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**From launch to legacy:**  
**Pricing excellence through forecasting**  
**& analytics**

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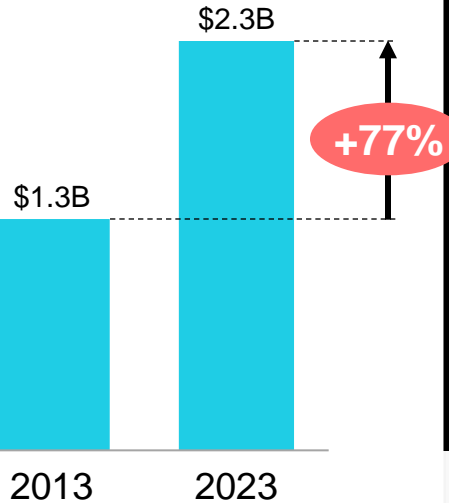
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# The business of developing and launching medicines has become increasingly difficult

## COST

Average R&D cost to develop a therapy<sup>1</sup>

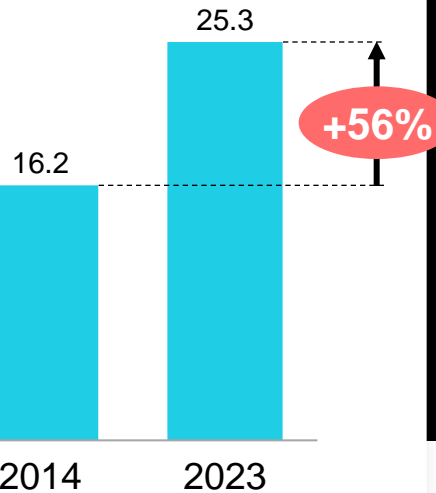
Discovery to Launch (\$B)



## TIME

Enrolment duration for industry-sponsored trials<sup>2</sup>

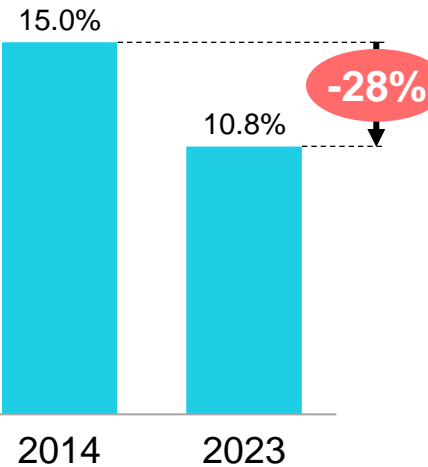
Months



## RISK

Composite success rates<sup>3</sup>

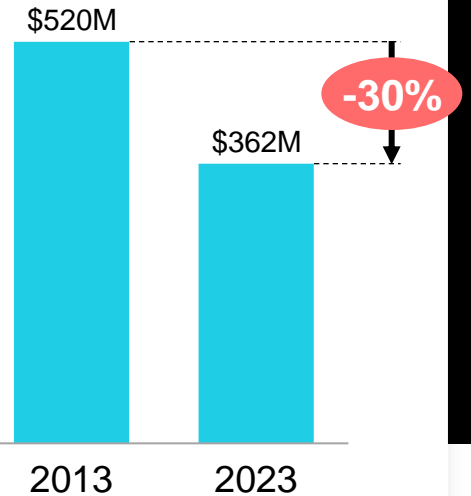
From IND to Approval (%)



## RETURN

Average peak sales<sup>4</sup>

Per Pipeline Asset (\$M)



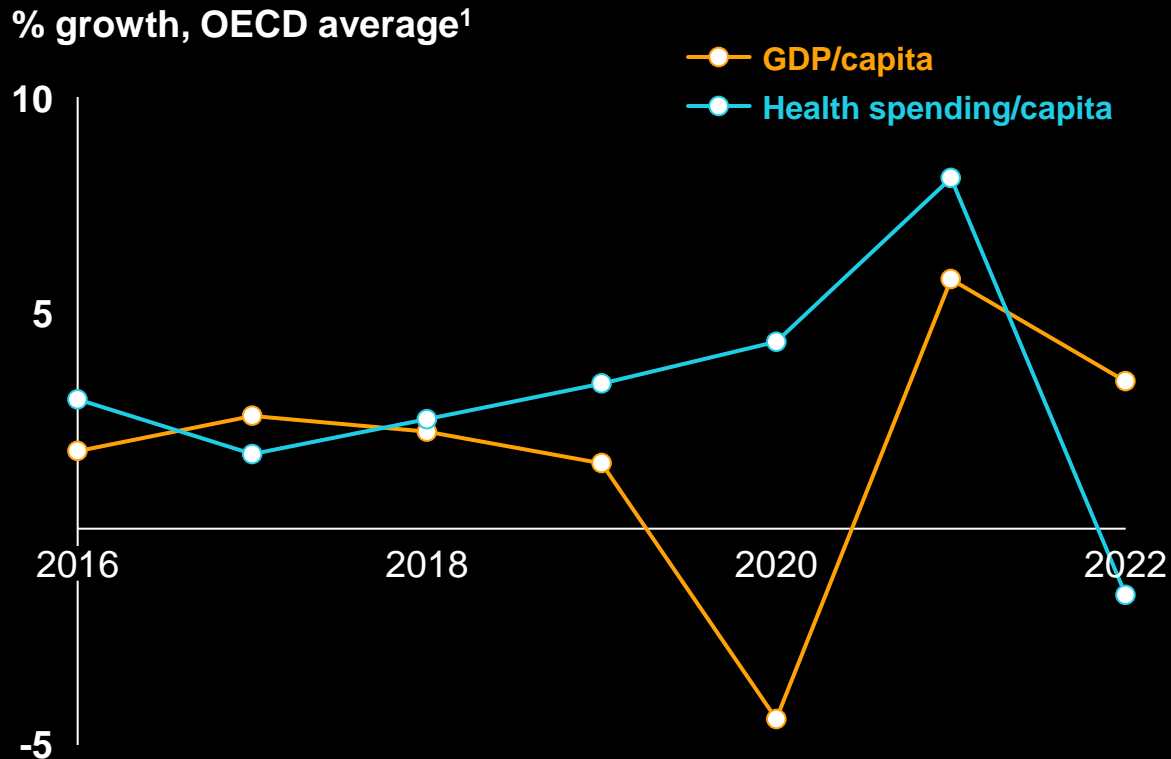
Adapted from Atlas Venture 2024 Year in Review

