

The Global Challenges of Post-Market Optimization Research

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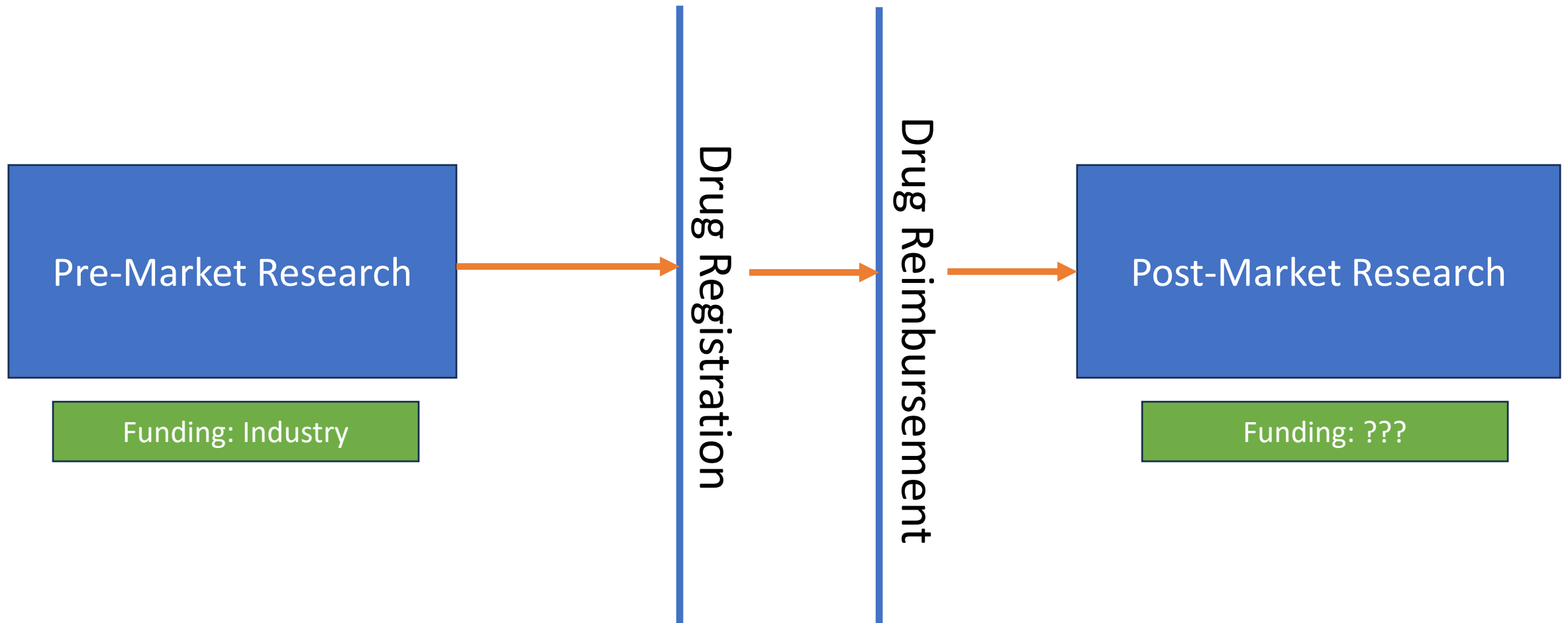
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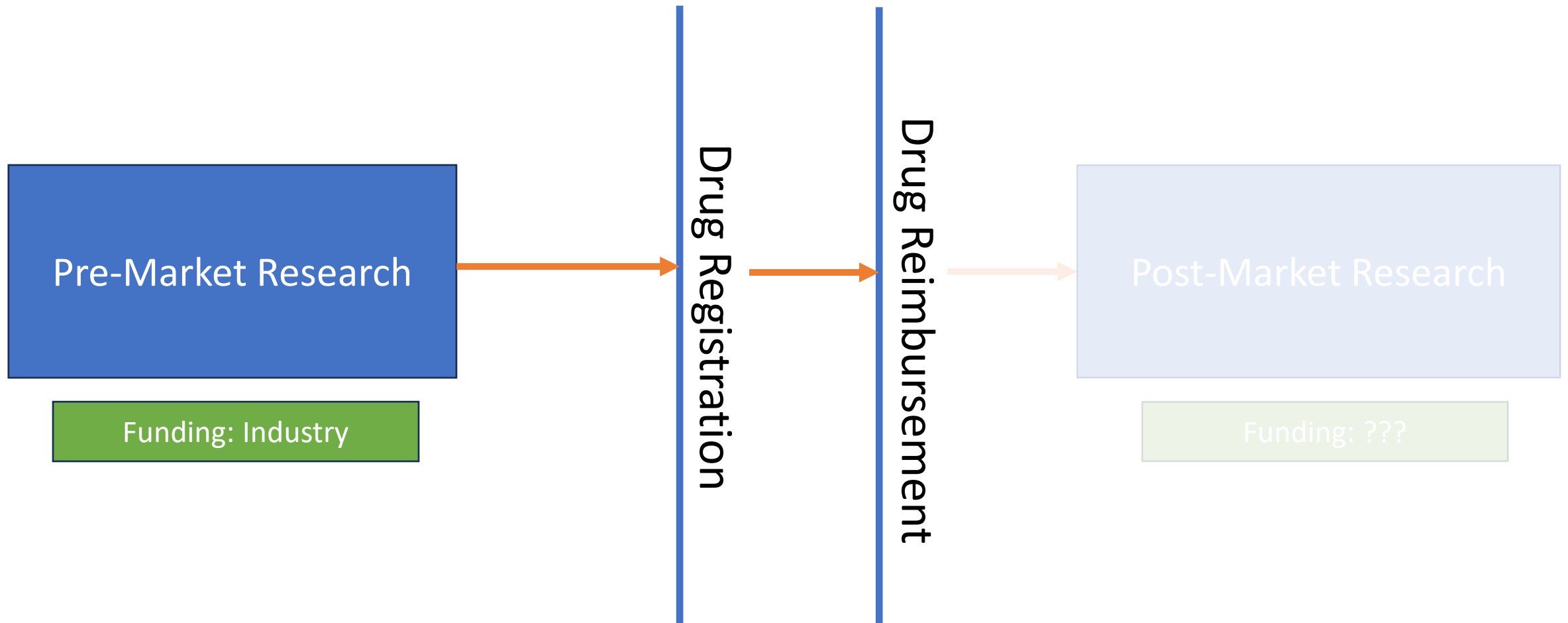




