# Finansielle interessekonflikter og lægers adfærd

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#### Interessekonflikter

Forsker i interessekonflikter

Medlem af læger uden sponsor







#### **Program**

- Lægemiddelreklamer
- Seeding trials
- Honorar og sponsorering



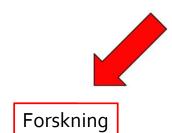




# Påvirkning af læger

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## Lægemiddelreklamer





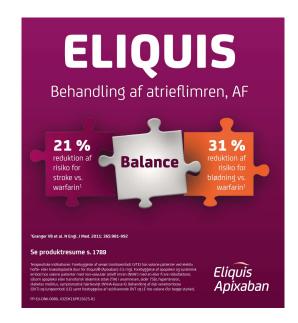






















#### **Evidens for budskaber**

	Total	Number of claims not supported	95% CI
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Antihypertensive	51	35 (69%)	54.1–80.9
Lipid-lowering	51	10 (20%)	9-8-33-1
Journal*	-200		
At Primaria	61	29 (48%)	34-6-60-7
Form Med Cont	18	11 (61%)	35.7-82.7
Jano	34	17 (50%)	32-4-67-6
Med Clin (Barc)	19	12 (63%)	38-6-83-7
Hipertension	38	25 (66%)	48-6-80-4
Rev Esp Cardiol	25	15 (60%)	38.7–78.9
Promotional slogan	2-22		6,232
Efficacy	84	36 (43%)	32.1-54.1
Safety	15	6 (40%)	16.3-67.7
Convenience	3	3 (100%)	29-2-100-0
Total	102	45 (44%)	34-3-54-3

<sup>\*</sup>The totals add up to more than 102 because some claims appeared in more than one journal.

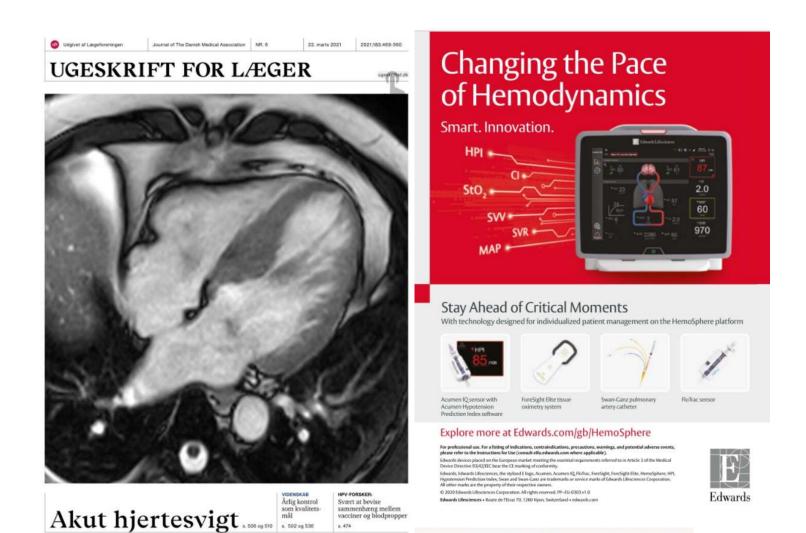
Table 3: Characteristics of non-supported claims

Villanueva Lancet 2003









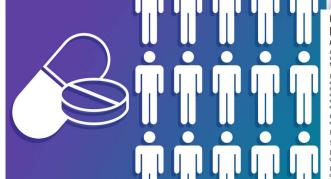






#### Seeding trials





#### Gastrointestinal Tolerability and Effectiveness of Rofecoxib versus

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Background: Gastrointestinal (GI) toxicity mediated by dual cy-clooxygenase (COX)-1 and COX-2 inhibition of nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory dung (NSADs) can cause serious alterations of mu-cosal integrity or, more commonly, intolerable GI symptoms that may necessitate discontinuation of therapy. Unlike NSAIDs, rofe-coxib targets only the COX-2 isoform.

Objective: To assess the tolerability of rofecoxib compared with naproxen for treatment of osteoarthritis.

Design: Randomized, controlled trial.

