

Clinical Development Success Rates 2006-2015



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About Biomedtracker

BioMedTracker, a subscription-based product of Informa, tracks the clinical development and regulatory history of investigational drugs to assess its Likelihood of Approval (LOA) by the FDA. BioMedTracker is populated in near real-time with updated information from press releases, corporate earnings calls, investor and medical meetings and numerous other sources.

About Amplion

Amplion is the leading biomarker business intelligence company, and its flagship product BiomarkerBase™, along with consulting services and free reports, deliver insights that inform key strategic decisions for drug and diagnostic test developers. Since 2012 Amplion has helped large and small companies alike make the best use of biomarkers in advancing precision therapeutics and next generation diagnostics. BiomarkerBase is a subscription-based service that tracks biomarker usage in clinical trials, drug labels, and tests (including laboratory-developed, FDA-cleared, and FDA-approved tests). BiomarkerBase is updated weekly with information from these sources and publications, using supervised machine learning algorithms for natural language processing (Amplion BiomarkerEngine) to identify biomarkers.

Executive Summary

This is the largest study of clinical drug development success rates to date. Over the last decade, 2006-2015, a total of 9,985 clinical and regulatory phase transitions were recorded and analyzed from 7,455 development programs, across 1,103 companies in the Biomedtracker database. Phase transitions occur when a drug candidate advances into the next phase of development or is suspended by the sponsor. By calculating the number of programs progressing to the next phase vs. the total number progressing and suspended, we assessed the success rate at each of the four phases of development: Phase I, II, III, and regulatory filing. Having phase-by-phase data in hand, we then compared groups of diseases, drug modalities and other attributes to generate the most comprehensive analysis yet of biopharmaceutical R&D success.

This work was made possible due to the years of clinical program monitoring and data entry by Informa's Biomedtracker service. BIO has long partnered with Biomedtracker to calculate success rates based on this data. More recently, BIO and Biomedtracker partnered with Amplion, the inventors of BiomarkerBase, to analyze the effects of biomarkers in clinical trial success.

Key takeaways:

- The overall likelihood of approval (LOA) from Phase I for all developmental candidates was 9.6%, and 11.9% for all indications outside of Oncology.
- Rare disease programs and programs that utilized selection biomarkers had higher success rates at each phase of development vs. the overall dataset.
- Chronic diseases with high populations had lower LOA from Phase I vs. the overall dataset.
- Of the 14 major disease areas, Hematology had the highest LOA from Phase I (26.1%) and Oncology had the lowest (5.1%).
- Sub-indication analysis within Oncology revealed hematological cancers had 2x higher LOA from Phase I than solid tumors.
- Oncology drugs had a 2x higher rate of first cycle approval than Psychiatric drugs, which had the lowest percent of first-cycle review approvals. Oncology drugs were also approved the fastest of all 14 disease areas.
- Phase II clinical programs continue to experience the lowest success rate of the four development phases, with only 30.7% of developmental candidates advancing to Phase III.



Disease areas covered in this report:

- Allergy
- Autoimmune
- Cardiovascular
- Chronic High Prevalence Diseases
- Endocrine
- Gastroenterology
- Hematology
- Infectious Disease
- Metabolic
- Neurology
- Oncology
- Ophthalmology
- Psychiatry
- Rare Diseases
- Respiratory
- Urology

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