
Regulatory Issues to Watch for During Tech Transfer Between Sites

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Introduction

- ✓ Some general guidance in USP <1046> Cellular and Tissue-Based Products*
- ✓ Assumptions used in following slides:
 - ✓ Tech transfer of a GMP process to another site
 - ✓ Transfer doesn't involve changes to the process (additional work may be required in that situation)
- ✓ Plan, plan and check the plan, then check again.
- ✓ Protocol
 - ✓ Work to be done
 - ✓ Pre-defined acceptance criteria

*effective Dec 2011

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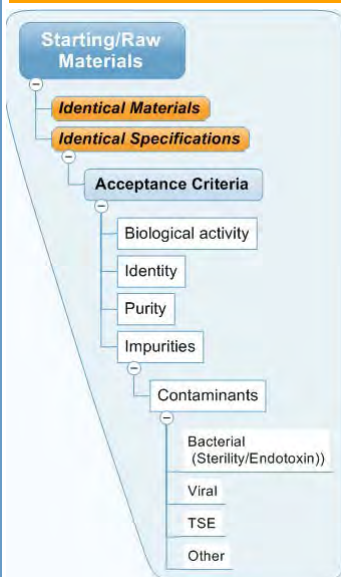
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Comparability Overview



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Starting and Raw Materials



General

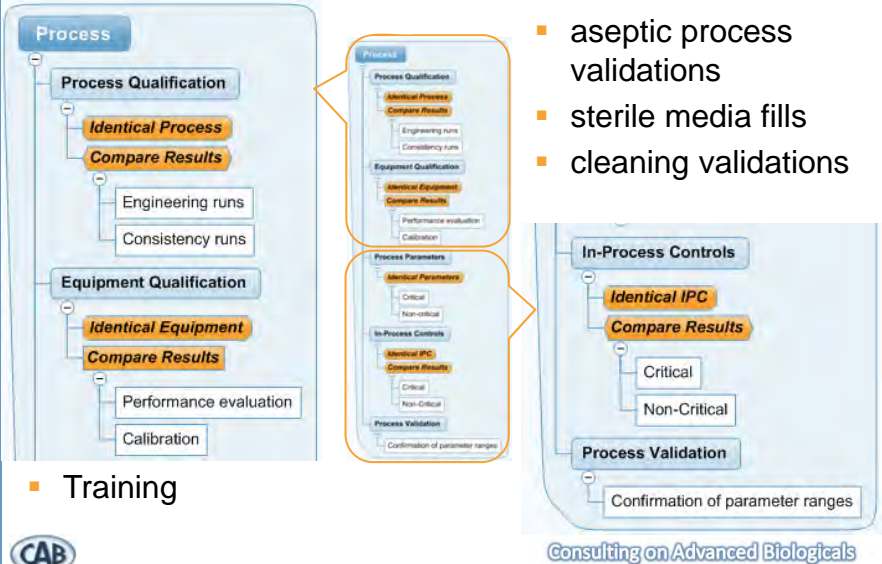
- Same materials
- Same specifications

Starting material

- Same where possible:
 - cell bank (allogeneic)
 - large tissue/cell donation
- Where starting availability is limited consider:
 - pooling
 - 'normal' donor
 - cadaveric
 - other (animal, cell line etc?)
- Shipping qualifications