Setting: 600 office and clinical research sites.

 $Patients: \mbox{ 5557 patients (mean age, 63 years) with a baseline diagnosis of osteoarthritis of the knee, hip, hand, or spine.}$ 

Intervention: Rofecoxib, 25 mg/d, or naproxen, 500 mg twice daily. Use of routine medications, including aspirin, was permit-

Results: Rates of cumulative discontinuation due to GI adverse events were statistically significantly lower in the rofecoxib group than in the naproxen group (5.9% vs. 8.1%; relative risk, 0.74 [95% CI, 0.60 to 0.92]; P=0.005), as were rates of cumulative use of medication to treat GI symptoms (9.1% vs. 11.2%; relative risk, 0.79 [CI, 0.66 to 0.96]; P=0.014)]. Subgroup analysis of patients who used low-doe aspirin (13%) and those who previously discontinued using arthritis medication because of GI symptoms (15%) demonstrated a relative risk similar to the overall sample for discontinuation due to GI adverse events (relative risk, sample for discontinuation due to GI adverse events (relative risk, 0.56 [CI, 0.31 to 1.01] and 0.53 [CI, 0.34 to 0.84], respectively). No statistically significant difference was observed between treat-ments for efficacy in treating osteoarthritis or for occurrence of other adverse events.

weeks, rofecoxib, 25 mg/d, was as effective as naproxen, 500 mg twice daily, but had statistically significantly superior GI tolerability and led to less use of concomitant GI medications. Benefits of







### **ADVANTAGE** forsøget

#### **Annals of Internal Medicine**

ARTICLE

Gastrointestinal Tolerability and Effectiveness of Rofecoxib versus Naproxen in the Treatment of Osteoarthritis

Study Sample

Physicians predominantly at primary care practices associated with investigational sites recruited patients from their existing practices or recruited new patients presenting with osteoarthritis who were screened for study participation. Patients were at least 40 years of age and had osteo-

We enrolled 5557 patients at 600 study sites, 581 in the United States and 19 in Sweden. At the baseline visit,







### Marketing forklædt som forskning?

- Adgang til data fra retssag
- Forsøg initieret 2 måneder før FDA godkendt Vioxx (27. marts 1999)
- Forsøget var designet, udført og rapporterret af Merck's marketingsafdeling

First, the trial was targeted to a select group of critical customers. The clinical trial program for VIOXX focused primarily on specialists. While they would be critical to the early uptake and advocacy for VIOXX, the large majority of prescriptions in the A&A [arthritis and analgesia] market (~60%) come from primary care physicians. The ADVANTAGE trial utilized this important group of prescribers as investigators. In addition to gaining experience with VIOXX, many of these physicians gained a highly coveted introduction to clinical research. Second, the design of the trial focused on demonstrating the value of VIOXX to this important audience.

Merck designed the trial, paid for the trial, ran the trial. Merck came to me after the study was completed and said, "We want your help to work on the paper." The initial paper was written at Merck, and then it was sent to me for editing.

The objectives were to provide [a] product trial among a key physician group to accelerate uptake of VIOXX as the

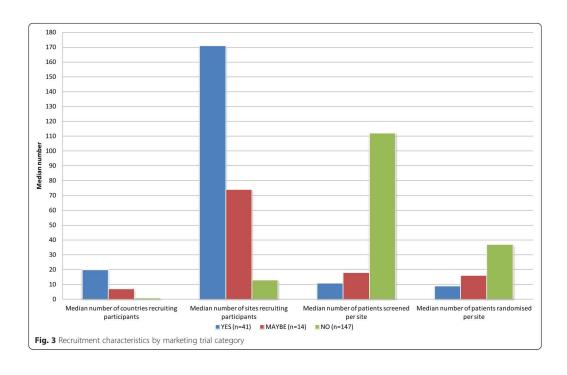
second entrant in a highly competitive new class and gather data important to this customer group.

