

Global Oncology Forecasting

Building forecasting capabilities for a complex oncology patient flow

A global biotechnology company wanted to forecast market potential for their oral TKI inhibitor of the HER2 protein, which had been approved for oncology indication for all major markets.

Viscacia was asked to design and build an epidemiology-based patient flow model to construct a market landscape and assess product potential across 22 different markets around the world, while also incorporating regional nuances specific to several key markets.

Streamlined forecasting processes for a global oncology asset with **~\$1.5B total revenue spread across 22 geographies**

Challenges



Complex treatment paradigm

- Tracking patients across multiple lines of therapy.
- Segmenting eligible patients based on treatment history.
- Incorporating nuances critical to oncology forecasting such as participation in clinical trials, patient warehousing, and bolus patient switching.



Lack of global forecasting framework

- Regional stakeholders leveraged independent forecasting processes leading to multiple disconnected forecasting narratives.
- Incorporating region-specific nuances such as affordability, patient access, seasonality, and differential SKU size.



Go-to-market modeling

- Reconciling forecast with actual demand units post-launch.
- Triangulating demand forecast with the account level, bottoms up forecast.

Approach



Patient flow model

Designed and built a comprehensive patient flow forecast model, allowing in-depth tracking of patient metrics (such as naïve and experienced patients, and more) across multiple lines of therapy.



New launches and approvals

Constructed an easy-to-use event module to model the impact of new launches and indication approvals on market, product, and patient trends.



Regional forecast harmonization

Engaged with stakeholders to understand strategic imperatives and developed a forecasting framework that could scale across geographies.



Global forecast platform

Automated the aggregation of 22 regional models with the global forecast to facilitate decision making at headquarters.



Refining forecast assumptions

Performed deep-dives and set up analytical processes to continuously refine key forecasting assumptions, including projections for SKU-level demand and bolus patients.



Scenario planning and optimization

Equipped the regional and global models with the functionality to simulate what-if scenarios, review KPIs, and assess key forecast drivers.

Outcomes

End Deliverables

- > Viscadia Global Forecast Model (For headquarters).
- > Viscadia Regional Forecast Models (For individual countries).
- > Monthly, Quarterly, and Annual Forecasts (For corporate planning).

Key Highlights

- > Streamlined the global forecasting process through deep collaboration.
- > Developed new forecasting infrastructure and facilitated stakeholder onboarding.
- > Successfully partnered with the client facilitate the budgeting and corporate planning process.
- > Advised the client for cross-functional business needs including sales force target optimization and inventory planning.

Impact

- > The forecast model enabled comprehensive and intuitive evaluation of key performance indicators and helped drive stakeholder decisions.
- > Established an end-to-end forecasting process which eventually defined best practices across multiple pipeline and on-market assets.
- > Viscadia was chosen as the overarching partner to supervise forecast data reporting, corporate planning, and commercial analytics.