



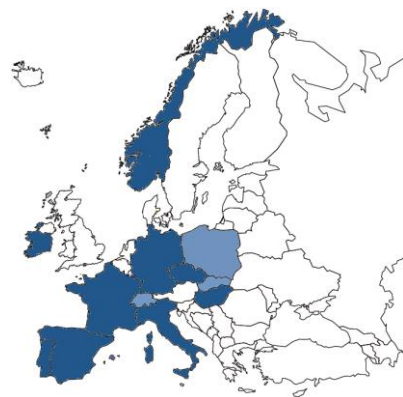
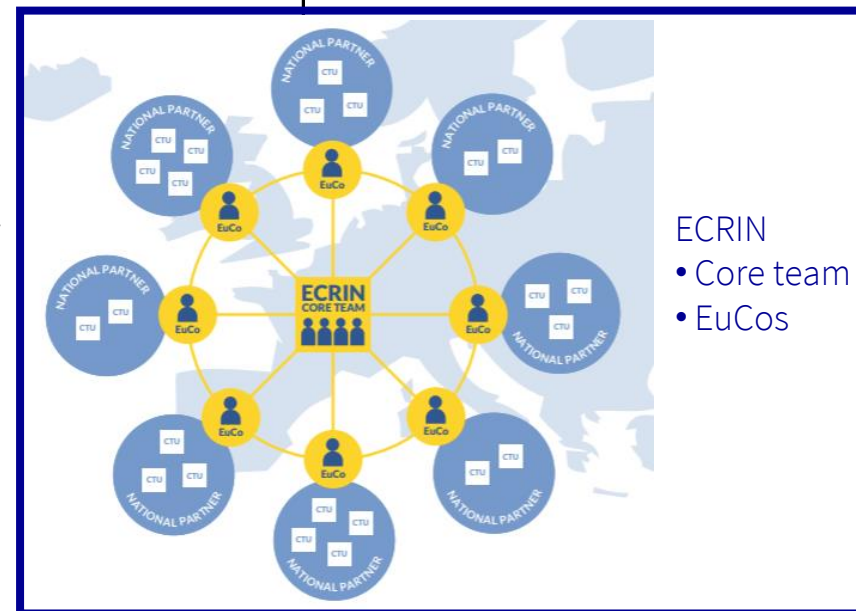
# Challenges of new clinical trial designs

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# ECRIN, a distributed infrastructure supporting multinational clinical research in Europe

1. support **multinational trials** in Europe (SME-sponsored and investigator-initiated trials) through services to **trial management** tasks : regulatory, ethics, monitoring, vigilance, data management
2. develop tools for multinational trials (ethical / regulatory database, data centre certification, data sharing tools, personalised medicine, platform trials)



# Lessons learned from COVID-19 Crisis

- Multinational trials
- Platform trials
- Repurposing
- Pragmatic trials
- Preparedness
- Fast-track approval
- Coordination
- Prioritization
- Funding

## Clinical Pharmacology & Therapeutics

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### Clinical trials for Covid-19: can we better use the short window of opportunity?

Hans-Georg Eichler , Marco Cavaleri, Harald Enzmann, Francesca Scotti, Bruno Sepodes, Fergus Sweeney, Spiros Vamvakas, Guido Rasi

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### What have we learned from the therapeutics RCTs?

A worldwide effort to conduct RCTs.

BUT, coordination and size **not** optimal



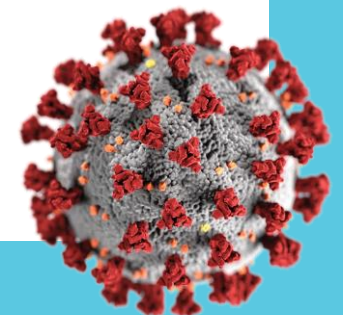
Both researchers and regulators must reflect on the need for large collaborative RCTs

Studies registered	1178
Completed	15
Recruiting	644
Not recruiting	515
Suspended	2
Terminated	2

Sample sizes (ranging from 30 – 10000) and endpoints

<https://www.covid-nma.com/dataviz/>

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# Digital revolution in clinical research

