# STRATEGIES FOR SUCCESSFUL SCALE-UP USING QUALITY BY DESIGN

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# AGENDA

- Background
  - ICH Guidelines
  - Terms and Definitions
- Supporting Information
  - ISPE publications
- Scale Up and Technology Transfer Process
- Examples
- Conclusions



# The Guidelines: Q8, Q9, Q10 and Q11

- Introduced QbD and associated opportunities
- To be applied to new and existing products
- Generics

(Q11)

- Small and large molecules
- Drug product (Q8) and drug substance
  - Q8, Pharmaceutical Development
  - Q9, Quality Risk Management
  - Q10, Pharmaceutical Quality System
  - Q11, Development and Manufacture of Drug Substances www.ICH.org



# What does Quality by Design involve?

- A focus on the patient
- A focus on the product
- A science- and risk-based approach, underpinned by a quality system
- Could be applied throughout the product lifecycle, from development to manufacturing
- Continual improvement



# **Some Terms and Definitions**

#### Quality by design

'A systematic approach to development that begins with predefined objectives and emphasizes product and process understanding and process control, based on sound science and quality risk management.' ICH Q8R(2)

#### **Quality Target Product Profile**

'A prospective summary of the quality characteristics of a drug product that ideally will be achieved to ensure the desired quality, taking into account safety and efficacy of the drug product.' Q8(R2).

#### **Critical Quality Attribute (CQA)**

'A physical, chemical, biological or microbiological property or characteristic that should be within an appropriate limit, range, or distribution to ensure the desired product quality.' ICH Q8(R2)

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#### **Critical Process Parameter (CPP)**

'A process parameter whose variability has an impact on a critical quality attribute and therefore should be monitored or controlled to ensure the process produces the desired quality.' ICH Q8R(2)

# **QbD Roadmap**



Product Quality Lifecycle Implementation, from Concept to Continual Improvement, Part 1 – Product Realization using QbD, Concepts and Principles

#### **ISPE PQLI®** Good Practice Guides Parts 1, 2, 3 & 4



#### http://www.ispe.org/pqli-guides

#### PQLI® Parts 1 and 2 help with Scale Up and Technology Transfer for Product Realization using QbD Approach





Scale of studies Study design Iteration Use of PAT tools Knowledge Management Quality Risk Management



manufacturing

**Control Strategy** 

Scale Up and Technology Transfer Facilitated

• Objectives • OTPP - COAs

Business

#### **ISPE** Technology Transfer Scope



# Applies to many types of scale up and technology transfer, e.g.

Drug Substance Analytical Drug Product Laboratory to laboratory scale Laboratory to development/pilot scale Development to clinical manufacturing Development to commercial manufacturing Commercial manufacturing to commercial manufacturing

ISPE Good Practice Guide, Technology Transfer revision due 2014



#### **ISPE** Technology Transfer Project Phases



Form Technology Transfer(TT) Team & develop Charter

Consolidate Knowledge for Transfer and agree high level TT Proposal

Identify Risks, Conduct Risk Assessments, and develop TT plan

**Technology Transfer execution** 

Process/procedure qualification

Finalise Transfer and perform review



#### **Technology Transfer Success Criteria**



#### Depends on company policy, business situation and type of TT

Examples:

- Process/analytical procedure meets acceptance criteria
- Process validation/process performance qualification, stage 2 achieved
- Pre-agreed process capability metrics achieved

Ultimate measure of Scale Up success





# PaQLInol Tablet Manufacturing Process



# **Quality Risk Management Process**

- Risk Assessment
  - Risk Identification
  - Risk Analysis
  - Risk Evaluation
- Multi-functional team
  - Scale up and manufacturing factors considered
- When using a formal process
  - Use a facilitator
  - Set scope
  - Manage carefully



## **Risk Identification** Cause and Effect Diagram for UDU and Dissolution for All Tablet Unit Operations



## Summary Output from Risk Evaluation using FMECA as a Matrix Before Process Development Studies

	Dissolution	Dissolution UDU	
PaQLInol particle size	Н	М	L
Mg St material attributes	Н	L	М
DCP MAs	М	L	L
Mannitol MAs	М	L	L
SSG MAs	L	L	L
Blending time	L	М	L
Lubrication time	Н	М	L
Compression force	Н	L	L
Blender design	L	М	L
Blender speed	L	М	L
Blender loading order	L	L	L
Blender load factor	L	М	L
Blender Scale	М	М	L



# Initial Approach to Understanding the Process

- Study impact of
  - PaQLInol particle size,
  - Magnesium stearate surface area,
  - Blending time,
  - Lubrication time,
  - Compression force

- Scale independent
- Scale independent
- Scale dependent
- Scale dependent
- Equipment dependent
- on CQAs Dissolution and UDU
- Review results and conduct a risk assessment exercise to establish if there has been any risk reduction



# Consider UDU from Blending Unit Operation

- From FMECA
  - 7 factors of medium risk to study, 6 scale dependent

## Options





# Conclusions

- Enhanced, QbD approach can bring substantial benefits e.g.
  - Build scale factors into development studies
- Systematic approach keeps development program focused
- Involving Manufacturing, Engineering, QC, QA etc. in QRM exercises facilitates:
  - Design of studies
  - Decision-making
  - Preparation for scale up and commercial manufacture



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