

WEBINAIRE

**Bioproduction : enjeux stratégiques,
réglementaires et logistiques**

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**BIOTHÉRAPIE
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Biotherapy & bioproduction in Occitanie: an integrated offer across the value chain



Leading academic stakeholders aligned to innovate and train

Dedicated interfaces

Economic stakeholders

gathered in BIOTHÉRAPIE INNOVATION OCCITANIE

Clinical partners



Integrators / Pre-clinical testing

CRO / CDMO / Industrials

Hospitals



Labelling / national visibility

Ambitions de la filière Biothérapie Innovation Occitanie

**1 - Accompagner / Soutenir le développement éco
des entreprises régionales
Favoriser les collaborations
Favoriser l'émergence de projets de grande
envergure**

**2 - Soutenir la formation, Former,
Attirer et Retenir les talents**

**3 - Soutenir la recherche, le transfert
de technologies, la mutualisation et
synergie des moyens entre
académiques et industriels**

**4 - Créer une communauté,
communiquer, faire rayonner la filière
régionale au niveau international**

Site web, page LK, veille AAP, newsletter
Annuaire des acteurs
Journée filière

Participation à des congrès nationaux de la filière
Accompagnements des entreprises

Actions de la filière Biothérapie Innovation Occitanie

Plus de 53 M€ d'aides régionales et nationales obtenues par les entreprises

Lancement
de la filière
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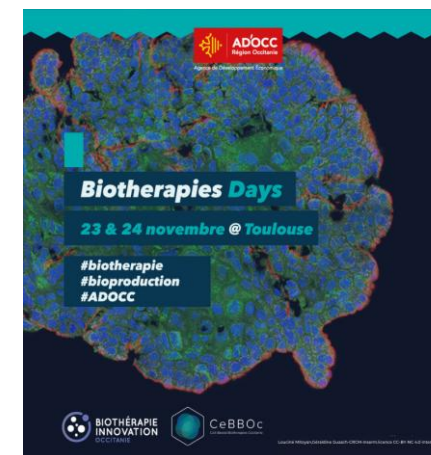
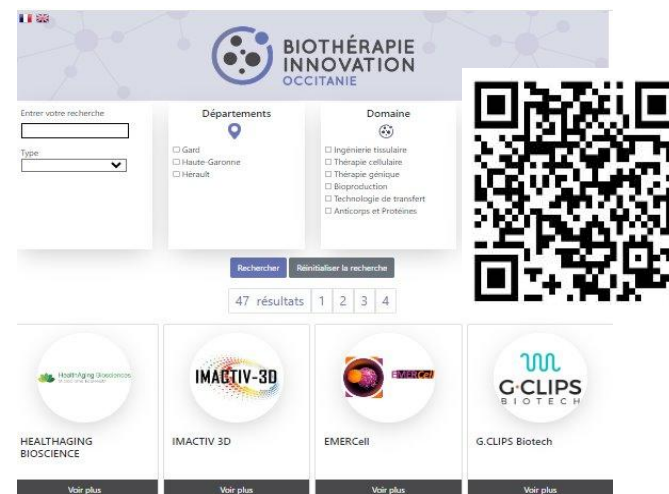
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Speakers of the day