- High throughput -omics data generation
- Multi-modal data management
- Artificial intelligence stratification
- Secondary use of EHRs



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## Routinely collected data for randomized trials: promises, barriers, and implications



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# New frontiers in clinical research

- Platform trials
- Trials within cohorts
- Personalised medicine research

# Platform trials

- are infrastructures
  - testing multiple treatments
  - master protocol, and amendment for new arms / domains
  - shared control arm ?
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- save time
  - (save patients)
  - contain costs
  - allow multiple comparisons



## REVIEW ARTICLE

### THE CHANGING FACE OF CLINICAL TRIALS

Jeffrey M. Drazen, M.D., David P. Harrington, Ph.D., John J.V. McMurray, M.D., James H. Ware, Ph.D., and Janet Woodcock, M.D., *Editors*

## Master Protocols to Study Multiple Therapies, Multiple Diseases, or Both

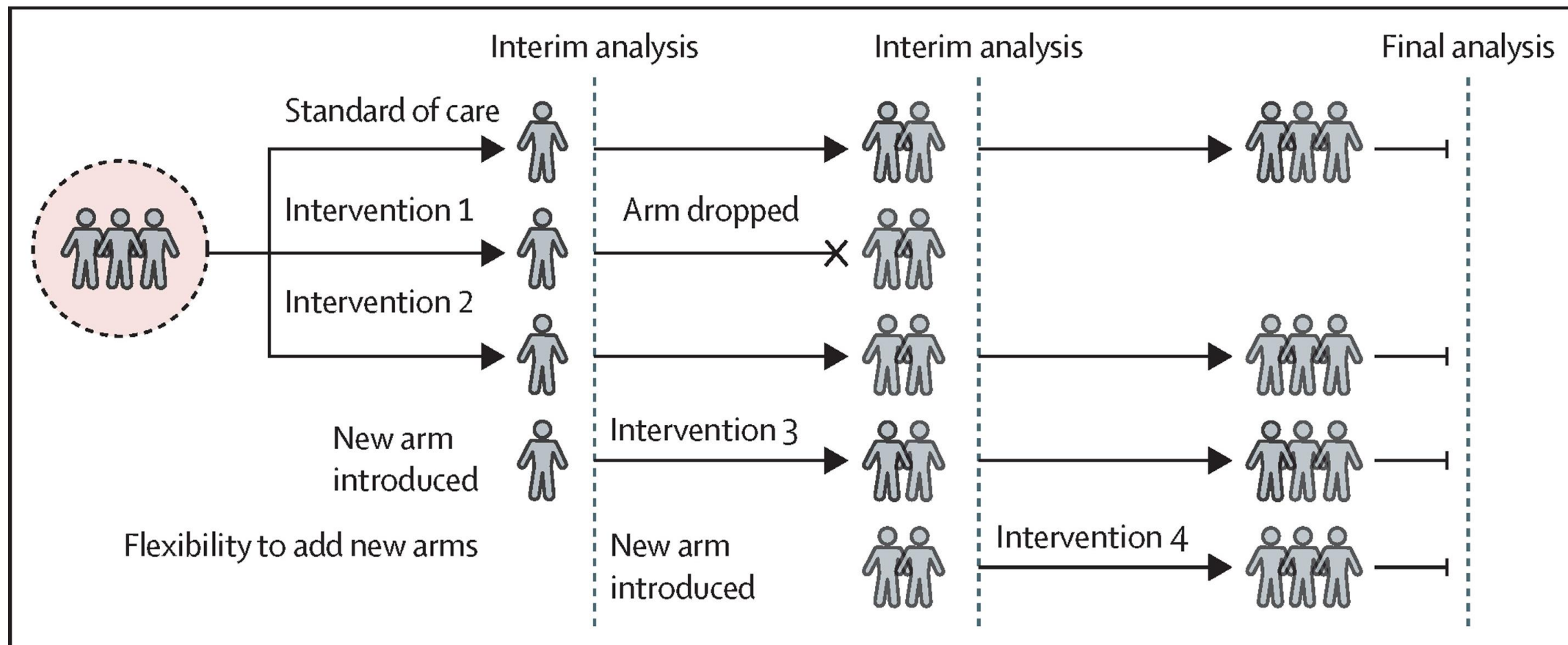
Janet Woodcock, M.D., and Lisa M. LaVange, Ph.D.