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Process



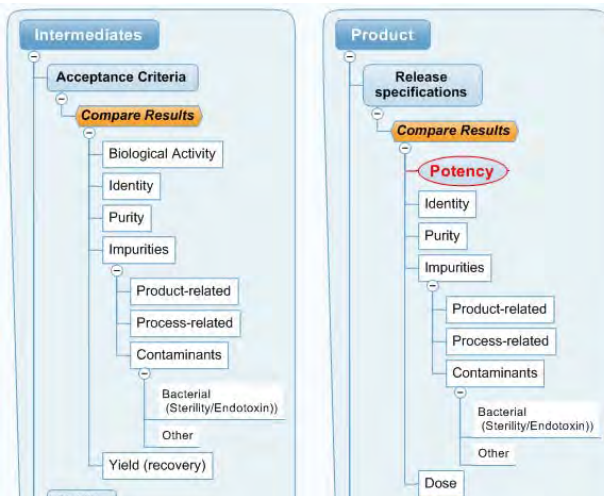
- Training

- aseptic process validations
- sterile media fills
- cleaning validations

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Product and Intermediates

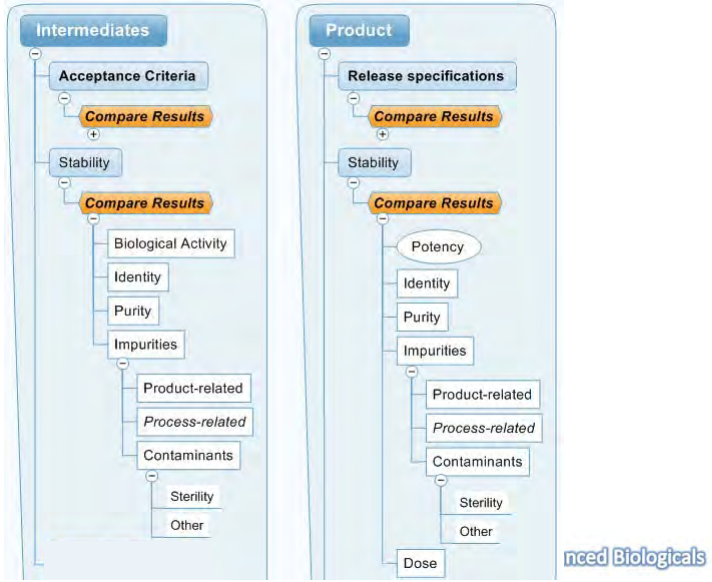


- shipping qualifications (product)

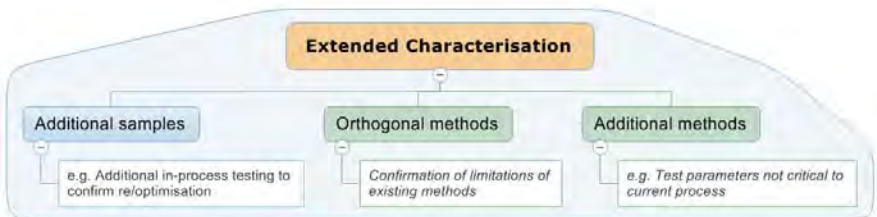
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Stability

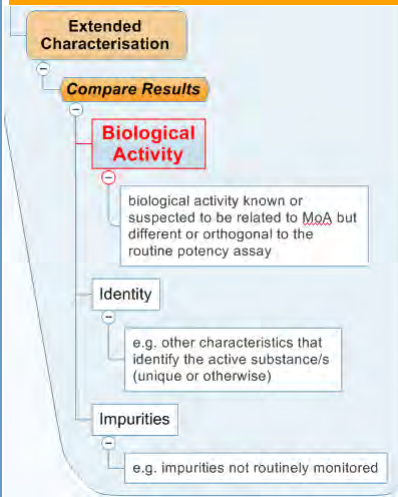


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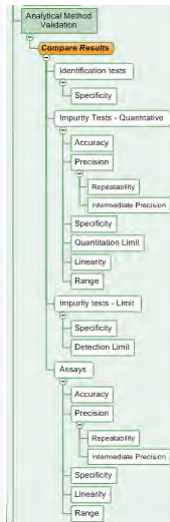
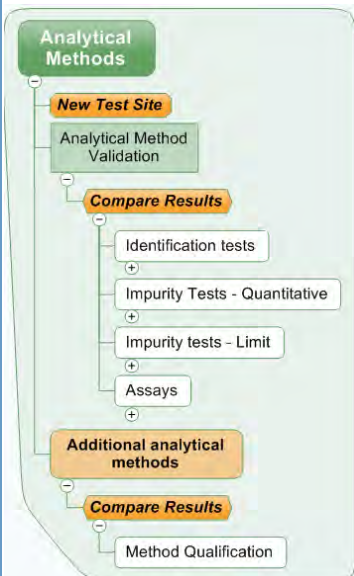