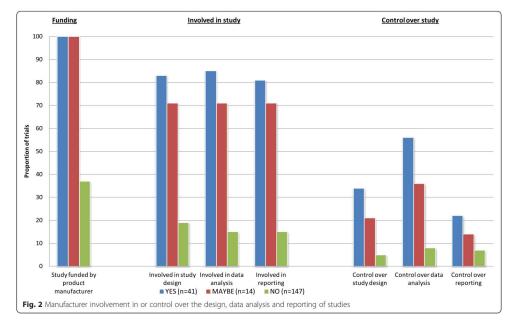


# **Seeding trials**

- 194 randomiserede lægemiddelforsøg publiceret i 'the big six' i 2011
  - 41 (21%) havde tegn på 'marketing' forsøg
  - 14 (7%) havde måske tegn på 'marketing' forsøg

Barbour Trials 2016





# **Seeding trials**

How Conducting a Clinical Trial Affects Physicians' Guideline Adherence and Drug Preferences

**Table 3.** Sponsor's Share of Total Prescribed Asthma Drug Volume in Defined Daily Doses for Trial-Conducting and Non-Trial-Conducting Practices

	Trial-Conducting Practices, %*	Non-Trial-Conducting Practices, %*	Difference, % (95% CI)†
Baseline	52.9	52.8	
1 y	56.3	53.1	3.1 (0.2-5.0)
2 y	58.7	51.9	6.7 (3.0-11.7)

Andersen JAMA 2006







### Honorar og sponsorering





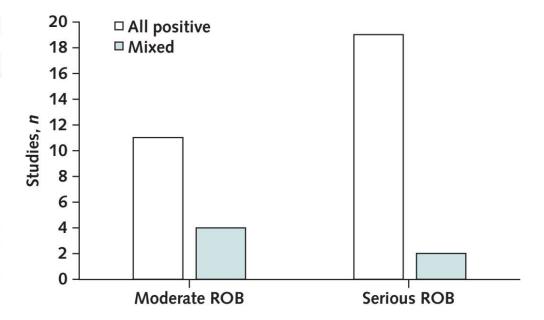




# Industrihonorar og ordinationsmønster

#### **Geographic region**

Geographic region	
Entire United States	32 (88.9)
U.S. state, municipality, or hospital	3 (8.3)
France	1 (2.8)
Class of drugs studied	
Multiple drugs from different classes	11 (30.6)
Opioids	7 (19.4)
Antineoplastic	3 (8.3)
Anti-VEGF	3 (8.3)
Biologics for inflammatory bowel disease	1 (2.8)
Erectile dysfunction	1 (2.8)
Gabapentinoids	1 (2.8)
Intranasal corticosteroids	1 (2.8)
Multiple sclerosis drugs	1 (2.8)
lpha-Blockers and overactive bladder drugs	1 (2.8)
Proton-pump inhibitors	1 (2.8)
Statins	1 (2.8)
Tumor necrosis factor inhibitors	1 (2.8)
Anticoagulant	1 (2.8)
Antipsychotic	1 (2.8)
NMDA receptor antagonist	1 (2.8)



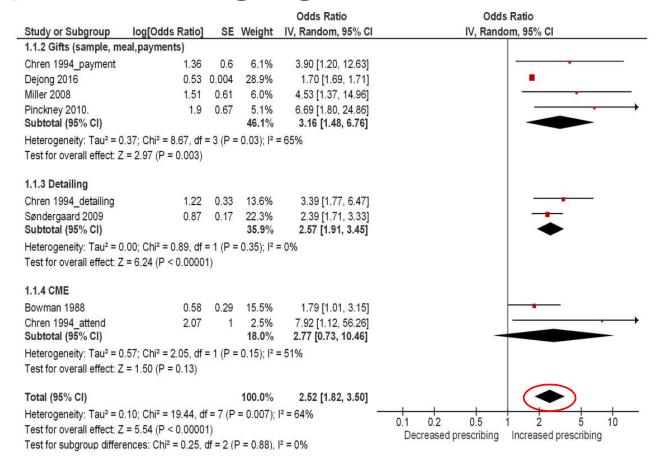
Mitchell Ann Intern Med 2021







#### Sponsorering og ordinationsmønster



Brax PLoS ONE 2017







#### Konklusion





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Forskning







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