**Table 1. Types of Master Protocols.**

Type of Trial	Objective
Umbrella	To study multiple targeted therapies in the context of a single disease
Basket	To study a single targeted therapy in the context of multiple diseases or disease subtypes
Platform	To study multiple targeted therapies in the context of a single disease in a perpetual manner, with therapies allowed to enter or leave the platform on the basis of a decision algorithm



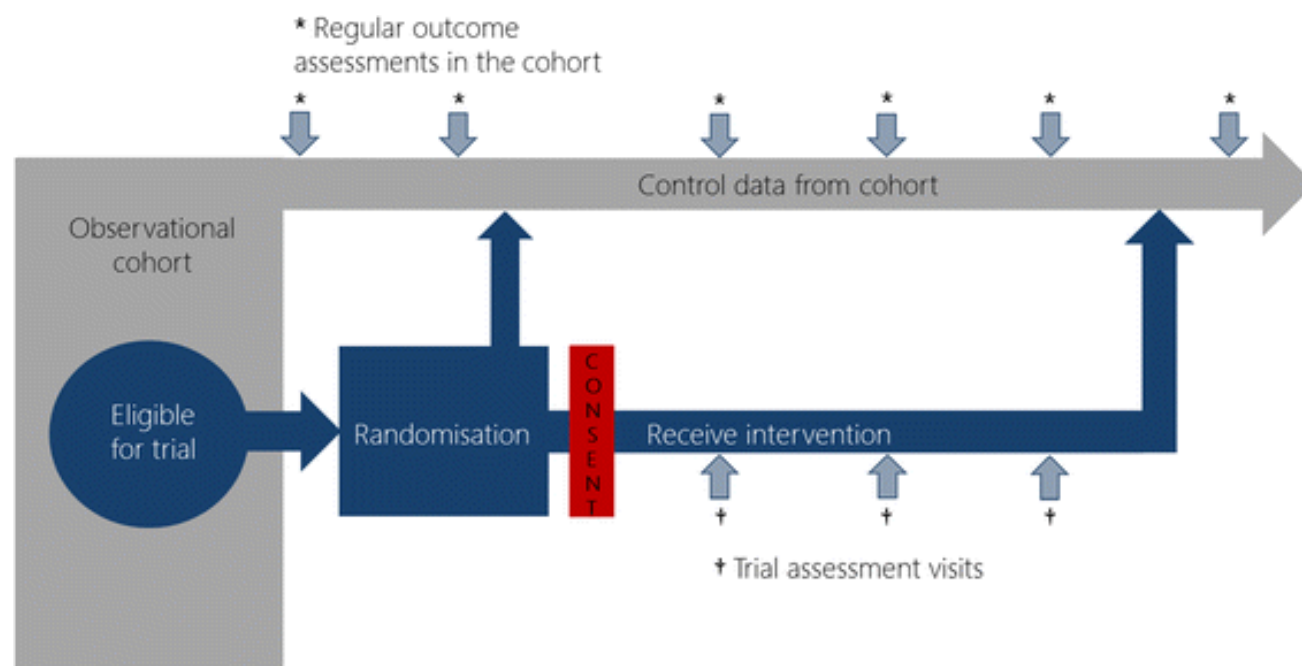
# Platform trial



# Considerations for using the ‘Trials within Cohorts’ design in a clinical trial of an investigational medicinal product.