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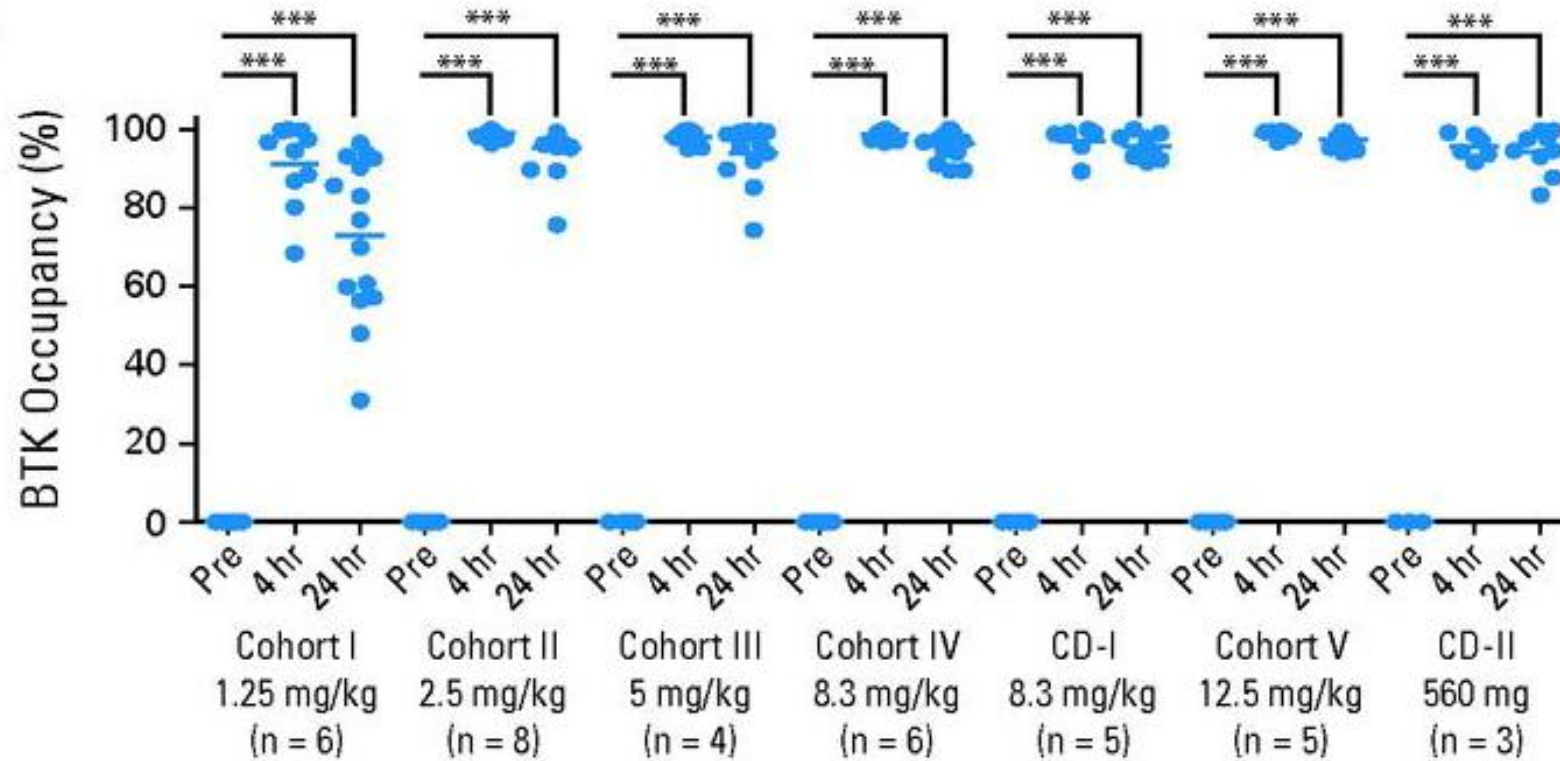