Now, more than ever, it is important to protect returns (i.e., price) for commercialized medicines

References: 1. Deloitte Annual Report on the Returns from Pharmaceutical Innovation (April 2024); 2. IQVIA report "Rethinking Clinical Trial Country Prioritization" (2024); 3. IQVIA "Global Trends in R&D 2024"; 4. Deloitte Analysis (April 2024)  
Abbreviations: IND: Investigational new drug; R&D: Research and development

# We are in an era of squeezed healthcare budgets and increased management of drug pricing

Amidst a backdrop of increasing financial pressure on healthcare systems...



...new policies are being introduced to manage pharmaceutical spend and pricing



## Inflation reduction act

Medicare price negotiations for select Part B/D drugs<sup>2</sup>



## SHI financial stabilization

Updated pricing guardrails and Orphan drug privilege threshold reduced to €30m<sup>3</sup>



## CEPS price reductions

Pricing committee set a target of €1 billion in savings via drug price cuts for 2025<sup>4</sup>

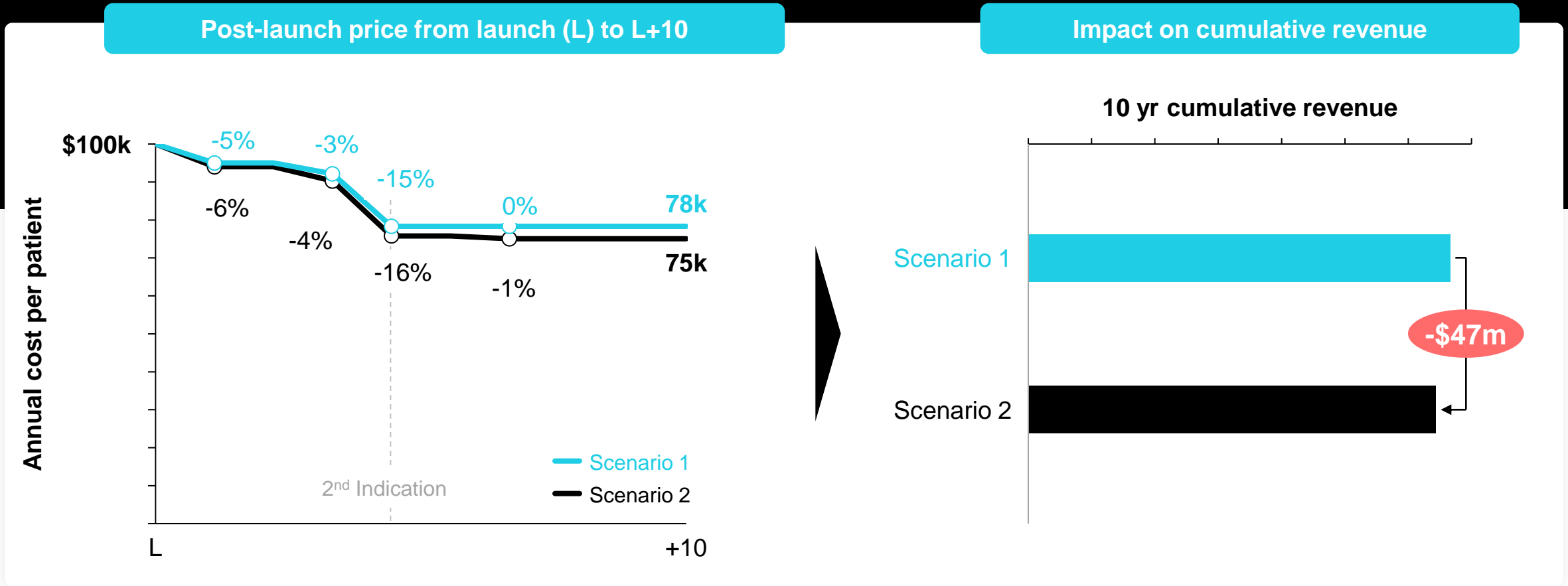


## VPAG

Opted in newer medicines subject to 22.9% payback rates in 2025<sup>5</sup>

References: 1. OECD. Accessed at: <https://www.oecd.org/en/topics/policy-issues/health-spending-and-financial-sustainability.html>; 2. Kings Funds. Accessed at: <https://www.kff.org/medicare/issue-brief/explaining-the-prescription-drug-provisions-in-the-inflation-reduction-act/>; 3. G-BA German Social Code. Accessed at: <https://www.g-ba.de/english/benefitassessment/>; 4. APM News; 5. UK Government. 2024 voluntary scheme for branded medicines pricing, access and growth. Abbreviations: CEPS: Economic Committee for Health Products; GDP: Gross domestic product; OECD: Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development; SHI: Statutory health insurance; VPAG: Voluntary scheme for pricing, access and growth

