



French initiatives to promote novel methodologies of clinical research

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GOAL

Analyze and demonstrate concretely, thanks to a panel of use-cases, the benefit and added value of **these** approaches for speeding up the development/assessment of health innovations

What is new ?

- Hearing
- Analysis of Scientific Litt

What is accepted ?

- HAS assessments
- Opinions
- Concept papers and guidelines

Recommendations

- Scientific litt
- Partnership
- Methods / study using the methods

Use Cases

Call for project

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Use case



Adaptative enrichment



Plateform trial



External control



Bayesian trial



in silico trial

Sample size reassessment

Baskets trial

Pragmatic trial

Virtual patients with AI

Sequential Designs

Umbrella trial

Observational study

Stratification with AI

Seamless Designs

Enhanced trial

MAMS

Selected methodologies

Non selected methodologies

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- ❖ Platform trial (1 Covid),
- ❖ Bayesian trial



- ❖ Basket trial
- ❖ Single arm trial



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- ❖ Augmented trial

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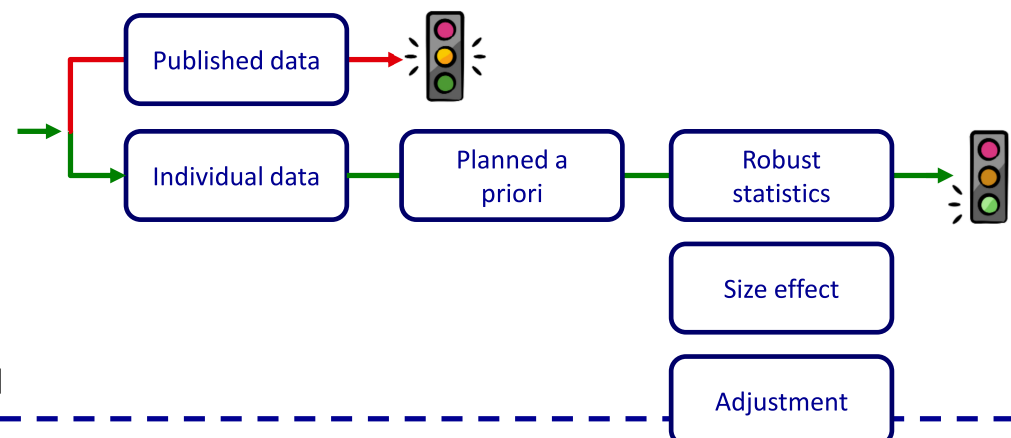
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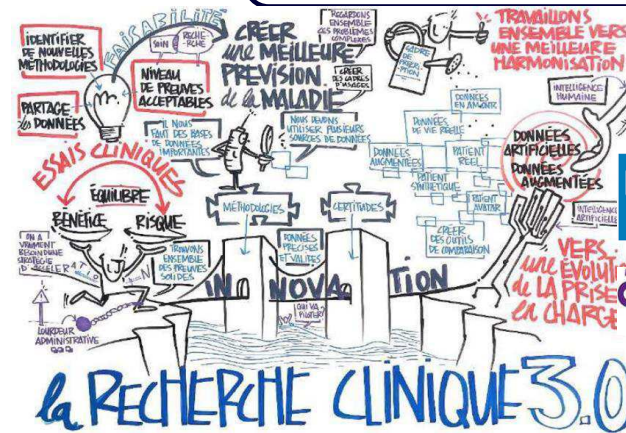
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3 reports , 2 dedicated to the use of data
(real world or artificial)

International Event dedicated to
novel methodologies (Lille, June 2024)



Evolution of the French legislation

Example : to facilitate the use of real world data in a clinical research
(consent, information..)

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Next generation of clinical research

**AI, in silico and external arm :
time to make them real**

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- Back to the needs
- External / Hybrid arms
- Slowly progressing diseases
- For an ambitious regulation
- Is there a pilot in the rocket ?

