



A Note from the Executive Director

I always feel energized when the group of BBCIC participants get together, and that is no different after our BBCIC Annual Meeting & Workshop that was held on June 14, 2023. We had an enthusiastic mix of in-person participants who joined us at AMCP Headquarters in Alexandria, Va., and a large group of dedicated participants who joined us virtually. It was a great meeting. A full summary of events is included in this newsletter. Some significant things have happened since our last newsletter.

[Read the Full Letter](#)

In the News

The BBCIC Team is Growing!

We are thrilled to announce that Patrick Pithua, DVM, PhD, will be joining the BBCIC team as Principal Research Scientist!! Patrick has extensive experience in epidemiology and public health research and has most recently been an Associate Professor at Virginia Tech. He will be joining us starting July 24, 2023. Welcome Patrick!



Pictured: Julia March, Patrick Pithua, DVM, PhD, and Cate Lockhart, PharmD, PhD

Julia Marsh is now the BBCIC Assistant Director, Projects and Operations! This well-deserved promotion reflects Julia's dedication and quick mastery of all-things-BBCIC, including adeptly managing not one, but TWO major federal grant applications in early 2023 and her continual efforts to make BBCIC run so smoothly. Congratulations, Julia!

Events

BBCIC Annual Meeting and Workshop

On June 14, BBCIC hosted our hybrid annual meeting at AMCP Headquarters in Alexandria, Va., and online. We had 13 participants in person in the office and another 25 joining us online for what was an interesting and engaging day. Guest speakers from the FDA joined us to discuss the new Regulatory Science Program that was established as part of the BsUFA III reauthorization and the source of BBCIC's first federal grant. Several project leads provided updates on our current research initiatives, including:

- Switching Descriptive Analysis in Patients with Rheumatoid Arthritis.
- Trastuzumab Utilization and Patient Characteristics.
- The Effect of COVID Lockdowns on Non-COVID-Related Treatment and Outcomes in IBD.



Pictured: BBCIC Annual Meeting In-Person Attendees

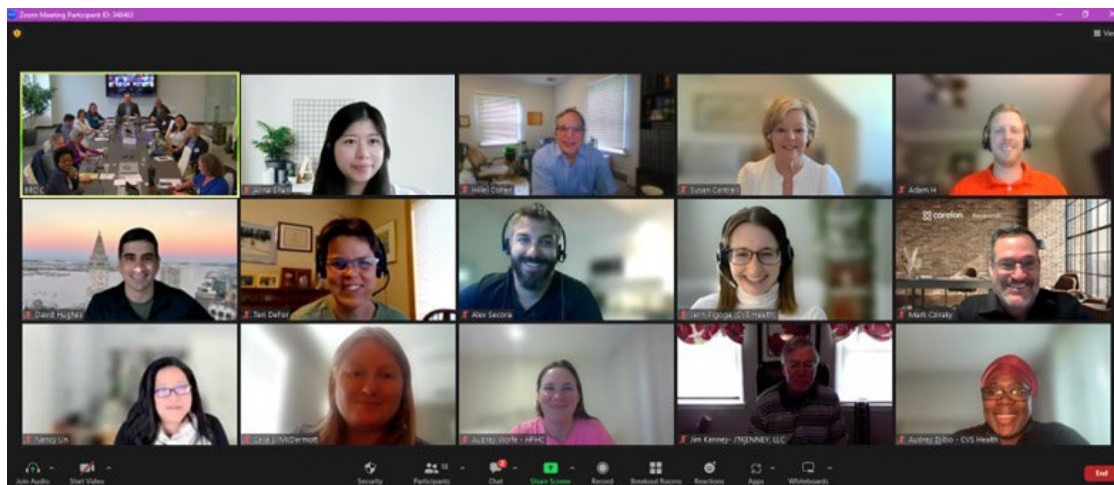
After lunch, we divided into four breakout groups to brainstorm ideas and recommendations as part of the BBCIC Strategic Planning process as we continue to grow and thrive as an organization. Topics discussed included:

- Real-world data approaches for rare diseases and gene/cell therapies.
- Current and anticipated topics in methods and data infrastructure development.
- Strategies and ideas for external funding opportunities.

We concluded the afternoon with a presentation by Liz Hill, AMCP Director of Professional Affairs, describing AMCP's current efforts to support biosimilars, a key strategic priority

leading to a series of tools and resources for payers and consultants to optimize biosimilar adoption.