# Both launch and life-cycle pricing strategy are critical for sustainable innovation



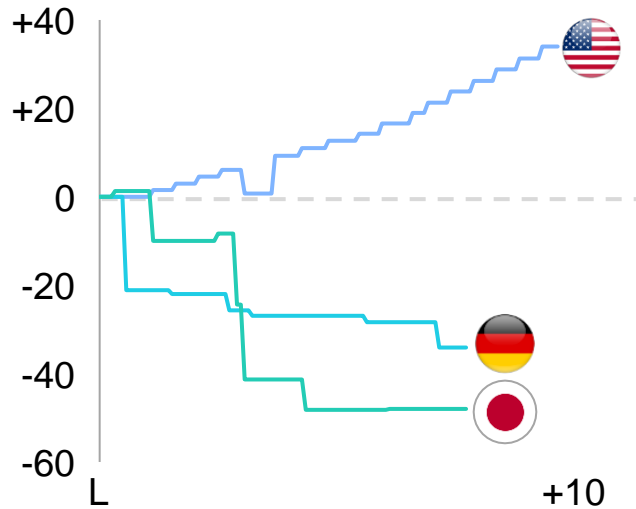
**A single percentage point difference in each price erosion event can make a tangible difference**

Illustration based on peak annual volume of 1,000 pts with a linear ramp up of 4 years (indication 1) and 2,000 pts with a linear ramp up of 5 years (indication 2). Annual price assumed to be equal across both indications. Market share consistent across scenarios. Abbreviations: k: Thousands; L: Launch

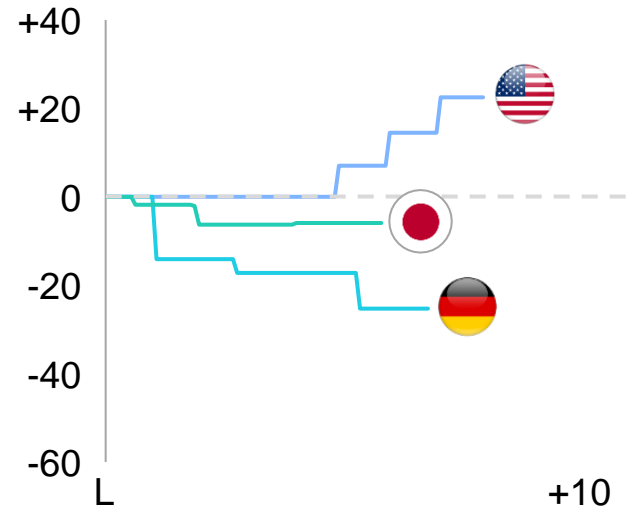
# History has shown us the dynamism and volatility of price over the product life cycle

Price evolution as a % vs. launch price (L) to L+10yrs<sup>1</sup>

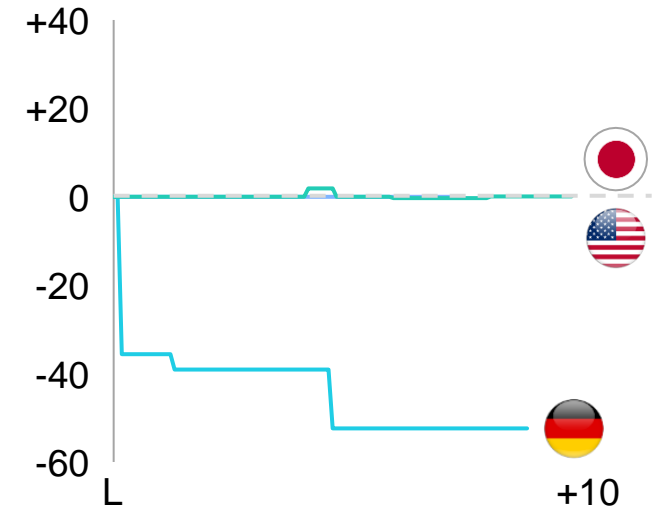
Non-rare Oncology: Keytruda



ATMP in Rare Oncology: Kymriah



Ultra-rare non-oncology: Strensiq



Price change  
(launch vs. current)