Why we need post-marketing research

- We often don't know the optimal way to give these drugs
 - Dose
 - Duration
 - Sequence

These knowledge gaps cause physical and financial toxicity

Ibrutinib - BTK occupancy

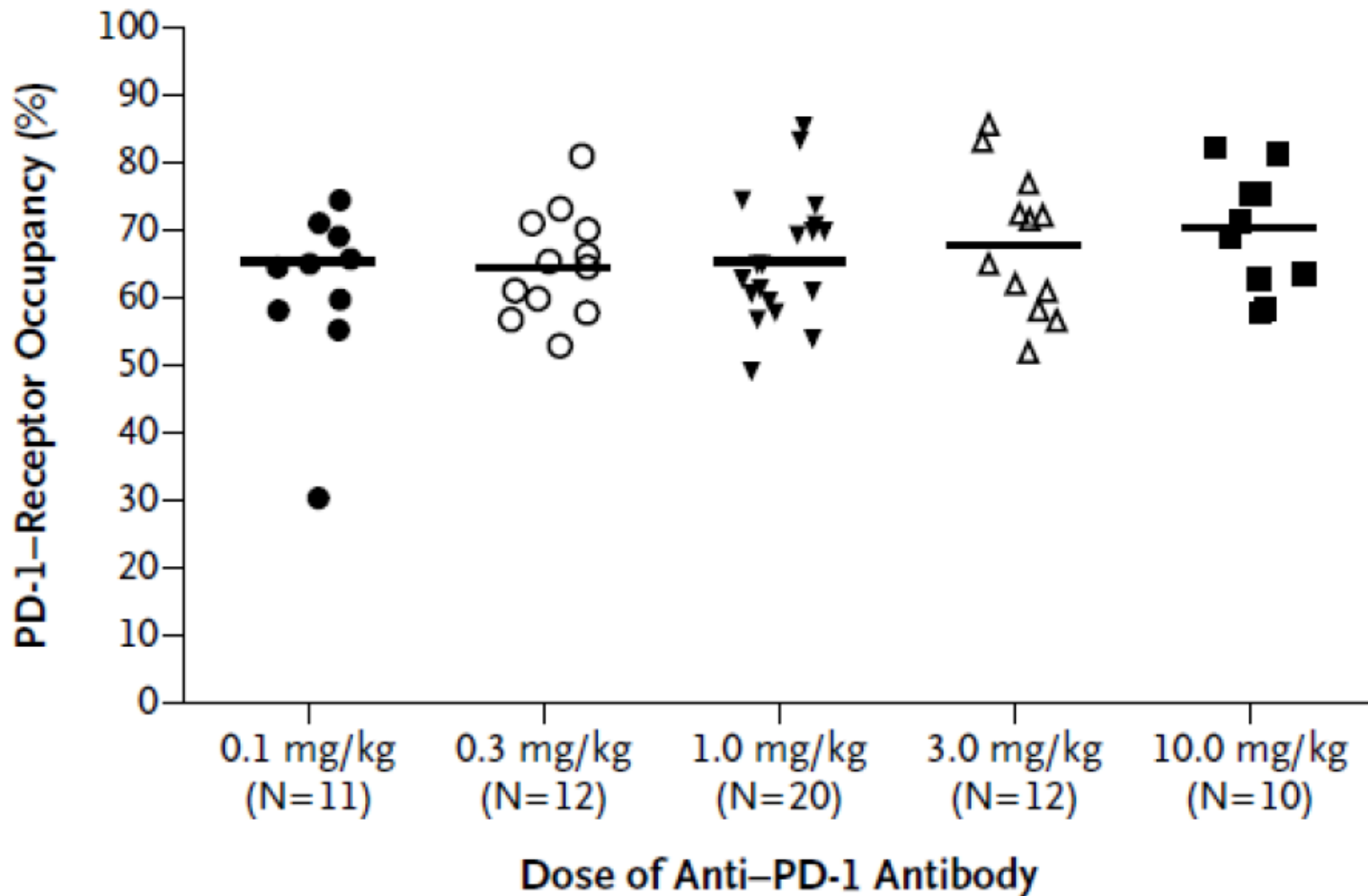


FDA
approved
dose =
420
mg/day

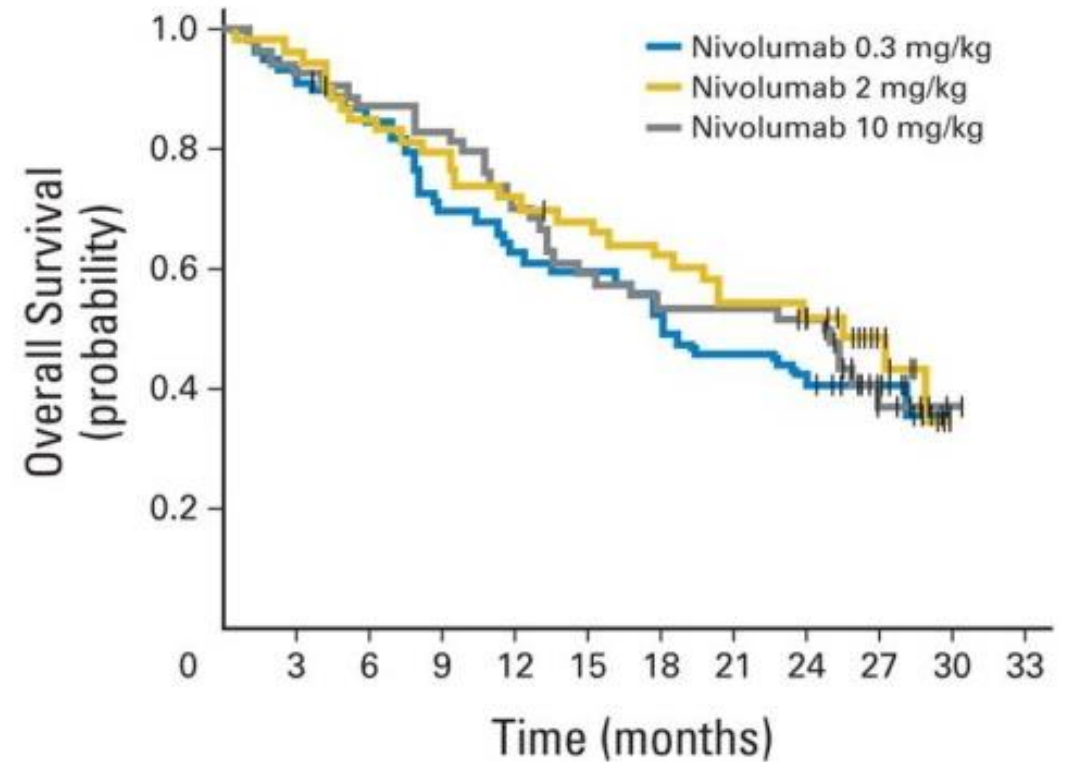
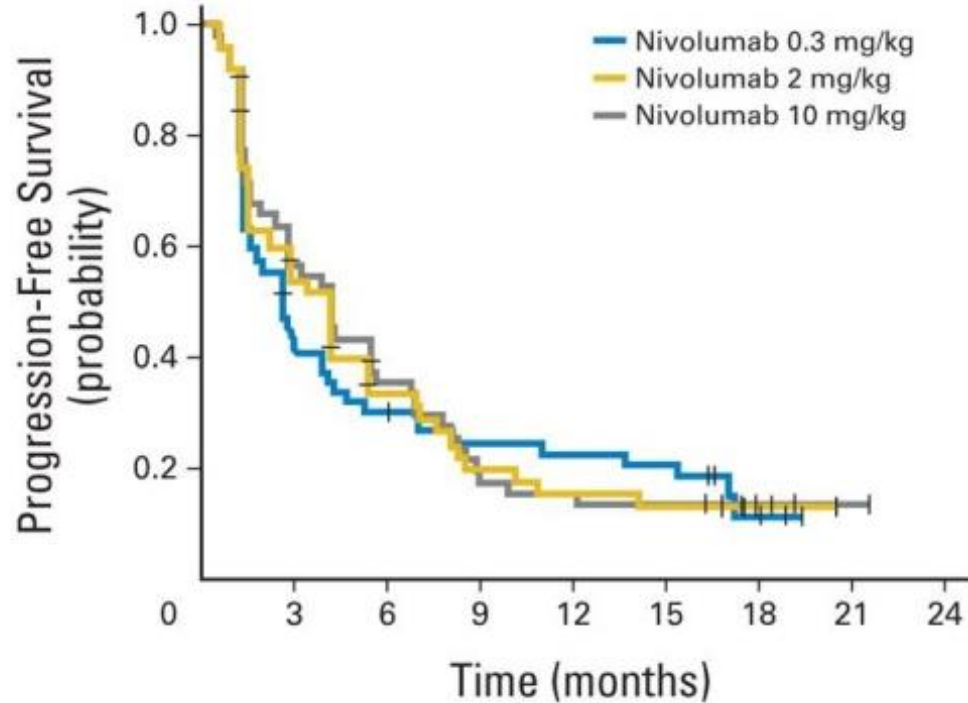
A Phase 3 optimization study of Ibrutinib?

