the group. of the members of DSMB should be minimally three and up-to seven. If necessary, an ad hoc specialist could be invited on a non-voting basis, if additional expertise is needed . The sponsor representative or other persons that are directly involved in the trial are prohibited to be member of DSMB although they are permitted to attend open DSMB meetings. Vice versa, no member of DSMB is permitted to have direct involvement in the REMED trial conduct. No member of DSMB should have financial, professional, or other interest related to the REMED trial. The actual members of DSMB for REMED Trial are listed in Appendix 1.

2. AGENDA

2.1. The primary **responsibilities** of the DSMB are:

- Review accumulated data for participant safety, study conduct and overall progress
- Make recommendations to the Steering Committee (SC) of the REMED trial regarding modification and/or termination of the trial.

During the REMED trial, DSMB is responsible for reviewing cumulative study data to assess safety, conduct of the trial, and integrity of the data and scientific validity.

2.2. **Specifically**, DSMB is responsible for:

- Review of data quality and integrity
- Potential amendments and adherence to the study protocol
- Changes in interim Statistical Analysis Plan (SAP) or final SAP
- Reviewing Severe adverse events (SAE)
- Performance of individual centers and opening potentially new centers
- Recruitment of the study
- Evaluating interim and cumulative analysis data regarding efficacy and safety
- Reviewing external factors that might affect participant safety or ethics of the trial, e.g. new scientific data

2.3. **Reports** from the DSMB

After each review of DSMB, specific recommendations regarding trial continuation or termination or potential modification should be included. Specifically, DSMB should recommend:

- Study termination due to serious concerns regarding safety of the subjects, slow enrolment or performance
- Study termination if the study objectives are reached upon preplanned study SAP
- Modification of the study protocol based upon review of the data
- Recommendation regarding increasing the planned number of enrolled subjects through the prolonging recruitment time or increasing the study sites and centers

3. COMMUNICATION

Confidentiality must be always kept during the review and recommendations process of DSMB. Only DSMB members should have access to interim analysis of the study data. DSMB members must also maintain strict confidentiality regarding the overall study results provided.

3.1. Meetings

The specific form and frequency of DSMB meetings may be flexible and depends on several factors. The DSMB chair plus administrator are responsible for communication and planning the meetings and the provision of all appropriate documentation to all DSMB members. After each meeting report and recommendations to the SC should be provided.

3.2. Voting

After discussion within DSMB members final recommendations should be recorded and identified as the minority or majority recommendation with individual vote tallies.

4. REFERENCES:

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APPENDIX NO.1:

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