*Anna C. Bibby, et al. Trials. 2018;19:18*

*Schematic representation of the TwiC design*





# Secondary use of EHRs

- Interoperability of data standards ?
  - OMOP, CDISC
  
- Under EHDS Regulation (2023 ?)
  - HealthData@EU infrastructure
    - Federation of national health data hubs
  
- Under GDPR
  - Data reused in a protected environment
  - Unless anonymised
    - Risk of reidentification ?
    - Attempts to re-identify prohibited by law



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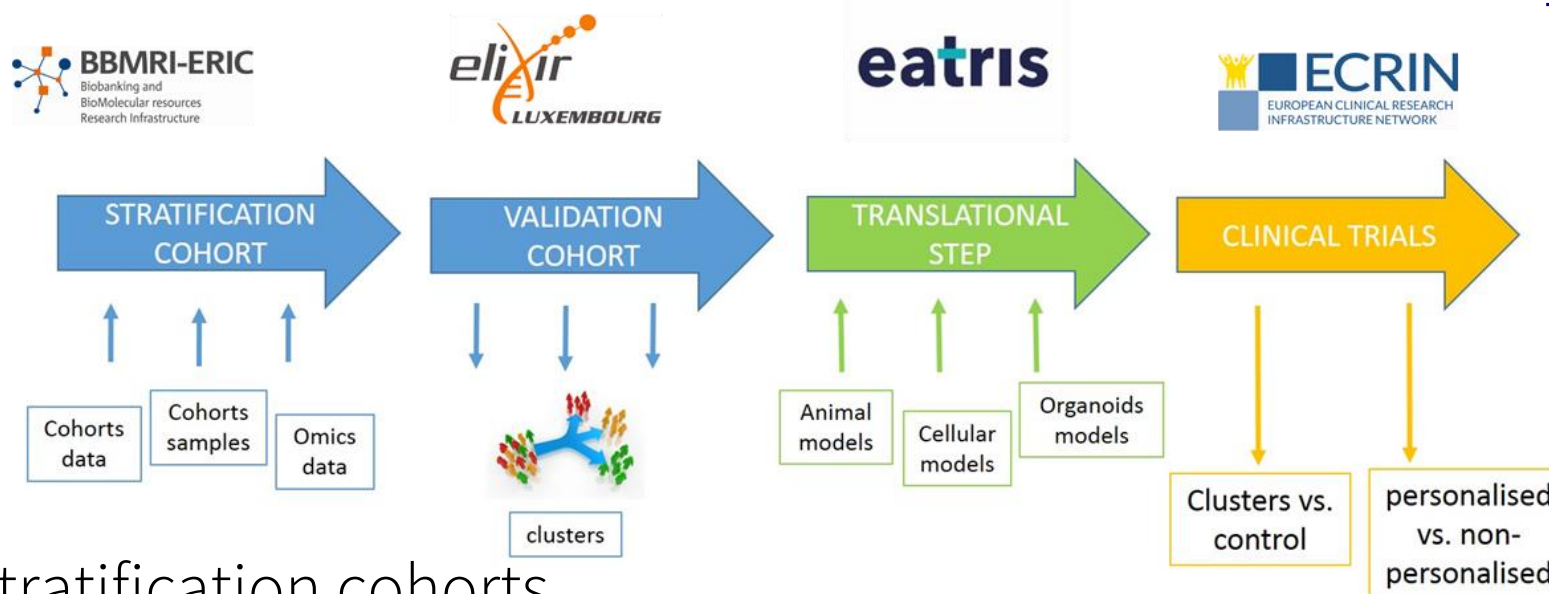
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# PERMIT : methodological standards for personalised medicine pipeline



<https://permit-eu.org/>



- Stratification cohorts
- Stratification methods / algorithms
- Preclinical stratified models
- Personalised medicine trials



- Review of methods
- Methodological recommendations
- Regulatory ecosystem
- Training material

Review

## Methods for Stratification and Validation Cohorts: A Scoping Review

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Original research

### BMJ Open Biomarker discovery studies for patient stratification using machine learning analysis of omics data: a scoping review

Enrico Glaab <sup>1</sup>, Armin Rauschenberger <sup>1</sup>, Rita Banzi <sup>2</sup>, Chiara Gerardi <sup>2</sup>, Paula Garcia, <sup>3</sup> Jacques Demotes <sup>3</sup>