Advani et al., JCO 2013

Nivolumab: PD-1 Receptor Occupancy

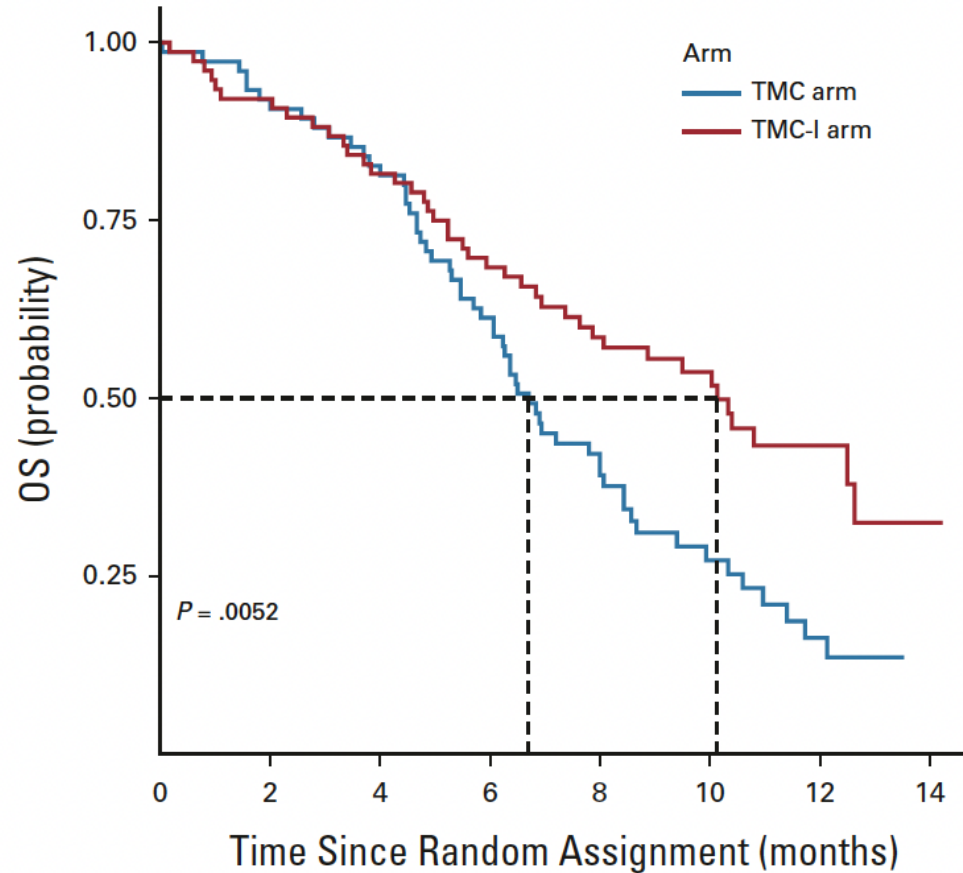


Nivolumab for metastatic renal cell carcinoma: randomized phase II trial



Flat dose-response over range of 0.3-10 mg/kg q3w

Ultra-Low dose nivolumab in Head & Neck Cancer



No. at risk:

TMC arm	75	69	62	46	28	14	6	0
TMC-I arm	76	70	62	52	41	28	11	2

More studies of
ultra low dose
immunotherapy?

Patil et al, JCO, 2022

Other dose reduction opportunities

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What's the right dose of sotorasib? Is it 240 mg qd or 4x that?