- AI, diagnosis, prediction, organization of care
- Digital Medical device
- Emulated or simulated
- AI to increase and optimize
- Time to move on

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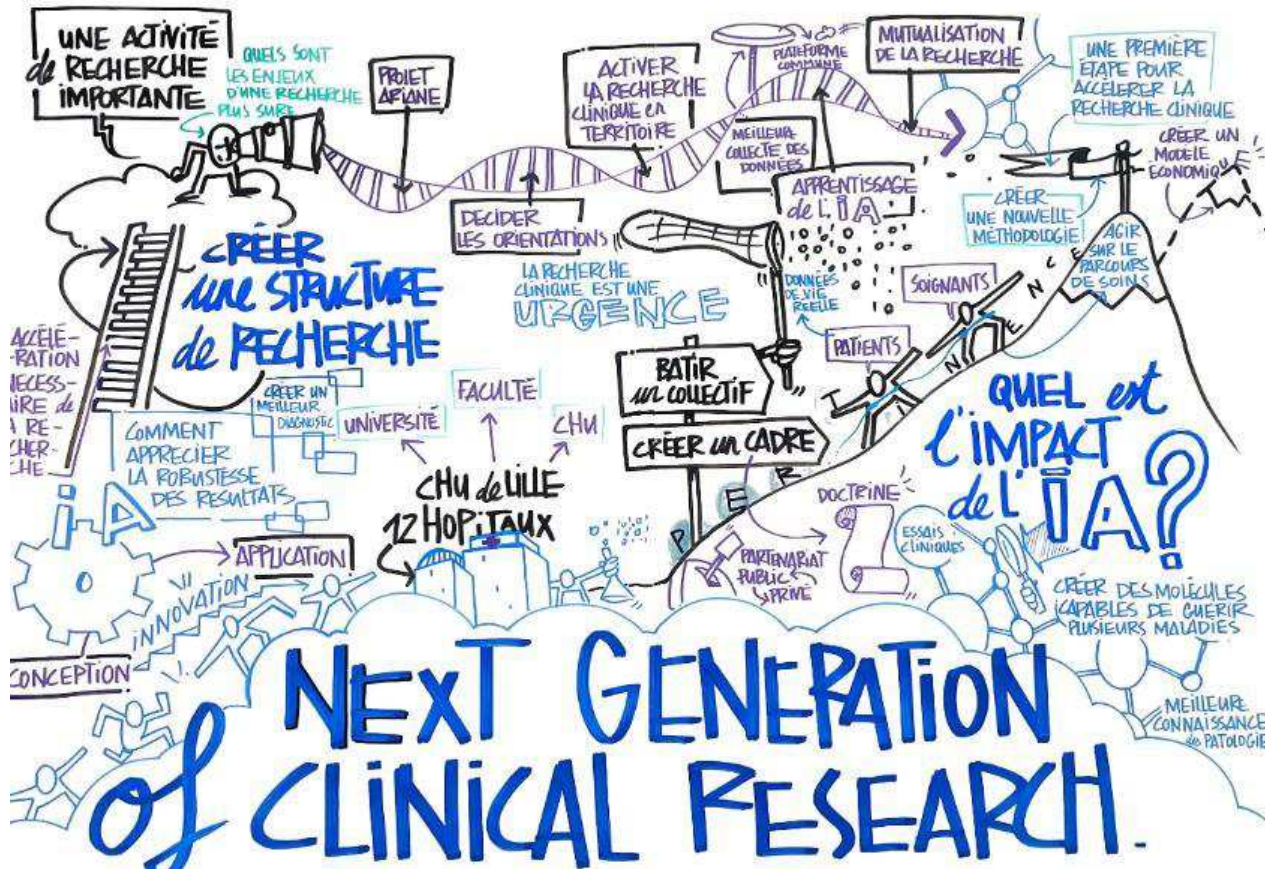
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Back to the needs

Opportunities to improve clinical research,
for the benefit of patients thanks to :

