

ICH E14/S7B IWG Work Plan

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1. Key milestones

1.a. Current status of key milestones

Past completion date	Milestone
Dec. 2015	<i>Finalized E14 Q&A regarding concentration-QTc analysis as an alternative analysis endpoint for QTc evaluation.</i>
Dec. 2017	<i>Publication of a white paper article to describe in more detail the steps involved in appropriate concentration-QTc analysis. (https://doi.org/10.1007/s10928-017-9558-5)</i>
June 2018	<i>A recommendation (a concept paper proposed through FDA) to ICH Assembly to reconstitute a WG at this time for the ICH E14 / S7B topic for clarification of the ICH S7B guideline through Q&As.</i>
Aug. 2018	<i>Revised concept paper for submission to the MC.</i>
Nov. 2018	<i>E14/S7B Discussion Group (DG) met in person and revised the concept paper to develop Q&As to both ICH S7B and E14. The concept paper describes a two-stage approach where Q&As will be written for both S7B and E14 in each stage. The concept paper was endorsed by the ICH Assembly and an Implementation Working Group (IWG) was formed.</i>
June 2019	<i>E14/S7B IWG met in person and discussed draft Q&As for stage 1. The draft Q&As for best practice for in vitro and in vivo studies and principles for proarrhythmia models reached general consensus. A decision was made to split the integrated risk assessment Q&A into two parts, one for S7B and one for E14. The discussion of stage 2 Q&A was also started.</i>
Nov. 2019	<i>E14/S7B IWG met in person again to discuss stage 1 Q&A. The draft Q&As for best practice for in vitro and in vivo studies and principles for proarrhythmia models were edited based on constituency feedback. A general consensus was reached for the S7B Integrated Risk assessment Q&A. Significant progress was made to reach a consensus on the E14 Integrated Risk Assessment Q&A. Potential stage 2 Q&A and data needs were also discussed.</i>

1.b. Future anticipated key milestones

Expected future completion date	Milestone
June 2020	<i>Step 1 sign-off for first stage Q&As for ICH S7B and E14</i>
July 2020	<i>Step 2a/2b endorsement of the first stage draft Q&As</i>
Q3/Q4 2020	<i>Virtual public meeting (webinar) to disseminate the concepts behind the first stage draft Q&As</i>
Jan 2021	<i>Step 3 end of public consultation period for the first stage Q&As</i>
June 2021	<i>Meet in person for Step 3 signoff and Step 4 adoption of the first stage Q&As</i>
Nov 2021	<i>Meet in person to finalize technical training material for first stage Q&As and finalize timeline/recommendation for second stage Q&As</i>
Jan 2022	<i>Disseminate training material on ICH website</i>

2. Timeline for specific tasks

Beginning date	End date	Task / Activity	Details
Nov. 2018	<i>Nov. 2018</i>	<i>Create Concept Paper for MC and Assembly</i>	<i>Create Concept Paper regarding updating ICH E14 and S7B with Q&As. Develop work plan.</i>
Nov. 2018	<i>Nov. 2018</i>	<i>Finalize Concept Paper and work plan for IWG</i>	<i>Finalize a detailed plan on the timelines to write the proposed Q&As for S7B and E14.</i>
Dec. 2018	<i>June 2019</i>	<i>Scope first stage Q&As for S7B and E14 and develop draft text</i>	<i>In regular teleconferences discuss scope and detail of potential Q&As for ICH S7B and E14.</i>
Dec. 2018	<i>Jan. 2019</i>	<i>Establish six sub-groups to discuss specific topics and draft Q&As</i>	<i>Establish four sub-groups to draft stage 1 Q&As (Best practices for in vitro assay; Considerations for S7B in vivo core battery assay; Principles for proarrhythmia models; Integrated risk assessment that combines S7B & E14). Establish two sub-groups to discuss related topics (Additional drugs/data required for advancing Stage 2; Large molecule threshold)</i>

June 2019	June 2019	Meet face-to-face at ICH Meeting	Discuss the potential Q&As on best practices for ICH S7B assays, and criteria for robust proarrhythmia prediction model. Discuss the potential Q&As for E14 in clinical implementation scenarios.
June 2019	November 2019		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reach agreement on best practice and proarrhythmia models stage 1 Q&As for regions to seek internal feedback from constituencies • Incorporate constituency feedback to finalize Q&As • Draft Integrated Risk Assessment Q&A for S7B and revisions to E14 Q&As
November 2019	November 2019	Meet face-to-face at ICH Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet face-to-face to finalize in vitro & in vivo best practice and proarrhythmia models Q&As • Seek consensus on Integrated Risk Assessment Q&A for S7B and revisions to E14 Q&As • Discuss second stage Q&As
November 2019	May 2020	Incorporate constituency feedback on stage 1 Q&As	Incorporate constituency feedback on In Vitro, In Vivo, Principles for Proarrhythmia Models, and Integrated Risk Assessment Q&A for S7B. Make revisions and incorporate constituency feedback to E14 Q&As
June 2020	June 2020	Stage 1 Q&A sign off	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Step 1 sign-off for first stage Q&As
June 2020	July 2020	Step 2a/2b endorsement of stage 1 Q&As	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Step 2a/2b endorsement of the draft Q&As for stage 1
July 2020	Nov 2020	In preparation for the public	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All regions make procedure preparations for their public consultation periods

		<i>consultation/public meeting</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Plan and execute virtual public meeting (webinar) to disseminate the concepts behind the draft Q&As</i>
July 2020	<i>Dec 2020</i>	<i>Step 3 regional consultation</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Public comment received from respective regions</i>
Jan. 2021	<i>June 2021</i>	<i>Step 3 discussion of regional comments</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Finalize and sign off the first stage Q&As</i> • <i>Development of training materials to support the implementation of guidelines</i>
June 2021	<i>June 2021</i>	<i>Step 3 experts sign-off by the regulatory experts</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Meet face-to-face for reaching consensus on a revised version of the Step 2B Final Draft Guideline</i>
June 2021	<i>January 2022</i>	<i>Complete and finalize training material</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Complete and finalize training material for dissemination on ICH website</i>
Nov 2021	<i>Nov 2021</i>	<i>Finalize technical training material and discuss 2nd stage Q&As</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Meet face-to-face to finalize technical training material (voice-over slide set) to be sent for production and discuss timeline/recommendation for second stage Q&As</i>
Jan. 2019	<i>Dec 2021</i>	<i>Discuss potential second stage Q&As for S7B and E14 and generate any data needed</i>	<i>In regular teleconferences discuss the potential second stage Q&As focusing on data needs and gaps. In face-to-face meetings discuss data needs and timelines. Finalize timeline and/or recommendations for data needs for second stage Q&As.</i>