The Oct. 5 ODAC will be a nailbiter

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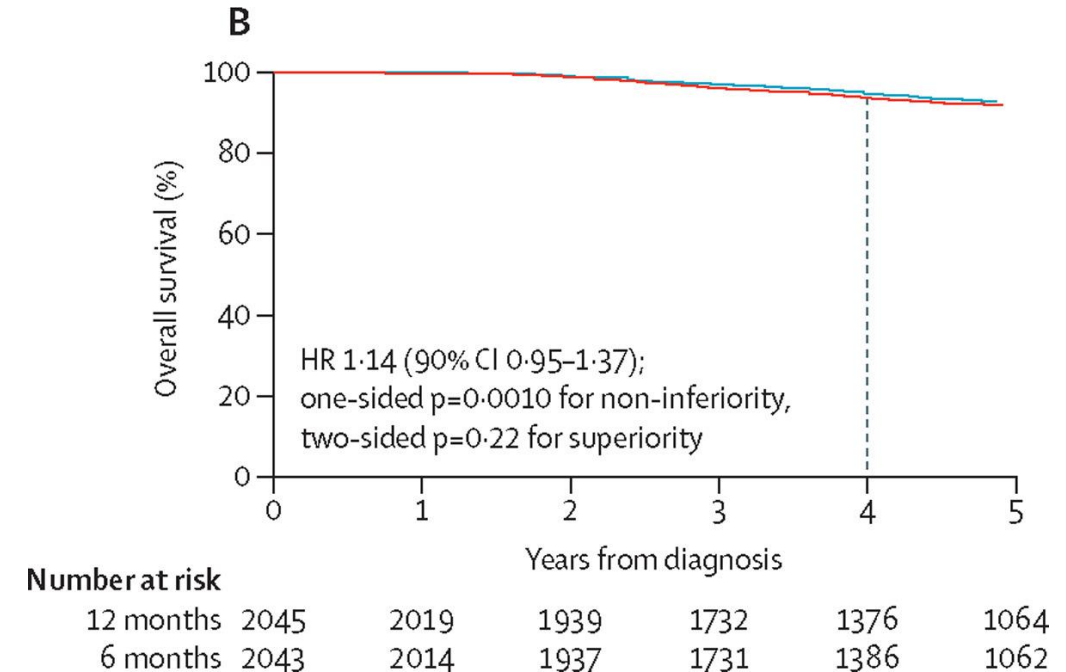
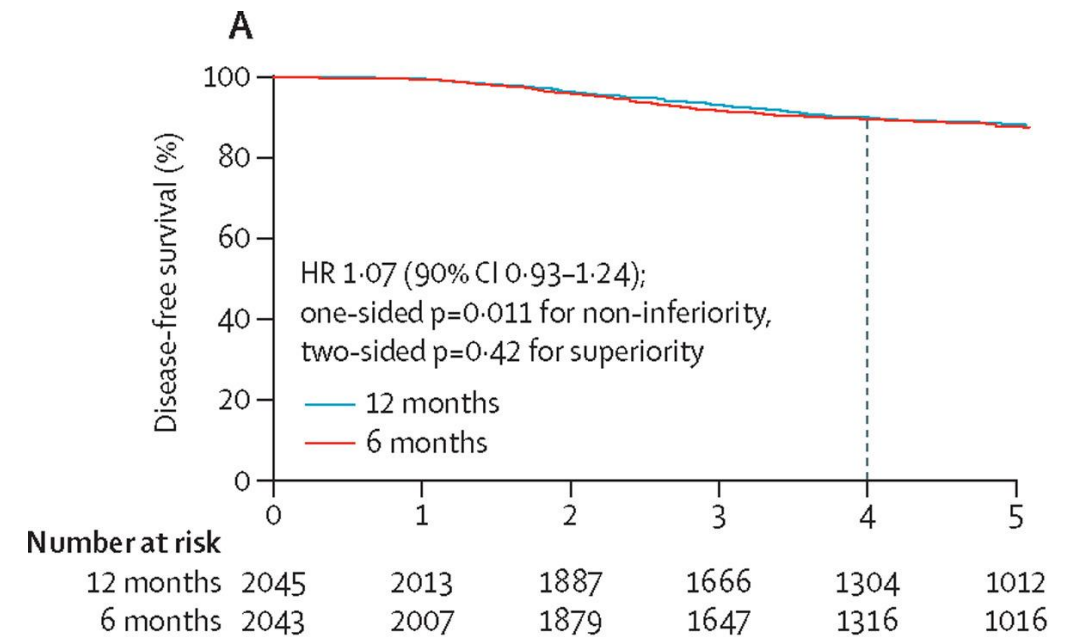
BMJ Oncology

Comparison of standard-dose and reduced-dose treatment of metastatic prostate cancer with enzalutamide, apalutamide or darolutamide: a rapid review

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Duration of adjuvant trastuzumab