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Agenda

Global roadmap

Pre-clinic

Clinic

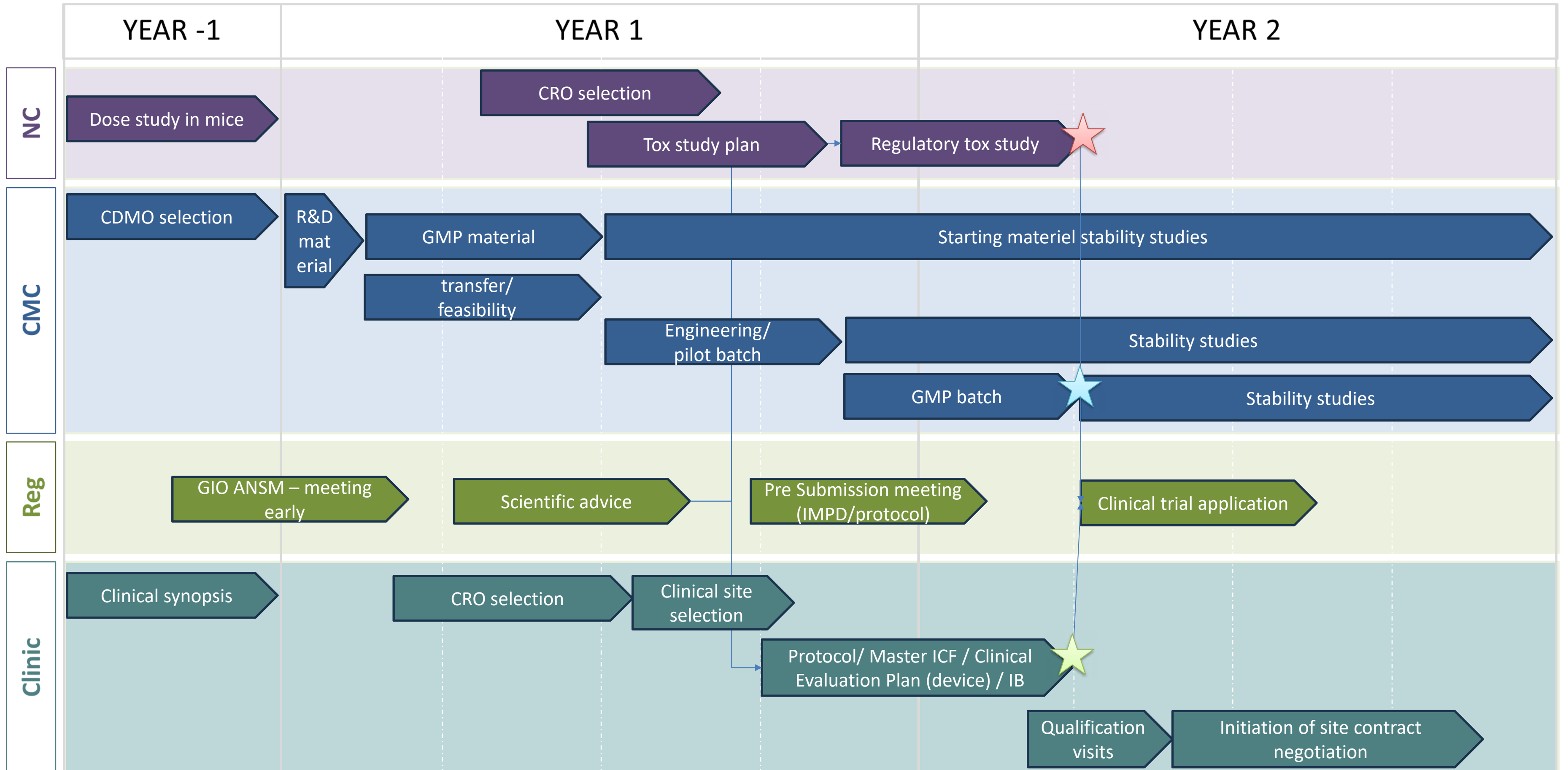
Pharmaceutical development

Clinical trial application

Global Roadmap



Global Roadmap



QTPP: A prospective summary of the quality characteristics of the drug product that ideally will be achieved to ensure desired quality, safety, and efficacy.

Key Questions

- What is the intended indication and patient population?
- What is the optimal route of administration (IV, SC, oral)?
- What dosage form best supports safety, efficacy, and compliance?
- What are your purity, stability, and shelf-life targets?
- What is the required dosing frequency for efficacy and convenience?
- What is the safety profile you need to support regulatory approval?

Common Options

- Route: IV, SC, or oral
- Dosage Form: solution, lyophilized powder, capsule
- Strength: weight-based (mg/kg) or fixed dosing
- Frequency: weekly, bi-weekly, monthly, single administration
- Population: naive, relapsed/refractory, biomarker-selected
- Endpoints: ORR, PFS, OS, PD/safety biomarkers