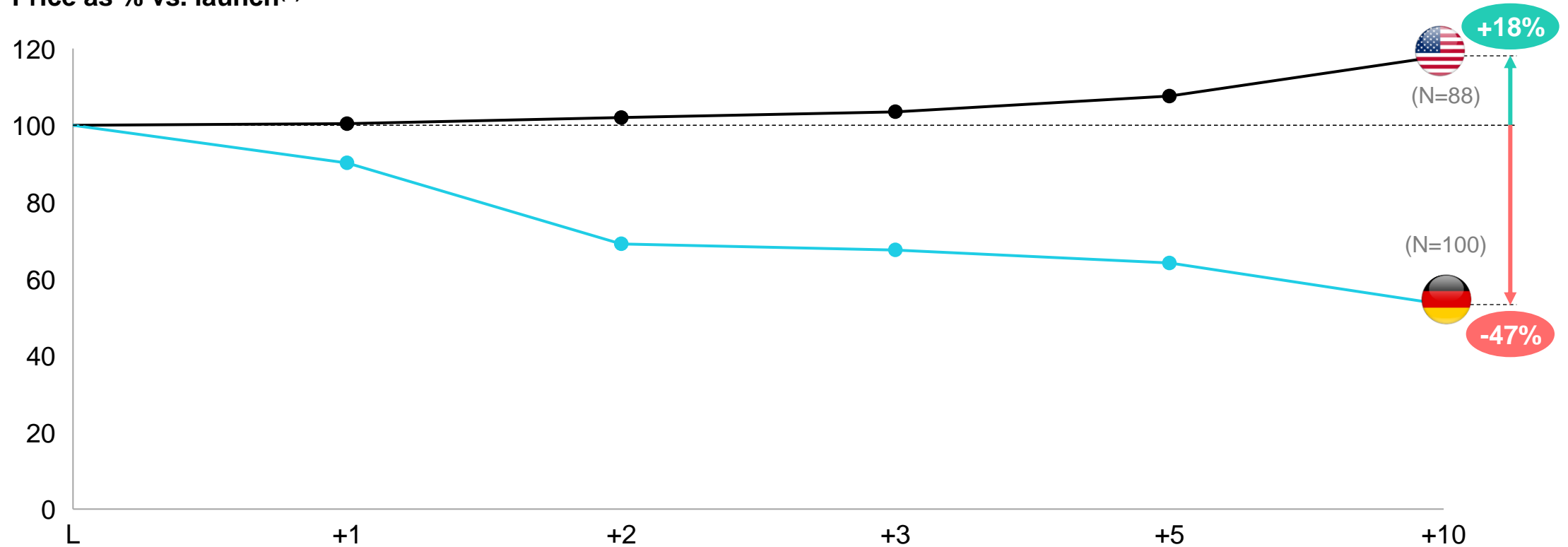


References: 1. Dolon data on file – Global data; Abbreviations: ATMP: Advanced therapy medicinal products; DE: Germany; JP: Japan; L: Launch; US: United States

# History has shown us the dynamism and volatility of price over the product life cycle

## Price evolution vs. launch price (L) to L+10yrs for a cohort of cancer drugs between 2011-2022<sup>1</sup>

Price as % vs. launch<sup>(a)</sup>

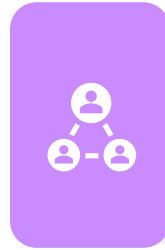


(a) Prices were calculated using dosing information from the FDA label and median treatment duration or truncated at 12mo. For drugs with multiple dosage forms/packages, lowest cost dosage was used. All prices were adjusted for inflation using data provided by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development. References: Laube Y, et al. JAMA Health Forum (2024). Abbreviations: L: Launch

**Price over the product life-cycle is influenced by several events**



**Pricing is dynamic**



### **Competitive environment**

Pressure from evolving competitor pricing and/or entry of new competitors that change the price benchmarks within an indication



### **Contract expiry & re-assessments**

Requests for pre-planned or ad-hoc renegotiations due to time on market or availability of longer-term follow-up data/RWE



### **IRP**

Changes in reference markets driving new lower international benchmarks or IRP basket average prices



### **Indication expansion**

New indications bringing different value propositions, competitive dynamics and/or an increasing eligible population size to the franchise

Abbreviations: IRP: International Reference Pricing; RWE: Real-world evidence;

# The price impact of indication expansions is multi-factorial

## Key factors influencing price erosion upon indication expansion

	▲ Greater price erosion	▼ Lower price erosion
Unmet need	Low	High
Political importance	Unknown	Priority
Evidence quality	Single-arm trial	RCT
Added value vs. SoC	Symptomatic	Curative
Increase in eligible population	Negligible	Significant
Use in combination	Brand-on-brand	Monotherapy
Price benchmarks	Gx/BSC	High-cost

