# An Overview and Discussion with Members of the Friends of Cancer Research Working Group: Comparative Tolerability Trial Design

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### Working Group

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### Background

- Unmet research need to define tolerability and identify the components of a comparative tolerability trial design
- This is of interest to patients, sponsors, providers, payers, and regulators to provide a pathway for more patient-focused trial designs
- Friends of Cancer Research convened a multi-stakeholder working group to collaboratively develop a working definition of tolerability that better encompasses patient experience; while identifying appropriate endpoints and methods to assist sponsors and regulators in interpreting results for regulatory and clinical decision-making

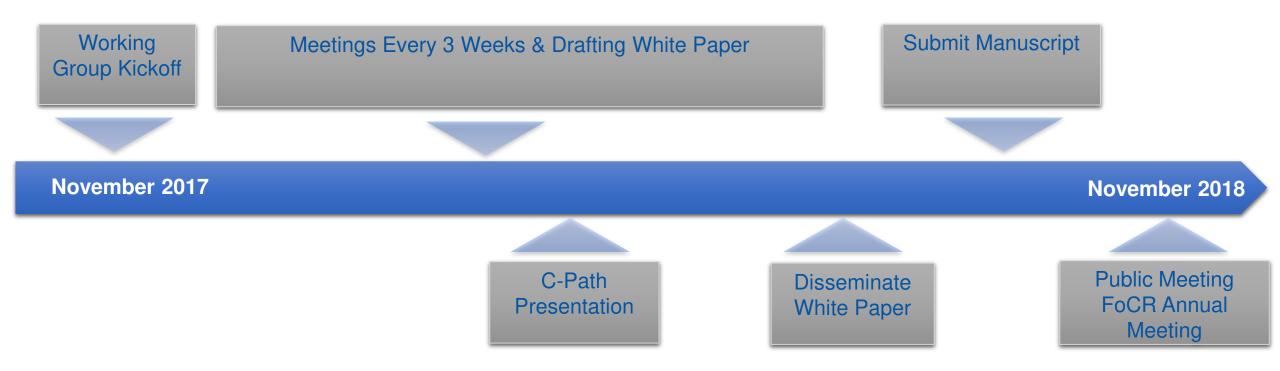


#### Working Group Remit and Key Objectives

- Develop a consensus-based definition of tolerability
- Other objectives include the consideration of required data elements (endpoints) and analysis methodologies to characterize tolerability
- Generate a trial design framework with key components and create a case study example for discussion with key stakeholders



#### Project Timeline





### Key Milestones

Date	Deliverable
Spring 2018	<ul> <li>Disseminate white paper</li> <li>Propose new definition for tolerability</li> <li>Identify core components for assessing tolerability</li> </ul>
Summer-Fall 2018	<ul> <li>Submit Manuscript</li> <li>Methods for incorporating tolerability measures into oncology clinical trials</li> <li>Approaches for collecting, analyzing, weighting the components of tolerability</li> </ul>
Fall – Winter 2018	<ul> <li>Public meeting/Friends of Cancer Research Annual Meeting</li> <li>Discuss case study</li> <li>Discuss how results would be described in the existing labeling framework</li> </ul>



#### Proposed Definition of Tolerability

The tolerability of a medical product is the degree to which symptoms and adverse events associated with the product's administration affect the ability or desire of the patient to adhere to the dose or intensity of therapy. A complete understanding of tolerability should include direct measurement from the patient on how they are feeling and functioning while on treatment.



#### Working Framework of Data Elements

#### **Components of Tolerability**

#### Standard Assessment of Tolerability

**Clinician-Reported Outcomes** 

 Common Terminology Criteria for Adverse Events (CTCAE) Case Report Data

- Dose modifications and discontinuations
- Dose interruptions
- Hospitalizations
- Death

Integration of Patient Experience

Patient-Reported Outcomes

- Patient-reported symptomatic adverse events
- Patient-reported overall burden of adverse events
- Patient-reported physical functioning
- Health-related quality of life



## Why would this be of interest to sponsors?

- Currently, more tolerable regimens than standard of care (SOC) with equivalent or lesser efficacy do not have a clear regulatory path forward to enable their prioritization for commercial development
  - Pathway to bring more patient-relevant treatment regimens to market and increase evidence for patient decision-making on choice of therapy
- The only current design analog is a non-inferiority trial, however that doesn't prioritize the concepts of interest for tolerability assessment and has an efficacy primary endpoint
- The characterization of tolerability has value across multiple cancer trial contexts such as:
  - Informing target dose-finding in early phase
  - Applying the framework to late phase trials to better describe the tolerability of new regimens



#### Discussion

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#### Interested in Learning More?

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