Detailed notes from the meeting will be shared with all BBCIC participants. Thank you for your enthusiasm and engagement!



Pictured: BBCIC Annual Meeting Virtual Attendees

New Publications

We are pleased to announce we have two new manuscripts that have been accepted for publication by the *Journal of Managed Care & Specialty Pharmacy*!

The two manuscripts are titled:

- Utilization, User Characteristics, and Adverse Outcomes of Insulin Glargine Originators and Follow-on Drug in Patients with Diabetes in the US
- Real-world switching and discontinuation outcomes of infliximab biosimilars in patients with rheumatoid arthritis: a scoping review

These will be available in the coming months on the [JMCP website](#).

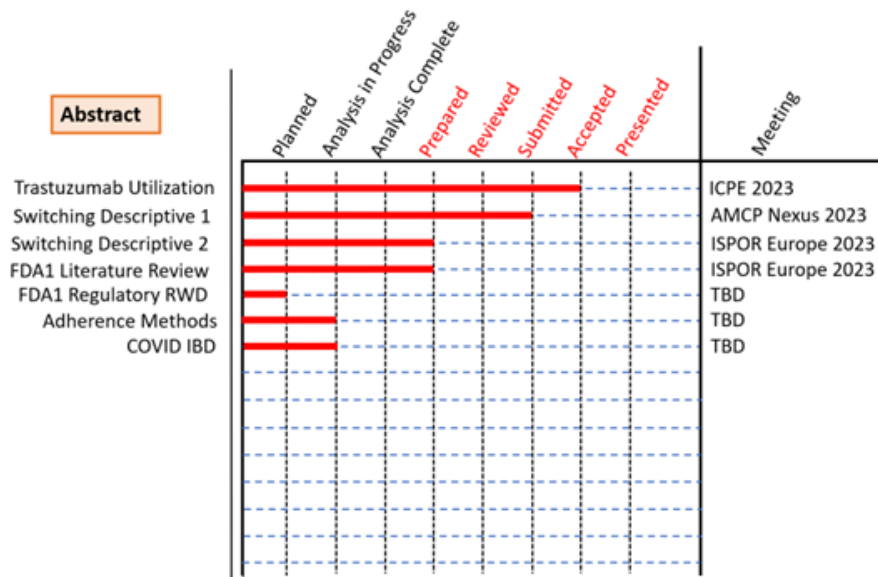
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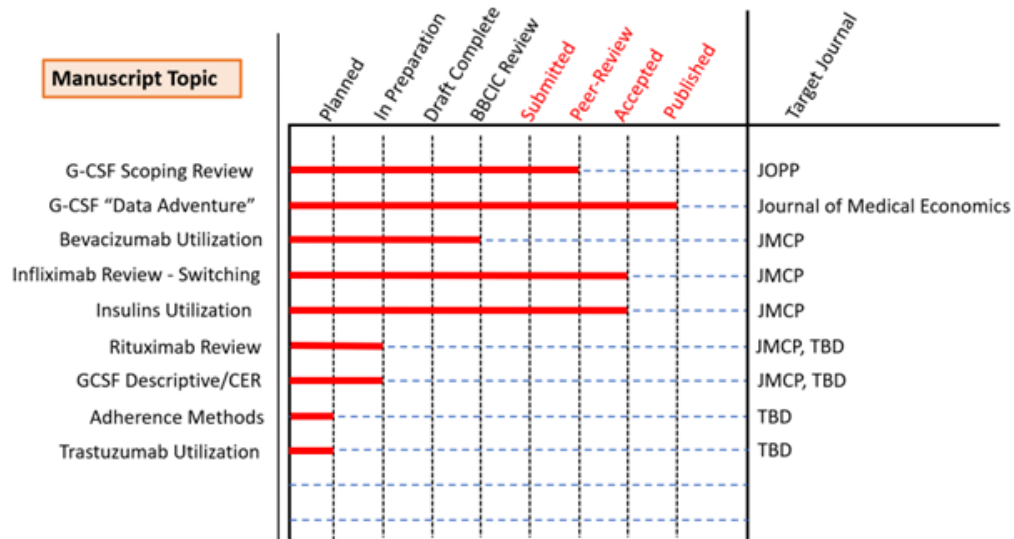
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