One product – one QTPP

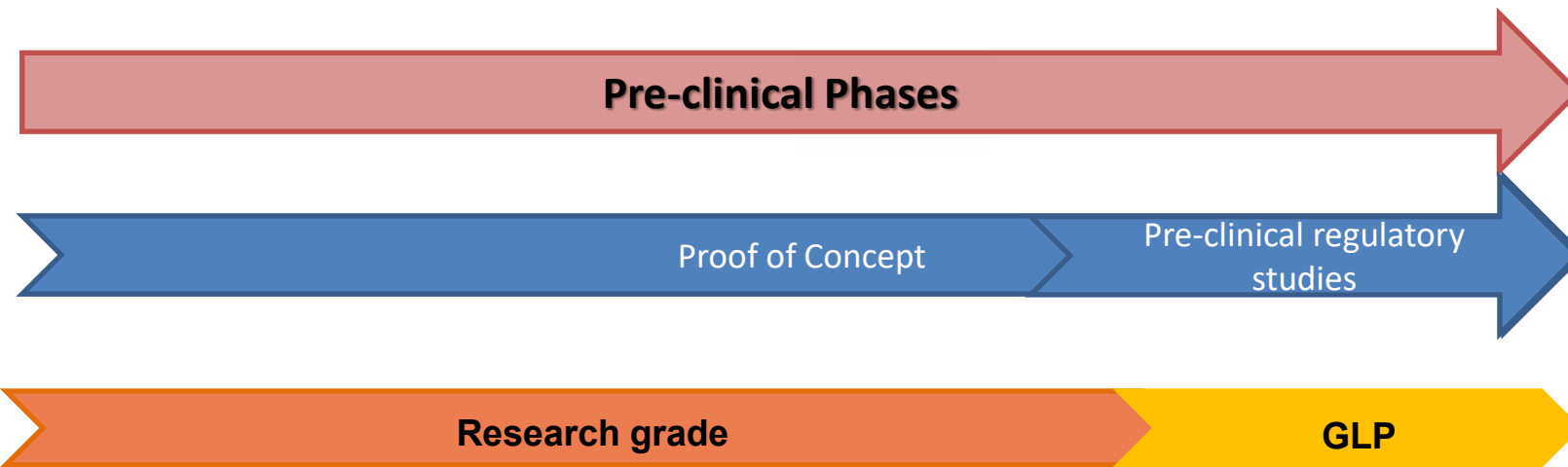
Attribute	Target A – (Biologic, IV, cancer)	Target B – (Small Molecule Oral, Migraine)
Indication	Advanced/metastatic endometrial cancer	Acute treatment of migraine in adults
Dosage Form	Sterile injectable solution	Oral tablet or capsule
Route of Administration	Intravenous (IV)	Oral
Dosing Frequency	Every 2 weeks (Q2W)	Single dose or BID during episodes
Strength / Concentration	14 mg/kg and 20 mg/kg	50 mg, 100 mg fixed doses
Purity	≥ 95% by HPLC	≥ 98% chemical purity
Sterility / Pyrogenicity	Sterile, endotoxin-free	N/A (oral solid form)
Stability / Shelf-life	≥ 12 months at 2–8°C	≥ 24 months at room temperature
Target Population	Adults post-standard therapy failure	Adults with episodic migraine
Safety Profile	No DLTs; manageable AE profile	Mild AEs (e.g. nausea, dizziness)
Efficacy Expectations	Disease stabilization or partial response (≥ PR per RECIST)	Relief within 2 hours

Strategic positioning – Product Designation

Designation	Region	Purpose	Key Benefits
Orphan Drug Designation (ODD)	US, EU	For rare diseases (US: <200,000 patients; EU: <5 in 10,000)	Fee waivers, protocol assistance, tax credits (US), 7 years (US) / 10 years (EU) market exclusivity
Compassionate Use / Expanded Access	US, EU	Allows early access to investigational products for patients in need	May provide access outside of clinical trials under strict conditions
Pediatric Rare Disease Designation	US	Subset of ODD for rare pediatric diseases	Priority Review Voucher (PRV), market incentives
Fast Track	US	Speeds development of drugs for serious conditions with <u>unmet needs</u>	Rolling review, frequent FDA meetings, potential eligibility for Accelerated Approval
Breakthrough Therapy	US	For drugs showing <u>substantial improvement</u> over existing therapies	Intensive FDA guidance, senior managers involved, rolling review, eligibility for Priority Review
Regenerative Medicine Advanced Therapy (RMAT)	US	For regenerative therapies addressing <u>serious diseases</u>	Similar to Breakthrough Therapy designation; includes early interactions and guidance from FDA
Accelerated Approval	US	Based on <u>surrogate/intermediate clinical endpoints</u>	Early approval with post-marketing confirmatory trials required
Priority Review	US	For <u>drugs offering significant advances</u> in treatment or public health	FDA review goal reduced from 10 to 6 months
Conditional Marketing Authorization (CMA)	EU	Early access to medicines that fulfill <u>unmet needs</u> , based on less complete data	One-year renewable authorization, must submit full data post-approval
PRIME (PRiority MEdicines)	EU	For promising medicines with <u>major therapeutic advantage</u>	Early and proactive EMA support, accelerated assessment
Pediatric Designation / PIP	EU	Ensures medicines are appropriately studied in <u>children</u>	Mandatory Pediatric Investigation Plan (PIP); up to 6 months additional patent/ Supplementary Protection Certificate (SPC) protection & 1 year market protection
Accelerated Assessment	EU	<u>Shortens EMA evaluation</u> for <u>innovative medicines</u>	EMA review time reduced from 210 to 150 days

