

Exchange of views with EMA/HMA Supply Group

*Second wave risk demand
planning for Covid19*

Covid-19 Situation

March-June first wave: Initiated industry-Supply group cooperation

Medicines for Europe-EFPIA coordinated ICU Kearney project first wave planning

Supply group: coordination on EU & member state responses to first wave

Second wave: Monitoring localised waves linked to vacation & loosening of restrictions

Future risks:

- **Return to work/school**
- **Flu season combination with Covid-19**
- **External factors: demand in Americas//outbreak in Asia affecting supply chains**

ICU medicines project recap

1st wave demand assessment for ICU medicines (95% accuracy for COVID patient calculation) and total supply

1st wave ind-gov cooperation: dramatic increase in supply (reg flex) & better demand calculation (#of patients & meds consumption)

Country allocation: More Gov. coordination to improve allocation across hospitals/countries

Second wave: how to reinitiate industry-Government cooperation?

Sharing demand projections for industry planning

ECDC
data projection too
short term; collect
and aggregate other
sources for 2nd wave
scenario

EMA-HMA Supply
group sharing
demand projections:
info for industry?

Adapt to new
variables: lower
hosp. rate; changes
to treatment
protocols --> impact
on ICU med demand?

COVID-19 wave II

Recap of ICU Kearney Project &
EU/MS actions & External factors

A model was developed to estimate the demand of critical medicines for a potential second COVID-19 wave

Demand forecasting model

- Initially developed by **Medicines for Europe** and **Accord Healthcare** for the **first COVID-19 wave**
- Enhanced with additional parameters by **Kearney** for a potential **second COVID-19 wave**

Approach

- **Favoring overestimation of cases** due to the fact that the risk of underestimating is higher than the risk of overestimating
- **Not reflecting the impact** of any behavioral changes, social distancing, or other interventions which could influence case numbers
- **Not addressing** the impact of **tourism** potentially occurring in late summer/early autumn
- Using **number of reported deaths per country** as base for estimation
- Using **three different parameters** to plan for **future demand scenarios** (# deaths, MV usage, treatment duration)

Data sources

- **Actual data** of number of daily deaths as of **May 21st 2020**
- Worldometer Coronavirus reports
- WHO Situation Reports
- Expert opinions
- Secondary research, e.g.
 - Robert-Koch-Institute, Germany
 - International Long-Term Care Policy Network (<https://ltccovid.org/>)
 - ICNARC – Intensive Care National Audit & Research Centre
- Various scientific articles (e.g., Grasselli et al., JAMA; Bhatraju et al., NEJM)

Key assumptions

- **Herd immunity will not be achieved** by any country during first COVID-19 wave
- **Individual country responses** to a second COVID-19 wave will be **identical to responses to the first wave**
- The development of the second COVID-19 wave will be **similar to the first wave**
- Only COVID-19 related deaths occurring in ICUs will **cause demand in critical medicines**
- Number of daily deaths will decrease **around 28-days post-lockdown**

Demand forecasting model

Accuracy vs real world data




	Model version: 1 (Data lock point 21 Apr 2020)		
	Model prediction	Actual worldometer	% difference
	01 March 2020 17 June 2020	01 March 2020 17 June 2020	
Total EU	170,680	174,639	-2.3%
EU-5	139,769	142,239	-1.7%
Spain	26,405	27,136	-2.7%
France	28,707	29,575	-2.9%
UK	45,432	42,153	7.8%
Italy	30,953	34,448	-10.1%
Germany	8,273	8,927	-7.3%

	Model version: 2 (Data lock point 11 May 2020)		
	Model prediction	Actual worldometer	% difference
	01 March 2020 17 June 2020	01 March 2020 17 June 2020	
Total EU	163,923	174,639	-6.1%
EU-5	134,205	142,239	-5.6%
Spain	28,212	27,136	4.0%
France	28,709	29,575	-2.9%
UK	35,879	42,153	-14.9%
Italy	32,979	34,448	-4.3%
Germany	8,426	8,927	-5.6%

Three different scenarios – best, base and worst case – will indicate medicines demand for a potential second COVID-19 wave

Selected scenario overview for a second COVID-19 wave

Key characteristics

		Best Case	Base Case	Worst Case
Scenario illustration for molecule demand		 <i>Lowest absolute demand (kg)</i>	 <i>Likely demand (kg)</i>	 <i>Highest likely demand (kg)</i>
Model parameters	# of new deaths vs. first wave	- 50%	Same	+ 50%
	% patients on MV	50%	50%	100%
	Treatment duration	Likely		
Total # new ICU patients (October 1 st – November 30 th 2020)		33'153	66'306	99'459

EU & MS Policy action

Dialogue with
industry: Reg.
Flex, shortages,
Comp.
guidance

EU alignment
on demand
modelling or
scenarios for
second wave

Visibility for
industry on
national
inventories

Better MS
coordination:
CivilProtect-
MoH-NCA-
Hospitals-
Industry

External factors

Second waves
in US, Brazil,*
Mexico* =
demand for
medicines

Indian second
wave: limited
impact on
supply chain

India-China
military
tensions:
uncertain
impact-->
to monitor

Can we
improve EU
dialogue
with key
partners?

***LA demand has biggest impact on EU manufacturers**

patients • quality • value • sustainability • partnership



How do we move
forward?

Going forward, the industry has three clear asks to the European Commission and the member states



Clear volume commitments

- Each member state should make clear and legally binding volume commitments
- There should be no refund of surplus purchases
- Delivery in instalments should be possible (based on need, contractually determined)



Clear guidelines for storage

- Medicines Reserve should be warehoused by industry, wholesaler or distributor
- Additional expenses (e.g., for warehouse space) should be covered/ insured
- Unused medicines can be given to hospitals, be donated or moved to other member states in need (in contractually agreed volumes)



Clear allocation policy

- The need-based access of all members states to EC Medicines Reserve should be ensured
- The EC should manage distribution to member states using industry/ wholesaler/ distributor logistics
- National agencies/ governments should manage distribution of stock within countries
- Appropriate regulatory flexibility that was granted in the first wave should be maintained (e.g., for national licensing)

Clear asks for predictable results



Accurate demand forecast based on expected patient needs to prevent speculation and secure necessary manufacturing capacity



Volume commitments are necessary to mobilize stock to where it is really needed → shared responsibility



Clarity and coordination at national level are important to understand inventories/stock levels remaining – preparedness cannot be done in isolation

Thank you