- ✓ Multidisciplinary collaboration
- ✓ Integration of new technologies

→ **Need to focus on patient needs !**

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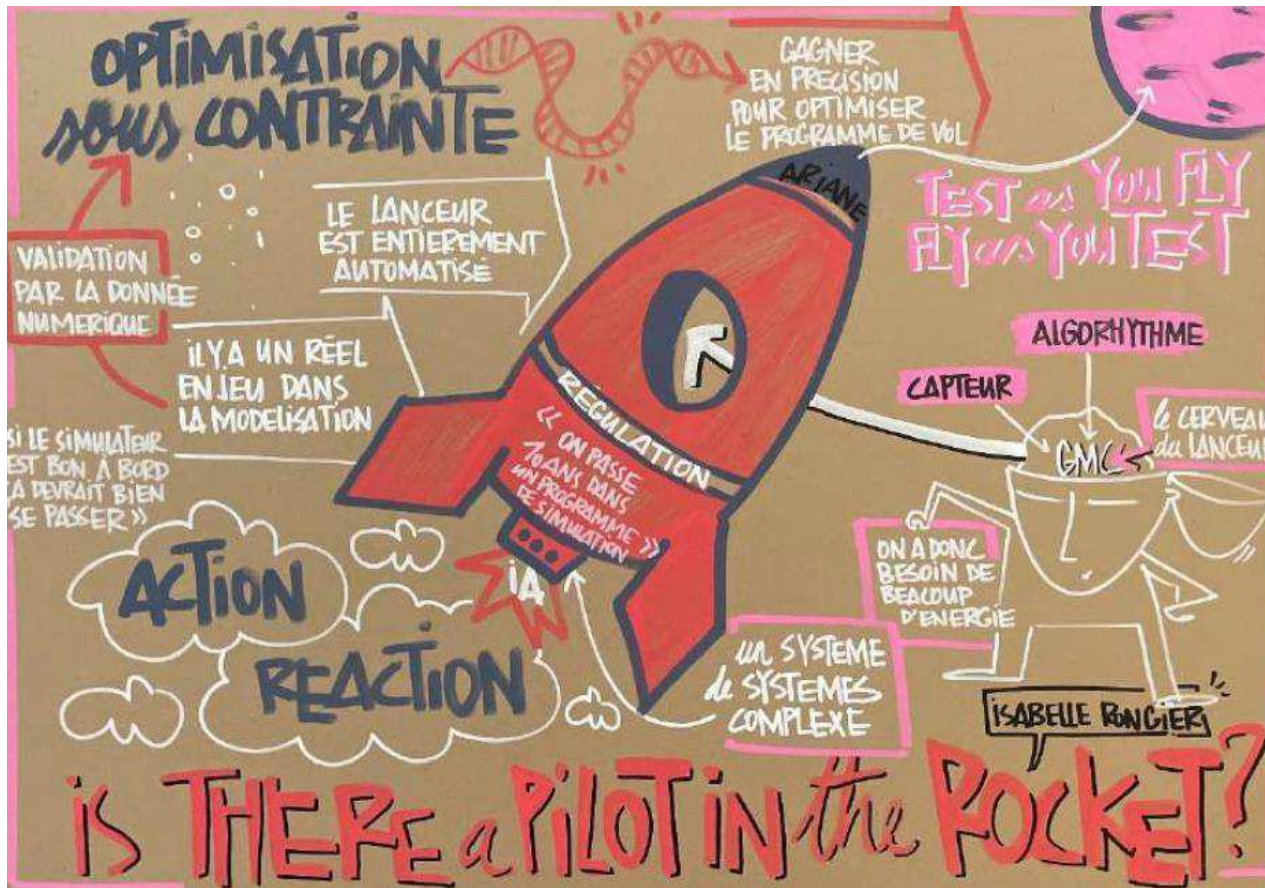
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Is there a pilot ?

Introducing Ariane Group

→ Need for simulation when numerous complex systems are involved, to guarantee safety of astronauts !

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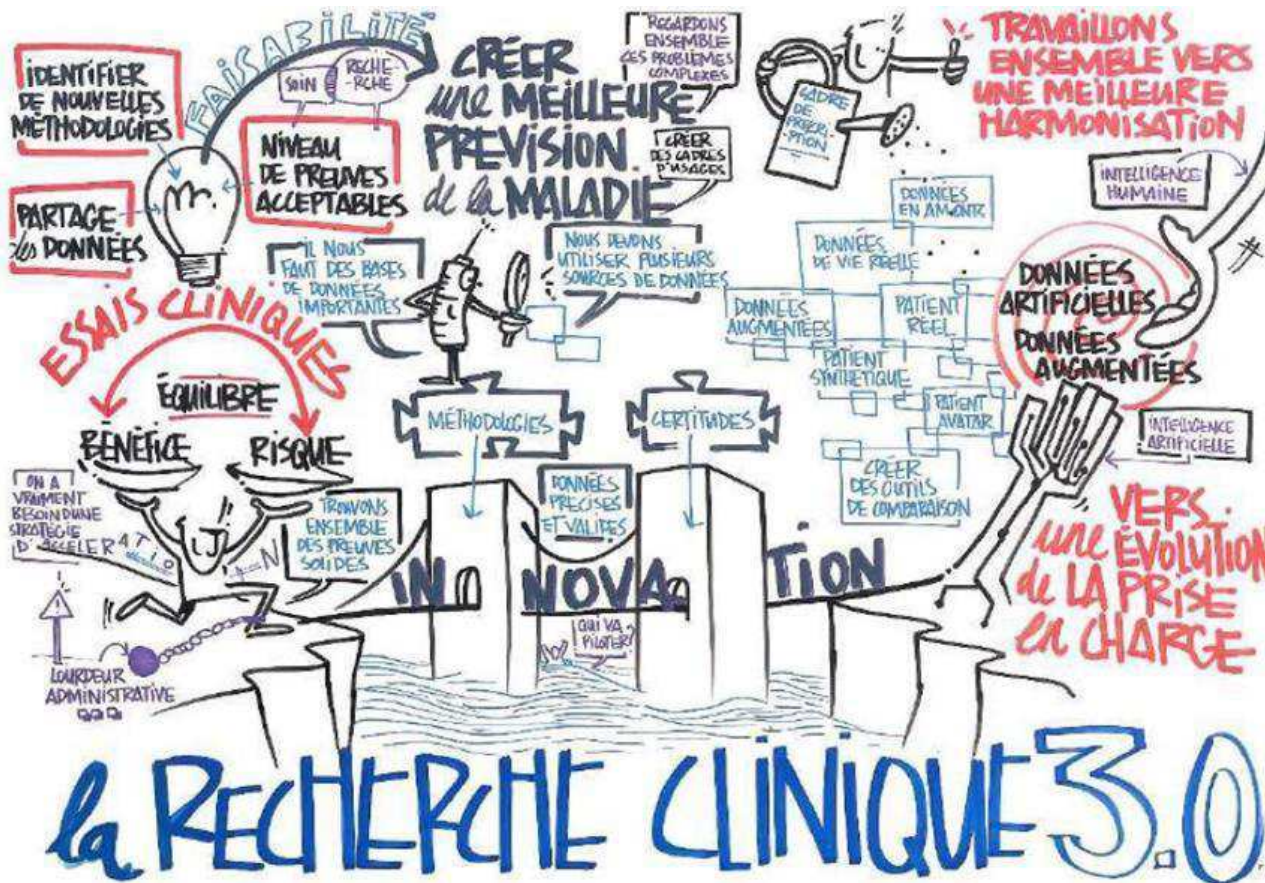
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External control arms Slowly progressing diseases

