## Case study:

# **Confirming mechanism of action of CP-506: Convert Pharma**

#### SITUATION

- CP-506 is a next-generation hypoxia-activated prodrug developed by Convert Pharmaceuticals with potential use in numerous solid cancers
- Convert Pharmaceuticals wanted to gain more insight on the relative contribution of several parameters contributing to CP-506 efficacy including tumour hypoxia

#### TASK

 Using combined hypoxia biomarker and tumour volume time-series data from the same xenograft dose-response experiment we set out to assess whether the biomarker was a surrogate for efficacy



### ACTION

 Built preclinical Dose (PK) – Efficacy model and a Dose (PK) – biomarker – Efficacy model for a relevant cell-line using a population approach (nonlinear mixed-effects)



• Assessed how much of the efficacy can be explained by the hypoxia biomarker



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#### RESULT

- Hypoxia biomarker pimonidazole fully captured the drug effect on anti-tumour activity confirming the mode of action of CP-506
- The results support the use of a hypoxia-related biomarker as a surrogate marker of efficacy in the clinic