## Mechanics influencing price evolution upon indication expansion

Lowest indication price applied across all indications



Blended-weighted calculation



Mixed but volume increase important driver

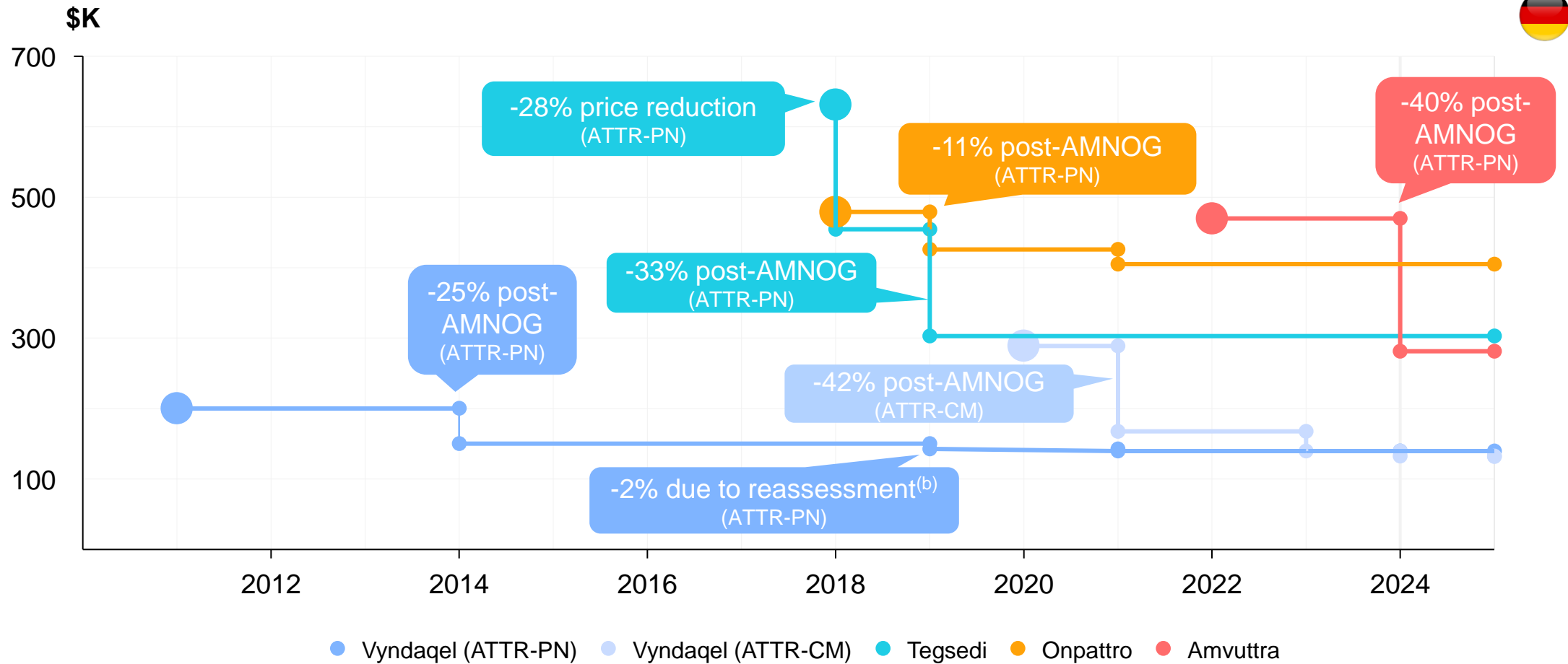


Abbreviations: BSC: Best supportive care; Gx: Generics; RCT: Randomised controlled trial; SoC: Standard of care



# Understanding the evolution of the competitive space is crucial yet complex

Evolution of ex-factory price per patient per year for ATTR medicines<sup>1(a)</sup>



(a) Current prices reflect the price available on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2025. (b) Following exceeding of €50M ODD sales threshold. References: 1. Dolon data on file – Pharmazie & Global data; 2. EMA EPAR Reports: Vyndaqel, Tegsedi, Onpattro, Amvuttra. Abbreviations: AMNOG: Arzneimittelmarkt-Neuordnungsgesetz (Pharmaceuticals Market Reorganisation Act); ATTR: Transthyretin amyloidosis; CM: Cardiomyopathy; PN: Polyneuropathy; K: Thousands

# Several principles allow us to forecast price effectively



## Application to price forecasting

Traits of super-forecasters<sup>1</sup>

**Assess the external situation**

Review recent P&R decisions and changes to the policy environment before making hypotheses

**Think in degrees of uncertainty**

Indicate confidence in price assumptions, including upside and downside cases as appropriate

**Use multiple sources**

Pressure test hypotheses with global, affiliate teams, and primary market research

**Expose assumptions**

Publish hypotheses in a clear and digestible format so they can be easily validated

**Review and revise frequently**

Revisit forecasts periodically (e.g., to align with internal budget cycle)