- Persephone trial
- 12 months vs 6 months of trastuzumab



Earl et al., Lancet, 2019

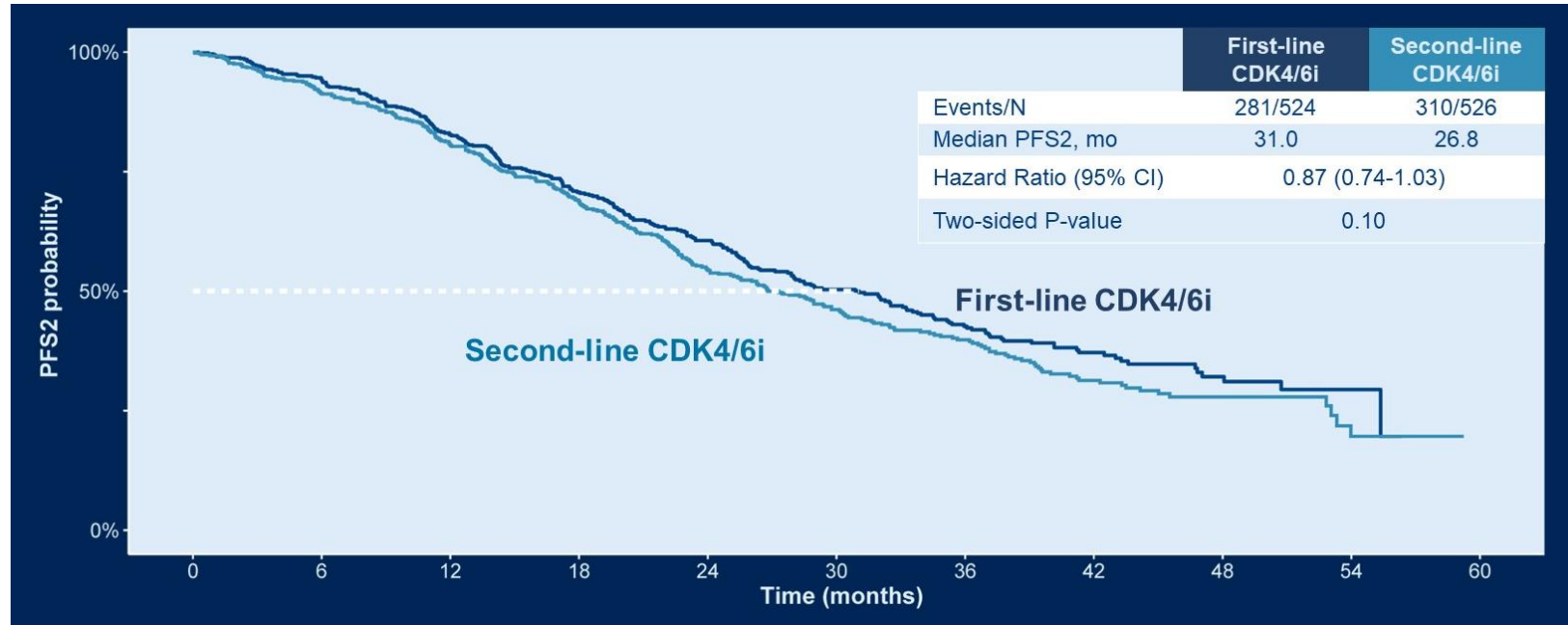
Reduced Duration Pembrolizumab trials

Trial	Indication	Design	Planned n	Country	Registration number
DANTE	Melanoma	Randomized between stop at 1 year vs continue to 2 years in responding patients	1,208	UK	ISRCTN15837212
STOP-GAP	Melanoma	Randomized between stop at response (restart at progression) vs continuous treatment to 2 years	614	Canada	NCT02821013
SAFE STOP	Melanoma	Stop on complete response, single-arm cohort, PFS at 2 years	200	The Netherlands	NL7293 (NTR7502)
PET-STOP	Melanoma	Stop on PET-CR, single-arm cohort, PFS	150	USA	NCT04462406
SAVE	NSCLC	ICI after chemotherapy randomized to stop at 1 year vs continuation	216	Japan	JCOG1701
STOP	Renal cell carcinoma	ICI responding at 1 year randomized to stop at 1 year vs continuation	216	Japan	JCOG1905
DIAL	NSCLC	Randomized between 6 months and 2 years of pembrolizumab after chemotherapy	114	France	NCT05255302
OPTIMICE-pCR	TNBC	Observation vs adjuvant ICI after chemo-immunotherapy combination	1,295	USA	TBC

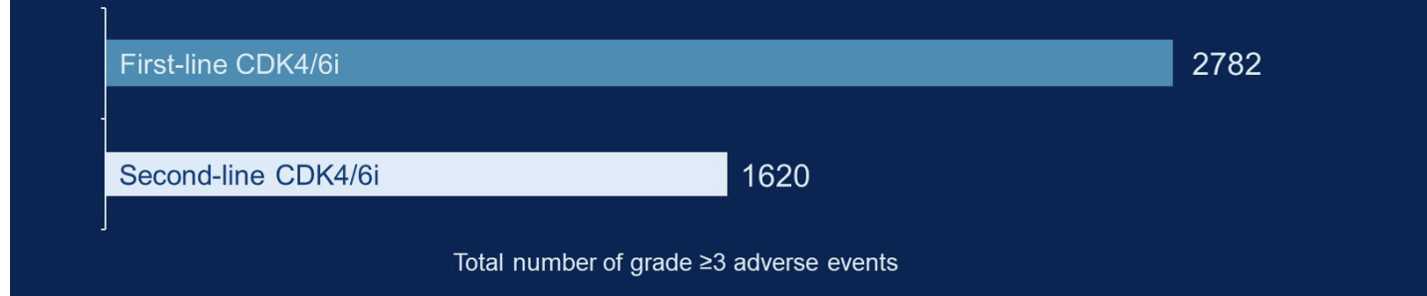
Is recruitment optimal?

Hirsch et al., Nature Medicine, 2022

CDK4/6 inhibitors in 1st or 2nd line met breast cancer



○ 42% more grade ≥3 adverse events when CDK4/6i was used in first-line



More Sequence studies?