3 pillars to simulate slowly progressing diseases :

- Disease models
- Treatment models
- Analysis on virtual population

External control arms when RCTs are difficult :

- Rare diseases
- Long follow-up required

RWE are a good opportunity to address these challenges

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Emulated or simulated ?

Concrete situations where emulated / simulated trials have an interest :

- Difficulties to recruit in control arm
- Seeking for a conditionnal approval
- Need to compare to SOC



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Keynotes

Lionel Collet – HAS President:

- Novel methodologies integrated since 2013 in Commission's doctrines
- Need for a balance between novel methodologies and robust data

Alexandre de la Volpilière – ANSM

- Data collection become a pivotal issue
- Need for European coordination

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DMD may bring an improvement in terms of organization of care :

This impact on organization of care needs to be assessed by Authorities, which may define a clear assessment framework.

Assessment initiatives (sandboxes) at Eu level are key to deploy those devices

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AI for clinical research

AI can predict the course of disease, and optimize recruitment.

Need for a close collaboration between industry, authorities and academics:

- **Communication**
- **Training and seizing**
- **Assessment and validation**

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Time to move on

Next steps :

- Communication and transparency
- All stakeholders involved (patients, HCPs, general population)
- Collaboration between academics, industries, authorities, patients ..
- Clear regulatory framework
- Continuous improvement

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Virtual patients

Emulation / external
control arms

AI and pronostic
adjustment

Emulation target trial

AI and predictive
adjustment

Enhanced arm

In-silico model disease

POC

Replay

Add on

Qualification

Longitudinal
monitoring

Readiness

POC

Replay

Add on

Qualification

Longitudinal
monitoring

Disease
framework

Ongoing work :

- ⇒ Consider what is “**fit for purpose**” (in silico models, AI adjustment) and **methodological framework** (emulation, virtual patient, digital twin ...)
- ⇒ Pathway for clinical validation (level of readiness)
- ⇒ Regulatory risk

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Call for
project

Identify **clinical study projects** able to compare the value of these novel methodologies to the standard RCT in terms of:

- Performance (recruitment, duration, costs)
- Level of proof with similar security requirements

What is expected ?

- **Modeling and simulation:** virtual patients (in silico, AI)
- **Advanced tools:** machine learning/artificial intelligence, innovative methods for adjusting statistical models, validation of substitution criteria, etc.
- **Augmented arm** (or hybrid)
- **Real world arm / study** : emulation; enrichment of data sources (cohorts, registers, warehouses)

Benefit for selected
projects

1. Identification and promotion of **success stories**
2. **Technical support** from WG experts
3. **Institutional support** (HDH, CNIL, ANSM...) throughout the project
4. **Financial support** (ex : ancillary studies to demonstrate and measure the value of using different methodological approaches)



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