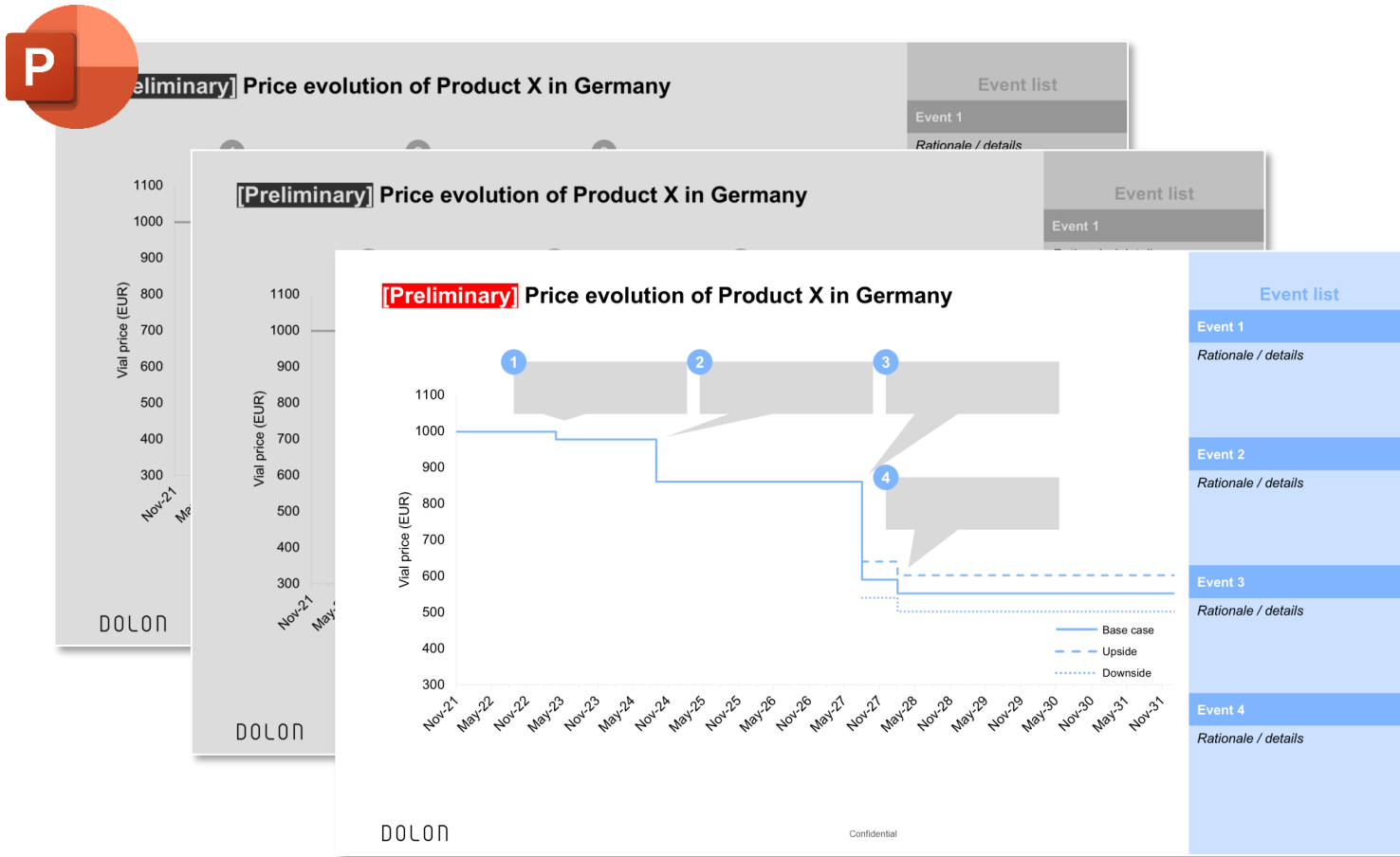
**Keep score**

Review prior forecasts for accuracy to identify any patterns/errors in underlying assumptions

References: 1. Tetlock & Gardner, 2019 "Superforecasting: The Art & Science of Prediction"; Abbreviations: P&R: Pricing & Reimbursement

# Tracking and maintaining price evolution assumptions is a complex undertaking

## Using PowerPoint compounds forecasting complexity



## Powerpoint pains

**Complexity**  
maintaining multiple  
evolution scenarios



**Manual** calculations  
required across many  
slides



**No cascading  
updates** after %  
price changes



# Analytical tools can provide efficiency while maintaining clarity of insight

## Excel efficiency

Provides clarity through digestible interfaces



Efficiency gains via cascading updates



Graphical, easy to interpret outputs



## Pre-formatted Excel templates provide structure

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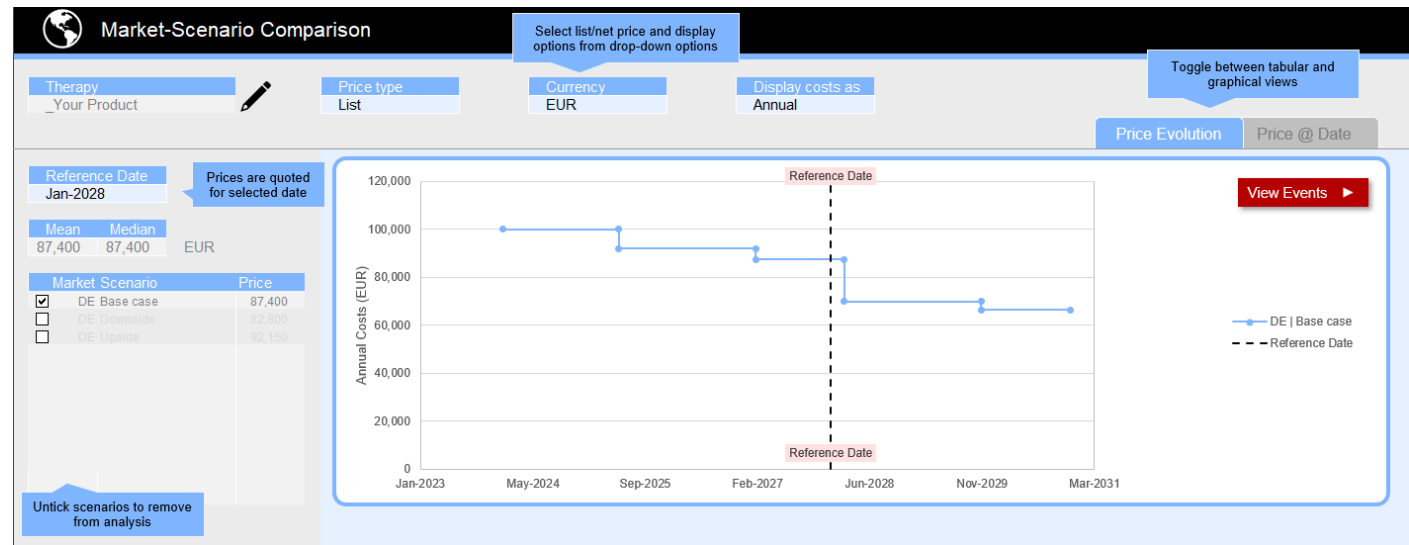
**Events List**

