

## One year of biosimilar filgrastim (EP-2006) in routine clinical practice

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# Biosimilar rG-CSF (EP 2006) administration

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#### Development of a new G-CSF product based on biosimilarity assessment

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## PRIMARY END-POINT

- To verify efficacy and safety of biosimilar filgrastim (EP 2006) in "real world" clinical practice .
- To estimate the proportional incidence of FN when 3 days schedule (*short course*) of biosimilar filgrastim was used.



## METHODS

- Retrospective data analysis on a routine clinical practice population (n=52 pts) [from June 2010 to September 2011]
- Analysis is descriptive

## PATIENTS AND CHEMOTHERAPY CHARACTERISTIC

Patients & treatment		
M:F	18:32	
Median age	59.2 (26-82 )	
CHEMOTHERAPY		
Number of chemotherapy cycle	243 (median 4.6 cycle/patient)	
Number of bio-filgrastim administrations	651 (median 12.5 administration/patient)	
PRIMARY PROPHYLAXIS		
FN> 20% risk	21	
FN< 20% at high risk for infection	25	
SECONDARY PROPHYLAXIS	6	



## CANCERS AND CHEMOTHERAPY



**FN risk > 20%** 

## RESULTS





## TOXICITY

Biosimilar filgrastim (EP 2006)	Patients (N=52)	CTC-AE Grade
ALLERGIC REACTION		
Rush, orticaria, edema	2	1
Dyspnea	0	
Cardiovascular (Hypotension, tachycardia)	1	1
Spleen rupture	0	
Respiratory distress syndrome	0	
ADVERSE REACTION		
Medullary Bone Pain	5/32 evaluable patients	1
Cutaneous Vasculitis	0	
Febrile Neutropenia	0	SAPIENZA UNIVERSITÀ DI ROMA

# SEVERE NEUTROPENIC EVENT in ELDERLY (> 65 y)



#### Over 65y (14 pts) vs under 65 y (38 pts): 11 versus 13 events [OR: 0.57, 95% CI 0.24–1.31, p= 0.18)]



# CONCLUSION

#### PRO

- Data are from routine clinical practice.
- EP 2006 is a safe, effective, with very low toxicity profile biosimilar myeloid growth factor
- "Short course" prophylaxis is potentially effective to prevent FN.
- Results encourage further investigation on a 3 days schedule.

#### CONTRAS

- Limited patients number
- Retrospective data analysis
- Unvalidated 3 days G-CSF schedule
- Lack of a 5-10 days G-CSF schedule control