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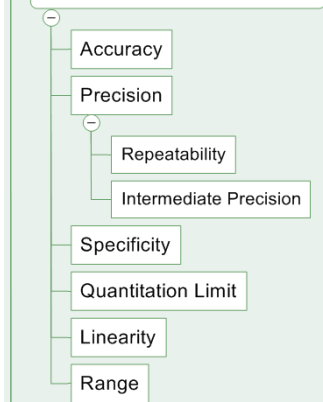


Methods



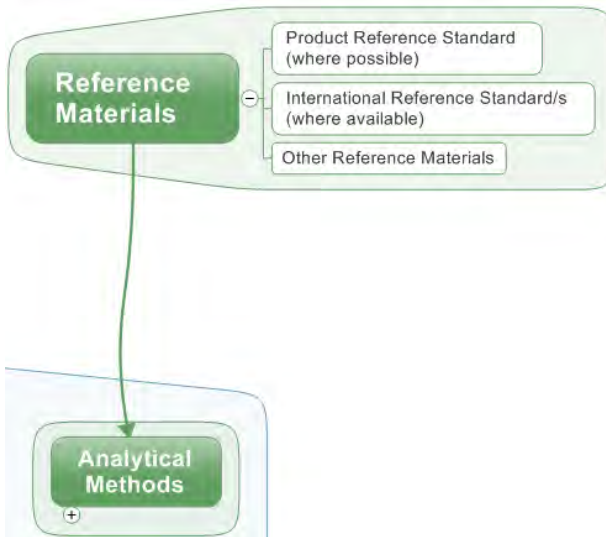
Training

(Im)purity Tests - Quantitative

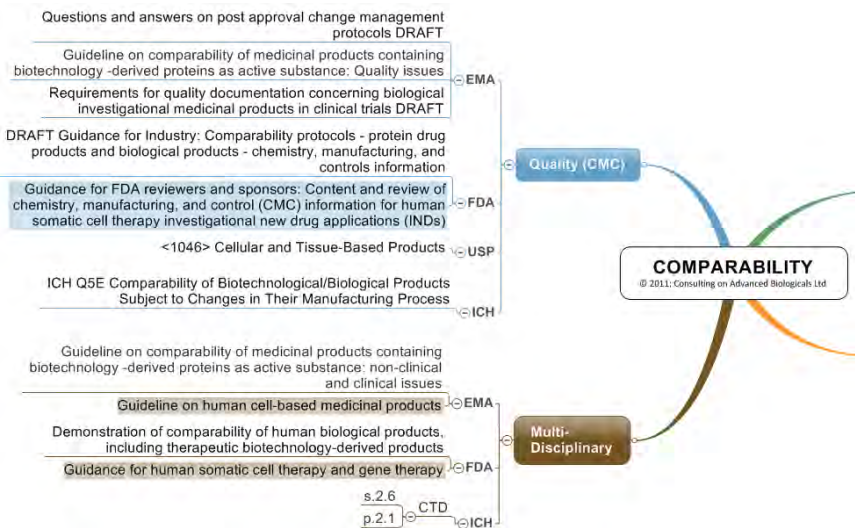


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Don't Forget Reference Materials



Comparability Guidance



Final Thoughts

- ✓ These principals are necessarily presented in a general way but the reality is likely to include exceptions and other product-specific limitations
- ✓ It is up to you to 'justify' deviations from this general approach and to deal with any limitations
- ✓ The regulators 'rule-of-thumb' minimum of 3 batches is unlikely to be enough for cell therapy products, especially patient-specific products. The exact number of batches needs to be determined (and justified) case-by-case.
- ✓ Trending of new process