Select product and input cost type from drop-down options

Scenario: Base case | Product: \_Your Product | Input cost type: Annual

Toggle between tabular and graphical views

	Date	Event	Key Event Drivers	List Price (EUR)			Net Price (EUR)			Key Event?
				Method	% or value after event	Price (Annual)	Method	% or value after event	Price (Annual)	
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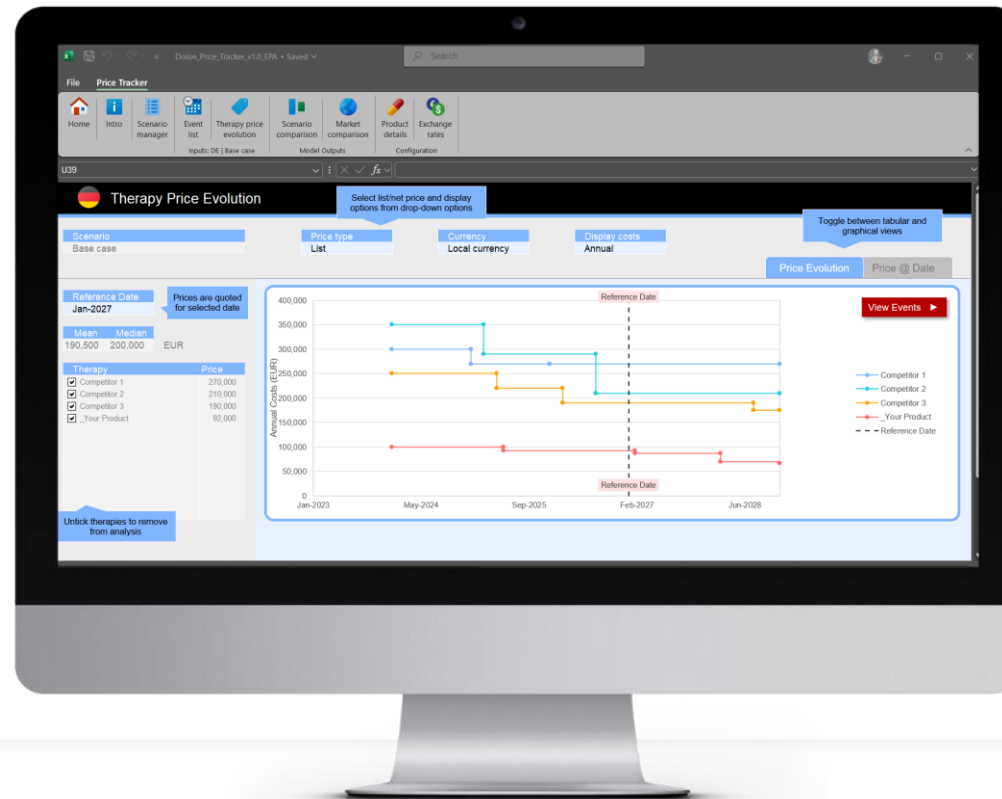