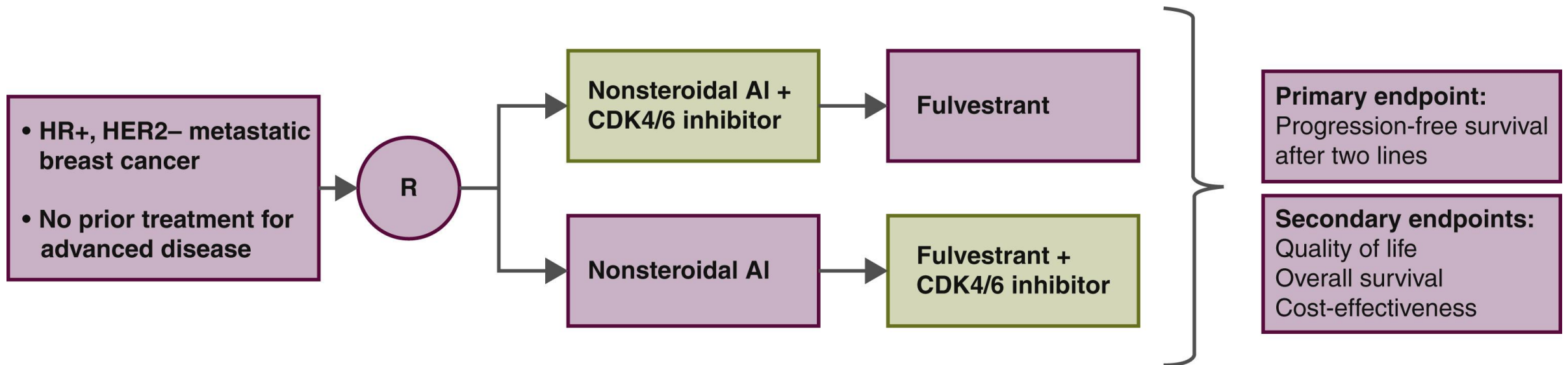
- Daratumumab: 1st line vs 2nd line in myeloma
- Kidney cancer: TKI/IO combo vs sequential

Why is Running Optimization Studies So Hard?

- Minimal / No Funding
- Not Sexy
- Drug already funded

The Solution: Payer funded research linked to regulatory and reimbursement decisions

A revolving research fund to study efficient use of expensive drugs: big wheels keep on turning



Van Ommen Nijjjhof et al, Annals of Oncology 2021

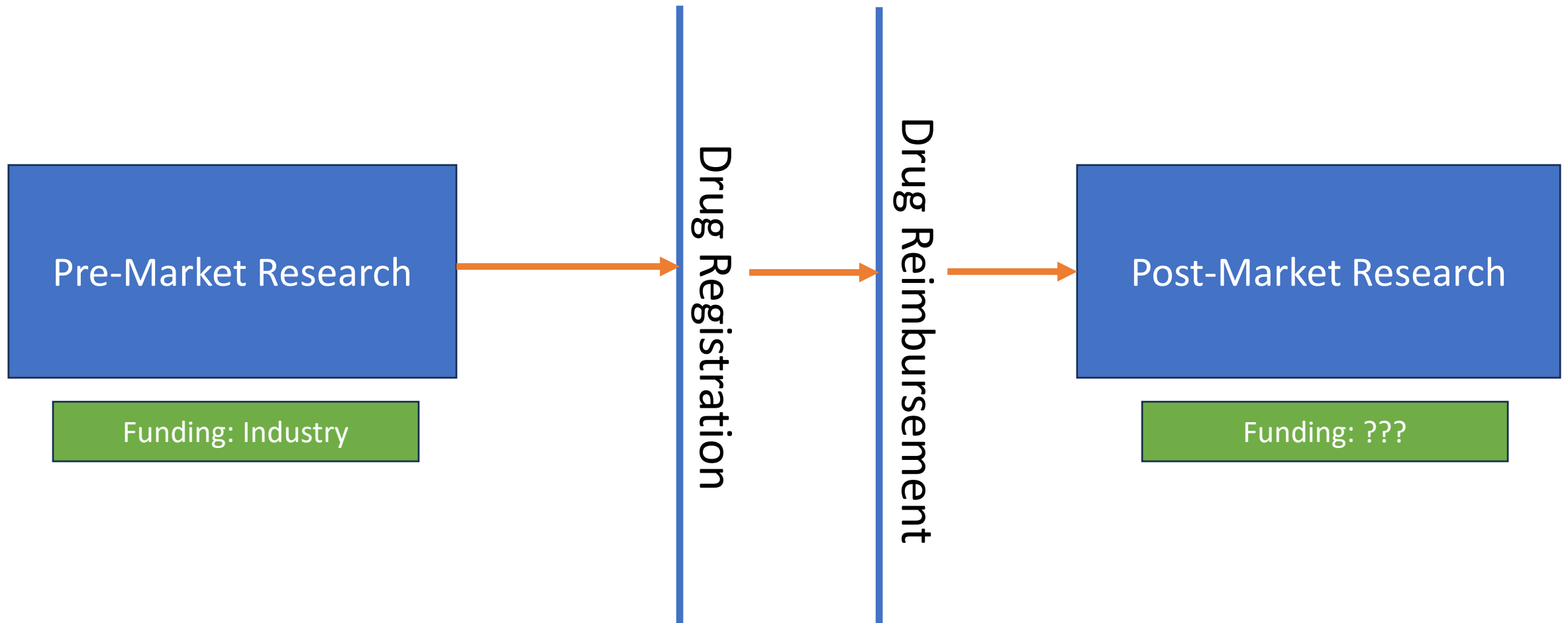


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