



**DE**FERIPRONE  
**E**VALUATION IN  
**P**AEDIATRICS



# DEEP Project presentation

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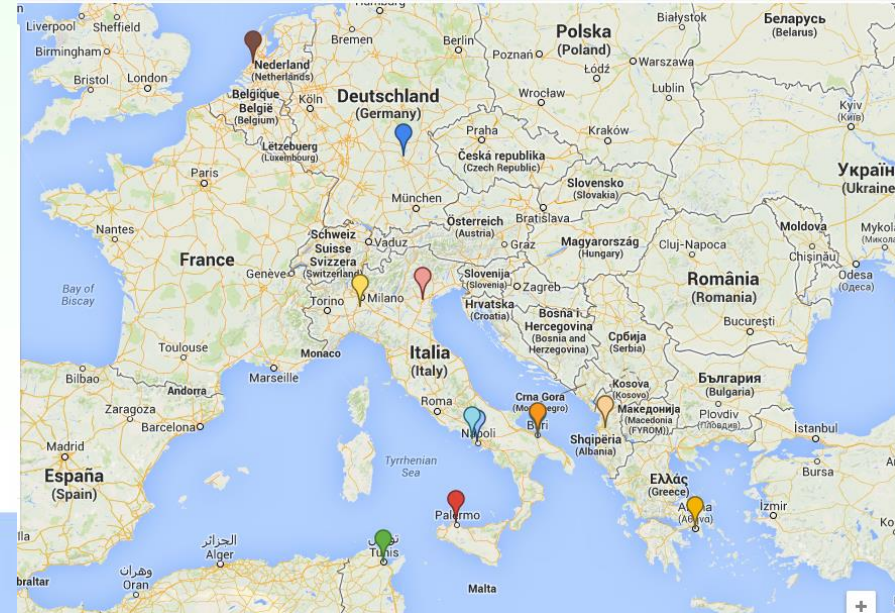
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# DEEP

## Project

- **DEEP** is a multinational research project aimed to perform pharmacokinetics, efficacy and safety studies with deferiprone in children
- It is funded by the European Commission within the 7<sup>o</sup> Framework Program



## Consortium

Composed of **16** Partners, from Italy, Greece, Cyprus, Egypt, Germany, The Netherlands, Tunisia, Albania and Canada





# Goals

- to evaluate pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics properties of deferiprone in children less than 6 years of age
- **DEEP1 Paediatric PK Study**
- to evaluate efficacy and safety of deferiprone compared to deferasirox therapy in 1 month to 17 year-old children affected by hereditary hemoglobinopathies
- **DEEP2 Paediatric Efficacy/Safety Study**
- to provide long term safety data by analysing all events potentially related to deferiprone use (alone or in combination with deferoxamine) in children observed in a time frame of 3 years of clinical practice
- **DEEP3 Paediatric long term safety Study**

According to a Paediatric Investigational Plan (PIP) approved



# DEEP-2 (EudraCT 2012-000353-31)

**Multicentre, randomised, open label, non-inferiority active-controlled trial to evaluate the efficacy and safety of deferiprone compared to deferasirox in paediatric patients aged from 1 month to less than 18 years affected by transfusion dependent haemoglobinopathies**

*Phase III study, providing efficacy and safety data after one year treatment with DFP and DFX*



# DEEP2 Study

## Population

344 iron chelator-naïve and non naïve paediatric patients of both genders aged between 1 months to less than 18 years, randomized 1:1 to one of two groups (DFP/DFX) to ensure at least 310 evaluable patients, taking into account a possible dropout rate

## Duration

13-14 months

## Design

multicentre, randomized, open label, active comparator controlled, parallel group trial

## Objectives

to assess the non-inferiority of DFP compared to DFX in terms of changes of ferritin levels and heart iron concentration



# DEEP-2 sites

Country	Recruitment Sites
 <b>Italy</b>	<b>12</b> (2 x Palermo, Padova, Bari, Napoli, Cosenza, Lentini, Modena, Sassari, Cagliari, Firenze, Catania)
 <b>Egypt</b>	<b>1</b> (Cairo)
 <b>Greece</b>	<b>1</b> (Athens)
 <b>Albania</b>	<b>1</b> (Tirana)
 <b>Cyprus</b>	<b>1</b> (Nicosia)
 <b>Tunisia</b>	<b>1</b> (Tunis)
 <b>UK</b>	<b>1</b> (London)



# Trial design

Pts assessed for eligibility  
(n >= 344)

Pts randomized  
(n = 344)

Excluded

- Not meeting inclusion criteria
- Declined to participate
- Other reasons

Pts allocated to DFP (n = 172)  
75-100 mg/kg/day liquid  
formulation for seven days per  
week  
**NEW STRENGHT 80 mg/ml**

Allocation

Pts allocated to DFX (n = 172)  
20-40 mg/Kg/day

Follow-up

Drop-out 10%

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Analysis

Pts to be analysed (n = 155)

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# Visit schedule and evaluations