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### BMJ Open Study designs for clinical trials applied to personalised medicine: a scoping review

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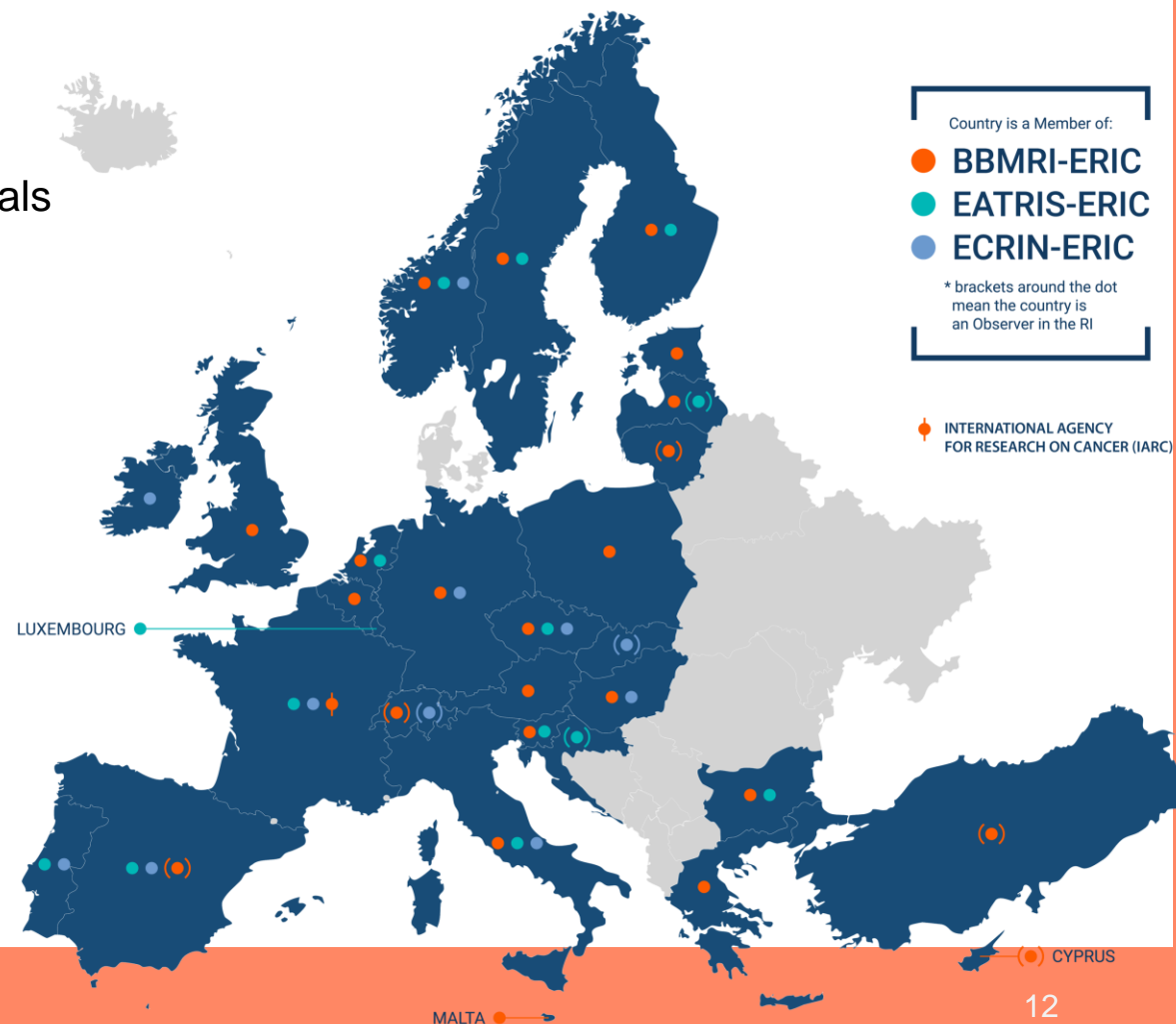
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