

Cognitive Trajectories Working Group Update.

At the last meeting of the working group, the general conclusion was that in order to answer the central question of the group: Is there a level of baseline cognitive performance that impacts on the likelihood of a response to treatment in pharmacological trials?, that analysis of placebo controlled unblinded data is the only viable strategy.

Thus, the next step will be acquisition of such data. One member of the group believes that he can get his statisticians to perform such analyses on one of his data sets. As this would allow for a viability assessment for testing the idea in other data sets, the current plan is to get these analyses done, evaluate the results, and then, if the results are informative, to make a formal data request to other companies for data release for trials where the drug is no longer in development.