\*= Centralized evaluation

## Pharmacokinetic

→ Leiden/Amsterdam Center for Drug Research (LACDR), Leiden, The Netherlands

## Liver & Cardiac MRI

→ MRI Centre, Resonance Health Ltd, Perth, Australia

## Centralized serum ferritin

→ Ferritin Evaluation Centre, Palermo, Italy

	Run in			Treatment													13 Follow-up	
	Day		Baseline Day 0	Month														
	Screening -28→-8	-7		washout -6→-1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12		13
Visit	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16		
Demographic characteristics	X																	
Randomization			X															
Informed consent	X																	
Inclusion/exclusion criteria		X																
Pregnancy test	X																	X
Physical examination	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Medical history and current medical conditions	X																	
Pharmacokinetics*																		X
Vital signs	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Liver function history	X																	
Heart function history	X																	
Liver MRI*			X															X
Serum Ferritin *	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
ECG	X		X		X			X			X			X				X
Cardiac MRI T2*			X						X									X
Urinalysis	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Renal function	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Haemoglobin	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Neutrophil count	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Hepatitis serology	X																	X
Haematology/Biochemistry	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Ocular and audiometric test			X															X
Concomitant medications			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Medical events			X															
Adverse events				X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Body height/weight	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Pubertal staging			X						X									X
Compliance				X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
CHQ questionnaire			X						X									X
Healthcare Resources				X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

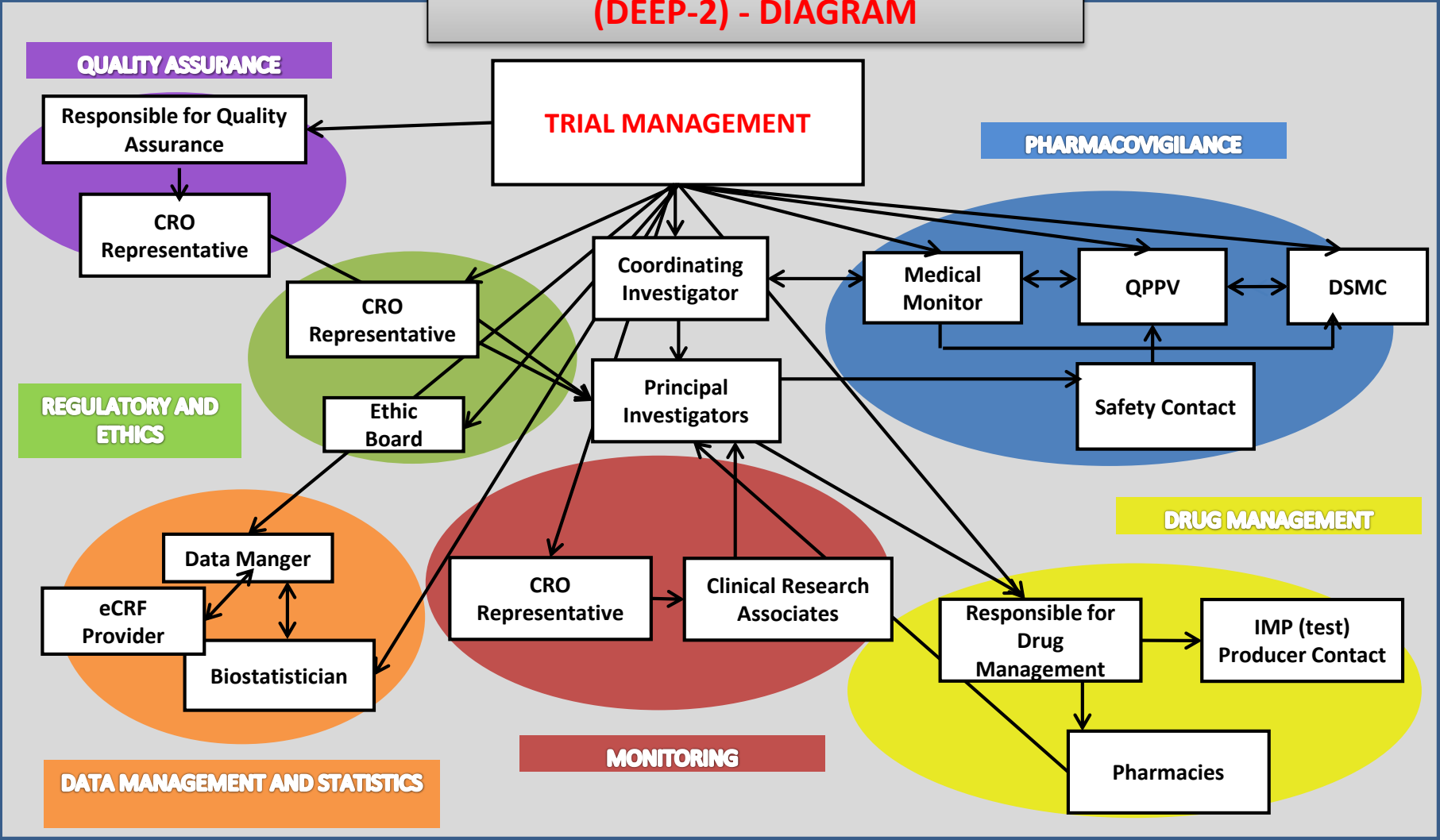






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### CLINICAL TRIAL STRUCTURE (DEEP-2) - DIAGRAM





# Summary

## *Italy*

- 11** centers: EC approval
- 9** centers: EC and CA approval
- 3** already recruiting centers:
  - Palermo Villa Sofia-Cervello
  - Napoli Cardarelli
  - Modena Az. Osp. Universitaria

## *Tunisia*

- EC** approval
- CA** approval expected in March 2014

-Expected EC Submission: →

Greece	<b>February 2014</b>
Cyprus	
Albania	
Egypt	
UK	

-Expected EC/CA Approval: →

Greece	<b>May 2014</b>
Cyprus	
Albania	
Egypt	
UK	



# Goals

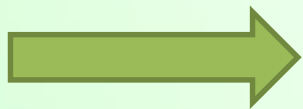
- Include all patients within June 2014



- 12 months experimental treatment



- End of trial: June 2015



New strength will be authorized in the paediatric population