

Work Plan

Biosimilar Working Group (BWG)

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1. KEY MILESTONES AND DELIVERABLES

1.1. Current status of key milestones and deliverables

Completion date	Objective	Key Milestone or Deliverable
Aug. 2016	To provide a template to assist NRAs in making available a summary of the review of biosimilar applications in their country in a common language (English)	Public Assessment Summary Information for Biosimilar (PASIB)
Mar. 2017	To help train quality reviewers with experience in biotherapeutics to review the analytical comparability of biosimilar monoclonal antibodies	Training Manual for Regulatory Reviewers : The Basics of Analytical Comparability of Biosimilar Monoclonal Antibody for Regulatory Reviewers
Nov. 2017	To compile the common features of various biosimilar guidelines and to highlight to NRAs harmonized scientific considerations on the extrapolation of indication(s) for biosimilar products	Reflection Paper on Extrapolation of Indications in Authorization of Biosimilar products
Dec. 2018	To establish an IT platform for regulatory convergence on biosimilars by collecting regulatory information and sharing experiences between regulators on NRA's activities in order to enhance transparency and provide information to the members and the public	IPRP BWG Regulatory Information Sharing Platform

Dec. 2019	To help train reviewers with experience in biotherapeutics to review the nonclinical comparability of biosimilar monoclonal antibodies	Training Manual for Regulatory Reviewers: The Basics of Nonclinical Comparability of Biosimilar Monoclonal Antibody for Regulatory Reviewers
Dec. 2020	To help train reviewers with experience in biotherapeutics to review the clinical comparability of biosimilar monoclonal antibodies	Training Manual for Regulatory Reviewers: The Basics of Clinical Comparability of Biosimilar Monoclonal Antibodies for Regulatory Reviewers
Dec 2021	To educate regulatory reviewers about current approaches with respect to specific scenarios in the regulation of biosimilar biotherapeutic products	Primer on Biosimilar-Related Regulatory Topics for Regulatory Reviewers
September 2023	To discuss considerations and inputs into a risk-based framework for determining when CES may be useful and when they may not be needed.	Scientific Workshop: Increasing the Efficiency of Biosimilar Development Programs—Re-evaluating the Need for Comparative Clinical Efficacy Studies (CES).
July 2024	To educate regulatory staff and the public on the discussions held at the September 2023 scientific workshop.	Workshop Summary Report of September 2023 Workshop

1.2. Future anticipated key milestones

Expected future completion date	Objective	Key Milestone or Deliverable
4 th QTR 2025	Summary of regional comparative efficacy trial streamlining efforts in biosimilar development programs	White paper
4 th QTR 2026	Summary of considerations related to the use of non-local comparators in biosimilar development programs	White paper

2. TIMELINE FOR SPECIFIC TASKS

Beginning date	End date	Task / Activity	Details
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4 th QTR 2025	4 th QTR 2026	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Working Group e-mails, 4th QTR 2025 2. Working Group t-con 1st QTR 2026 3. Working Group t-con 2nd QTR 2026 4. Working Group t-con 3rd QTR 2026 5. Submit 2026 deliverable to MC for approval and publication on IPRP website 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Incorporate/resolve comments on draft white paper, finalize and submit to MC. 2. Elect chair/co-chair Feb 2026, begin discussions of new topic: considerations related to use of non-local comparators in biosimilar development programs 3. Continue discussion of new topic, organize content for deliverable 4. Concept paper finalize and clear for publication
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