A view on regulatory opinions about missing data in clinical trials

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The appearance of missing data is common in clinical trials. They present a potential source of bias when analyzing clinical trials. Following an earlier version a revised draft Guideline on Missing Data in Confirmatory Clinical Trials was presented by the EMEA in April 2009. This presentation summarizes the current regulators’ opinion on missing data in clinical trials, and critically assesses the common understanding of the guideline. The presentation will highlight the important points in the regulator’s view on this issue and will also discuss reasonable alternatives.