Pre Clinic





TRL = Technology Readiness Level – TRL appliquées au domaine pharmaceutique								
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Basic principles observed	Technology concept formulated	Experimental proof of concept	Technology validated in lab	Technology validated in relevant environment	Technology demonstrated in relevant environment	System prototype demonstration in operational environment	System complete and qualified	Actual system proven in operational environment
Basic Research	Research ideas and protocols	Initial proof of concept (in vitro & in vivo models)	PoC and safety	Preclinical studies (GLP) + toxicity	Clinical Phase 1	Clinical Phase 2	Clinical Phase 3	Post Market Studies and Surveillance
RESEARCH			DEVELOPMENT			DEPLOYMENT		

Questions to ask as soon as possible



Status of the Investigational Medicinal Product (IMP):

- **Cell or Tissue therapy:**
 - Stem or somatic cell
 - Autologous or allogenic
- **Gene Therapy:**
 - in vivo or ex vivo
 - Control of transgene expression
- **Combined** : activity of the Medical device

Mechanism of action (MoA) → Potency assay

Active dose → first in Human (FIH)

Production for Human use → scale up, research grade to GMP

Administration to the patient → route of administration, unique, repeated

Study **population** → Eligibility criteria

Standard of care → Control group

Concomitant and associate medications, pre medication → impact on the IMP

Development of an ATMP

- Integrated approach
- Early planning
- Process and quality control
- Appropriate scientific, medical and regulatory strategy

2 animal models (small and large, rodent and non-rodent) if possible

Primary or organ toxicity in animals (mice in general):

- Systemic injection in increasing doses to determine systemic organ toxicity (♂ and ♀)
- Calculation of the first dose to be injected in humans (FIH)

Toxicity and Biodistribution (♂ and ♀)

Injection according to the route of administration (IV, IT, SC, ID, etc.)

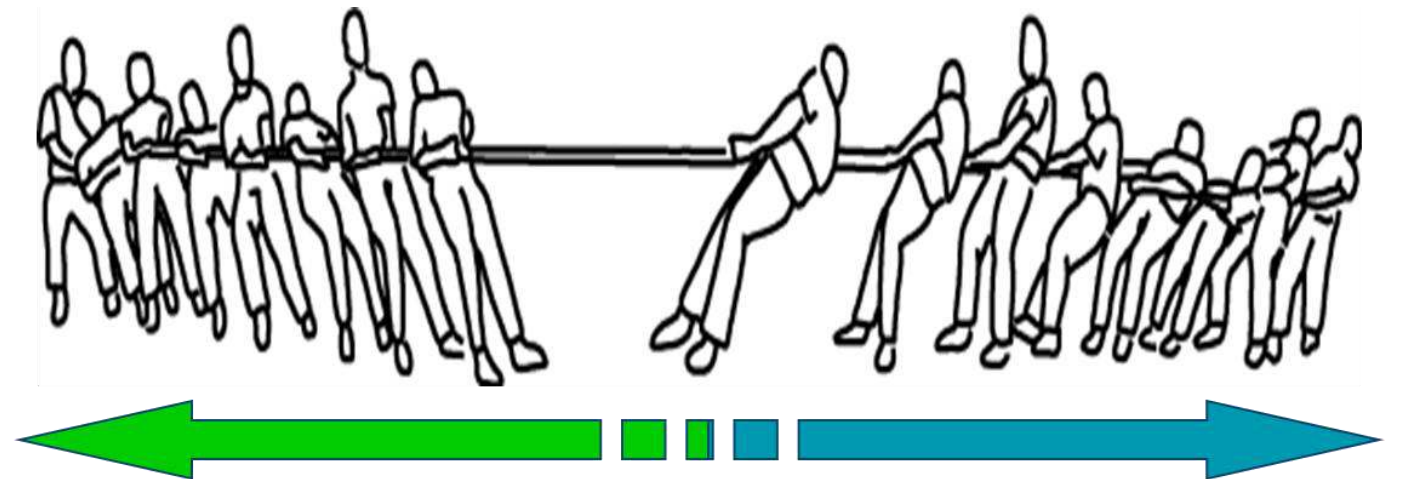
Expected frequency in humans (single or repeated),

Animal model of human pathology

- Acute (short term) (D2 to D7)
- Persistence or long term (D30 to D120)

Tumorigenicity to assess the tumorigenic potential of the injected finished product

Immunogenicity to assess the immune response to the product or induced factors, particularly in the case of repeated injections