# Scenario management effectively captures the inherent complexity of price forecasting

## Dolon's Price Evolution Tracker

Maintain a **library of scenarios** each with unique pricing event assumptions

Keep track of **revisions** as pricing assumptions evolve across markets

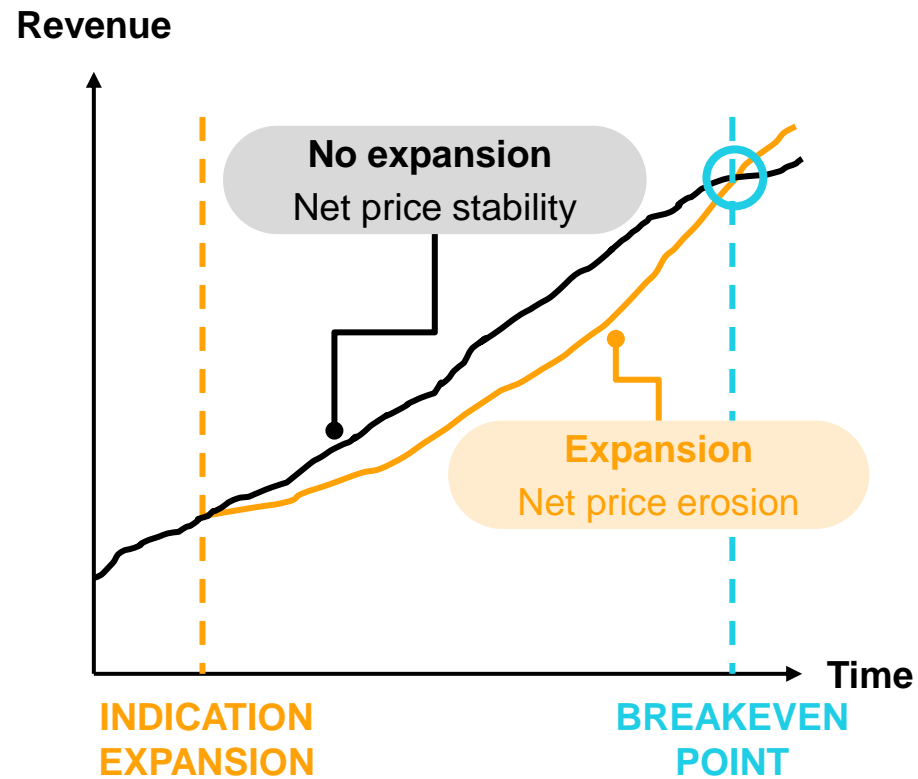


Track your product as well as **competitor pricing** landscape

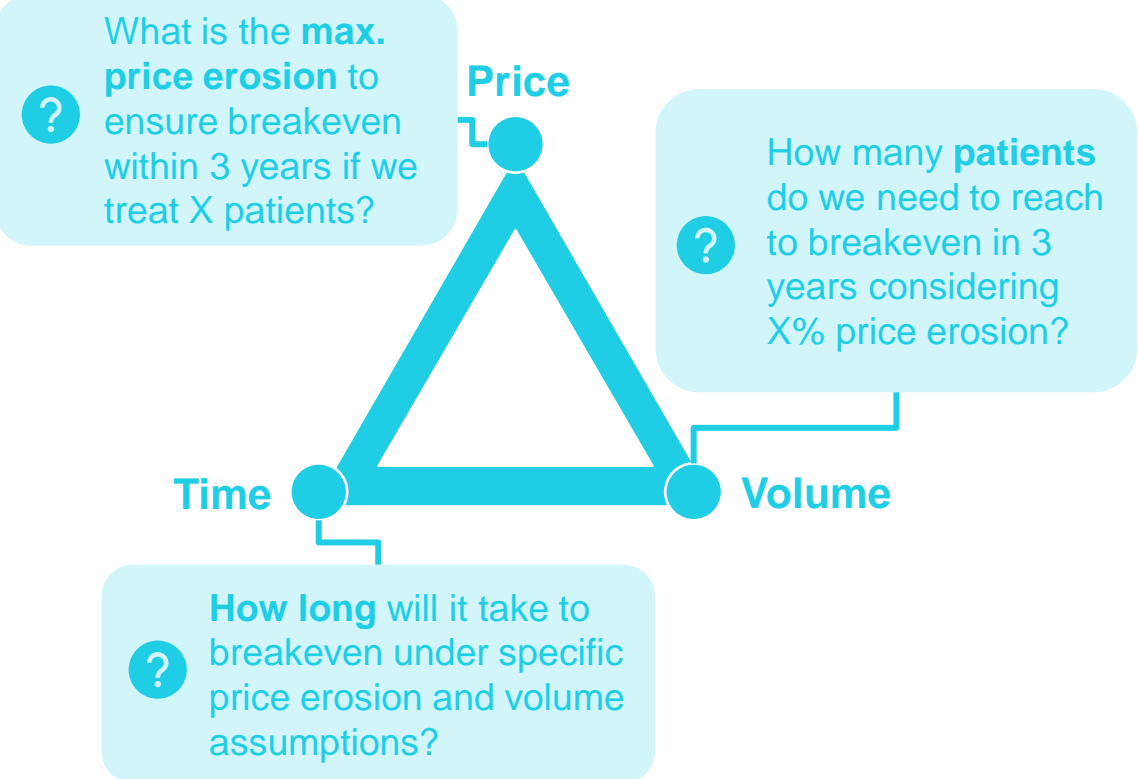
Review **credibility of forecasts** against actual price evolution

# Price forecasting can be used to inform breakeven analyses and strategic decision-making

## Cumulative revenue by launch scenario



## Breakeven analyses research questions



# Case study 1: Using breakeven analysis to inform indication expansion strategy for an oncology medicine

## Key research question



What combination of price erosion and uptake would mean no 'breakeven' within 3 years of launch (in key markets)?

## Analysis (Example market)

Time to breakeven:  
Expansion vs. no expansion scenario

		Peak patient share (new indication)					
		5%	10%	15%	20%	25%	30%
Price erosion	5%	x	<12mo	<12mo	<12mo	<12mo	<12mo
	7%	x	<12mo	<12mo	<12mo	<12mo	<12mo
	10%	x	>36mo	<12mo	<12mo	<12mo	<12mo
	12%	x	x	<24mo	<12mo	<12mo	<12mo
	15%	x	x	>36mo	<12mo	<12mo	<12mo
	17%	x	x	x	<24mo	<12mo	<12mo
	20%	x	x	x	x	<24mo	<12mo

<12mo
<24mo
<36mo

## Output



Time to breakeven informed pricing guidance for indication expansion

Price forecasts fed into internal (affiliate) budgeting and forecasting process

## Case study 2: Using breakeven analysis to inform launch timing strategy

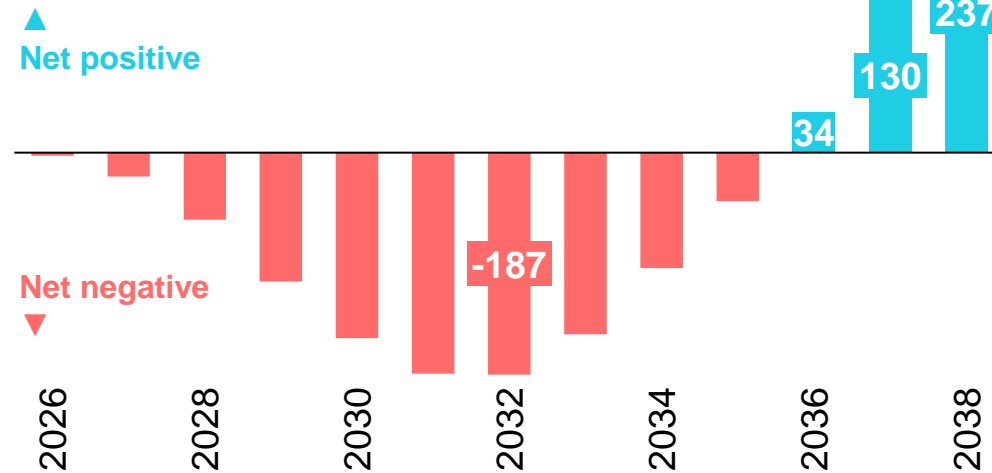
### Key research question



What would be the impact on **mid-term franchise revenue** if an indication expansion is delayed to await additional data for negotiations?

### Analysis (Regional)

#### Cumulative net revenue (\$): Delay scenario vs. base case launch timing



### Output



Delay scenario expected to become net revenue positive for franchise 10 years after launch

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Informed indication expansion decision and price guidance



# Conclusions

## Price forecasting is essential to robust strategy development

