



# Comparability Protocols – a Love/Hate Relationship

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# Agenda

- Overview of the Regulatory Pathway
- Expansion of use beyond US and EU through ICH Q12
- Things to Love
- Things that Frustrate
- Scenarios

# What is a CP or CMP?

- Comparability Protocol (US) or Change Management Protocol (EU) is:
  - Prospectively written describing:
    - What will change
    - How change(s) will be assessed for impact
    - Scope of use (single or repeated use)
    - Scope of product (single drug substance/product, or many)
  - Binding Commitment

# Established Pathway

- US FDA Guidance
  - 2016 Comparability Protocols for Human Drugs and Biologics: CMC Information Guidance for Industry
- EU Variation Categories
  - B.I.e.2 (drug substance)
  - B.II.g.2 (drug product)

# ICH Q12



- Regulatory pathway proposed in ICH Q12 drafts (to date)
- May require local changes in regulation for some ICH members



# Why “Love/Hate Relationship”?

- Advantages

- Alignment with health authority regarding science to be presented
- Mfg knows exactly the data set to deliver to Regulatory
- Ability to reduce reporting category once data are available

- Frustrations

- Loss of flexibility to respond to the unexpected
- Lead time required
- Customer desire to “buy-down” every PAS
- Distinct restrictions from use in US guidance

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# SCENARIOS

# Construction within sterile facility changing equipment/people/product flow

- Why you might choose CP
  - Gain alignment on multi-phase project
  - Ensure alignment on EM, aseptic simulation data to be provided
  - Timing, timing, timing
- Why you might not
  - Changes so drastic as to require GMP inspection (guidance precludes use)
  - Project scope creep is real!



# Establishing a new manufacturing site

- Why you might choose CP
  - Gain alignment on science to be presented
- Why you might not
  - GMP inspection requirement
  - Loss of flexibility (acceptance criteria must be pre-defined)
  - Low likelihood of decreased reporting

# Complex change (multiple concurrent changes)

- Why you might choose CP
  - Gain alignment on science to be presented
  - Timing, timing, timing!
- Why you might not
  - Loss of flexibility (acceptance criteria must be pre-defined)

# Introduction of a new product (impacting cleanability) to a multiproduct, biologics facility

- Why you might choose CP
  - Anticipated CBE-30/PAS scenario throughout life of product
  - Ensure consistent data package expectations
  - Timing, timing, timing!
- Why you might not
  - Loss of flexibility (acceptance criteria must be pre-defined)

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