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Productivity of authors in the field of diabetes: bibliographic analysis of trial publications

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Results 3782 articles from 13 592 authors were identified. The top 110 authors were named in 1227 (32.4%) of all articles, and the top 11 authors in 397 (10.5%) of all articles. The top 110 authors published 991 RCTs for a median of 20 (range 4-77) RCTs per author; the top 11 published 354 RCTs for a median of 42 (36-77) RCTs per author. Of the 110 top authors, 48 were employed by a pharmaceutical company. Of the 991 RCTs, 906 were commercially sponsored. Of 704 articles that could be assessed for conflicts of interest, only 42 (6%) were considered fully independent. Medical writing assistance was acknowledged in 439 (44.3%) of 991 RCTs.

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Conclusion The past two decades have seen an explosive increase in the number of published clinical trials regarding glucose lowering treatment. Some authors have made a disproportionate contribution to the therapeutic evidence base; one third of the RCT evidence base on glucose lowering drug treatment for diabetes was generated by <1% of authors. Of these, 44% were company employees and 56% were academics who work closely with the pharmaceutical companies.



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Managing Conflicts of Interest in the Conduct of Clinical Trials

Karine Morin, LLM; Herbert Rakatansky, MD; Frank A. Riddick, Jr, MD; Leonard J. Morse, MD; John M. O'Bannon III, MD; Michael S. Goldrich, MD; Priscilla Ray, MD; Matthew Weiss, MD; Robert M. Sade, MD; Monique A. Spillman, MD, PhD

JAMA. 2002;287(1):78-84. doi:10.1001/jama.287.1.78.

- Conflito de funções: médico como investigador;
- Conflito financeiro, entre outros.

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Why Most Published Research Findings Are False

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Modeling the Framework for False Positive Findings

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www.isaia.com.br Porto Alegre/RS Several methodologists have pointed out [9-11] that the high rate of nonreplication (lack of confirmation) of research discoveries is a consequence of the convenient, yet ill-founded strategy of claiming conclusive research findings solely on the basis of a single study assessed by formal statistical significance, typically for a p-value less than 0.05. Research is not most appropriately represented and summarized by p-values, but, unfortunately, there is



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Como a informação é difundida?

The effects of pharmaceutical firm enticements on physician prescribing patterns. There's no such thing as a free lunch.

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We examined the impact on physician prescribing patterns of pharmaceutical firms offering all-expenses-paid trips to popular sunbelt vacation sites to attend symposia sponsored by a pharmaceutical company. The impact was assessed by tracking the pharmacy inventory usage reports for two drugs before and after the symposia. Both drugs were available only as intravenous preparations and could be used only on hospitalized patients. The usage patterns were tracked for 22 months preceding each symposium and for 17 months after each symposium. Ten physicians invited to each symposium were interviewed about the likelihood that such an enticement would affect their prescribing patterns. A significant increase in the prescribing pattern of both

drugs occurred following the symposia. The usage of drug A increased from a mean of \$1 \pm 44 units before the symposium to a mean of \$12 \pm 117 after the symposium (p<0.001). The usage of drug B changed from \$34 \pm 30\$ units before the symposium to \$7 \pm 24\$ units (p<0.001) after the symposium. These changed prescribing patterns were also significantly different from the national usage patterns of the two drugs by hospitals with more than 500 beds and major medical centers over the same period of time. These alterations in prescribing patterns occurred even though the majority of physicians who attended the symposia believed that such enticements would not alter their prescribing patterns. (Chest 1992; 102:270-73)

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Como a informação é validada?

Relationships Between Authors of Clinical Practice Guidelines and the Pharmaceutical Industry

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Objective To quantify the extent and nature of interactions between authors of CPGs and the pharmaceutical industry.

Design, Setting, and Participants Cross-sectional survey of 192 authors of 44 CPGs endorsed by North American and European societies on common adult diseases published between 1991 and July 1999. One hundred authors (52%) provided usable responses representing 37 of 44 different CPGs that we identified.

Results Eighty-seven percent of authors had some form of interaction with the pharmaceutical industry. Fifty-eight percent had received financial support to perform research and 38% had served as employees or consultants for a pharmaceutical company. On average, CPG authors interacted with 10.5 different companies. Overall, an average of 81% (95% confidence interval, 70%-92%) of authors per CPG had interactions. Similarly, all of the CPGs for 7 of the 10 diseases included in our study had at least 1 author who had some interaction. Fifty-nine percent had relationships with companies whose drugs were considered in the guideline they authored, and of these authors, 96% had relationships that predated the guideline creation process. Fifty-five percent of respondents indicated that the guideline process with which they were involved had no formal process for declaring these relationships. In published versions of the CPGs, specific declarations regarding the personal financial interactions of individual authors with the pharmaceutical industry were made in only 2 cases. Seven percent thought that their own relationships with the pharmaceutical industry influenced the recommendations and 19% thought that their coauthors' recommendations were influenced by their relationships.

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Dronedarone for Atrial Fibrillation The Limited Reliability of Clinical Practice Guidelines

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Concerns have been expressed about the reliability of clinical practice guidelines. We analyzed 3 guidelines from medical specialty societies about dronedarone hydrochloride, an antiarrhythmic drug related to amiodarone hydrochloride, for treatment of patients with atrial fibrillation. We compared the recommendations in these guidelines with the conclusions about dronedarone that we reached by applying the Grading of Recommendations Assessment, Development and Evaluation (GRADE) Method to the same evidence base. In our analysis, as a rate control drug, dronedarone was better than placebo only for a surrogate outcome (heart rate). As a rhythm control drug, dronedarone was associated with 13 (95% CI, -15 to 61) excess deaths per 1000 patients treated as compared with placebo. Compared with amiodarone, dronedarone was less effective (214 [95% CI, 130 to 294] more recurrences of atrial fibrillation per 1000 patients treated) and similarly tolerated (–28 [95% CI, –69 to 33] more serious adverse events requiring drug suspension per 1000 patients treated). Despite the limits of the evidence, all a guidelines recommended dronedarone for prevention of recurrences of atrial fibrillation; 2 of the guidelines recommended it as a rate control agent. Our findings raise questions about the reliability of these clinical practice guidelines, as well as the financial associations between many of the panel members and the manufacturer of dronedarone.

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