No Observed Adverse Effect Level (NOAEL) ou seuil de toxicité ≈ seuil de tolérance

Minimal Anticipated Biological Effect Level (MABEL) ≈ seuil d'efficacité

Non clinical development For ATMPs significantly different from other products

Define the effective dose, identify potential toxicity, determine biodistribution and evaluate pharmacokinetics

Choice of the Animal model: disease similar to human pathophysiology and condition of the patient

- Same animal in toxicology and pharmacokinetic studies, both gender
- Disease models → clinically meaningful safety data, eligibility criteria, follow up and monitoring of patients
- Small Animal models useful but extrapolation to human becomes challenging → large animal models
- One animal species if strong predictive model

Toxicity objective: Generate clinically meaningful and relevant data to support safe of the product in the clinical indication and patient population.

- Single-dose toxicity studies and post-dose observation period, Repeated dose toxicity
- Concomitant medications could have an impact on MoA or drug product
- In silico, in vitro and/or ex vivo data: substitute or supplement animal data
- Non-clinical safety in GLP but possible to conduct biodistribution studies in not full conformity → justification

Cell and Tissue Engineering product: Immune response against Human cells

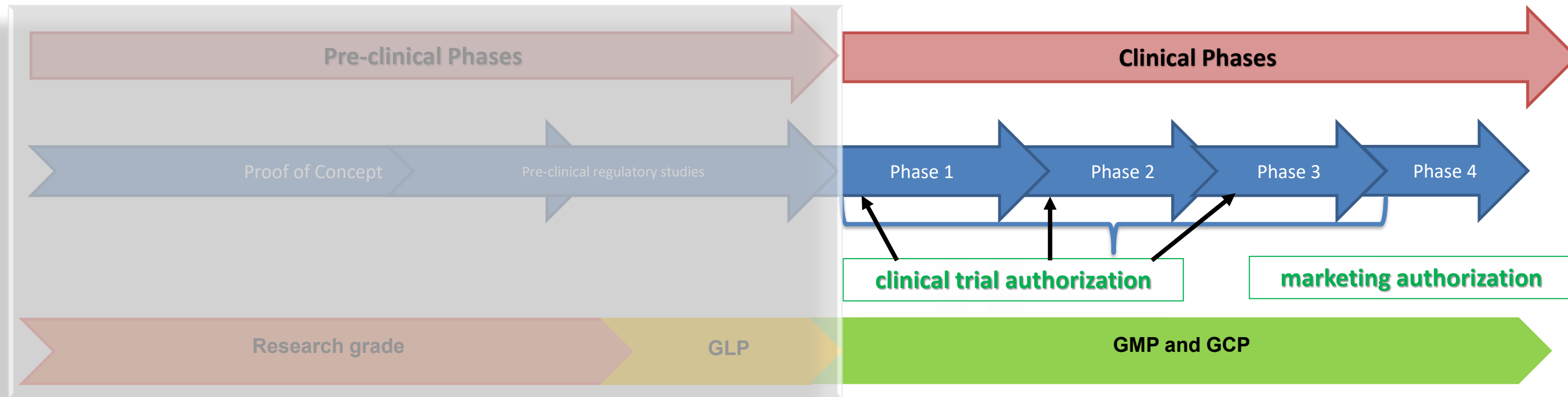
Gene Therapy Viral vector:

- Host and cell tropism
- Integrative vector
- Risk of competent replication vector/virus
- Human gene expression product

**Immunodeficient animal model
or Humanized animal models**

Clinic





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General regulatory framework

- Directive 2001/83/EC relating to medicinal products for human use, amended by the directive 2004/27/EC
- Regulation 1394/2007: specific to Advanced Therapy Medicinal Products (ATMPs), introduces enhanced requirements for manufacturing, traceability and pharmacovigilance.
- Regulation 536/2014 of 16 April 2014 on clinical trials on medicinal products for human use
- Regulations 2017/745 for Medical Device and 2017/746 for In Vitro Diagnosis medical devices.

Clinical Trials of
Drugs

European
Regulation n°
536/2014

Clinical
Investigations of
Medical Devices

European
Regulation
n° 2017/745

3 main objectives:

- Facilitate patient access to new treatments
- Strengthen the attractiveness of Europe for clinical trials
- Increase transparency and access to data

Harmonise and simplify clinical trials:

Processes of submission, Evaluation and monitoring of the patients

- Single dossier, Single submission
- Single evaluation 128 days (+10 days review for each competent authority of each country participated)
- Review by each relevant Ethics Committee for each country

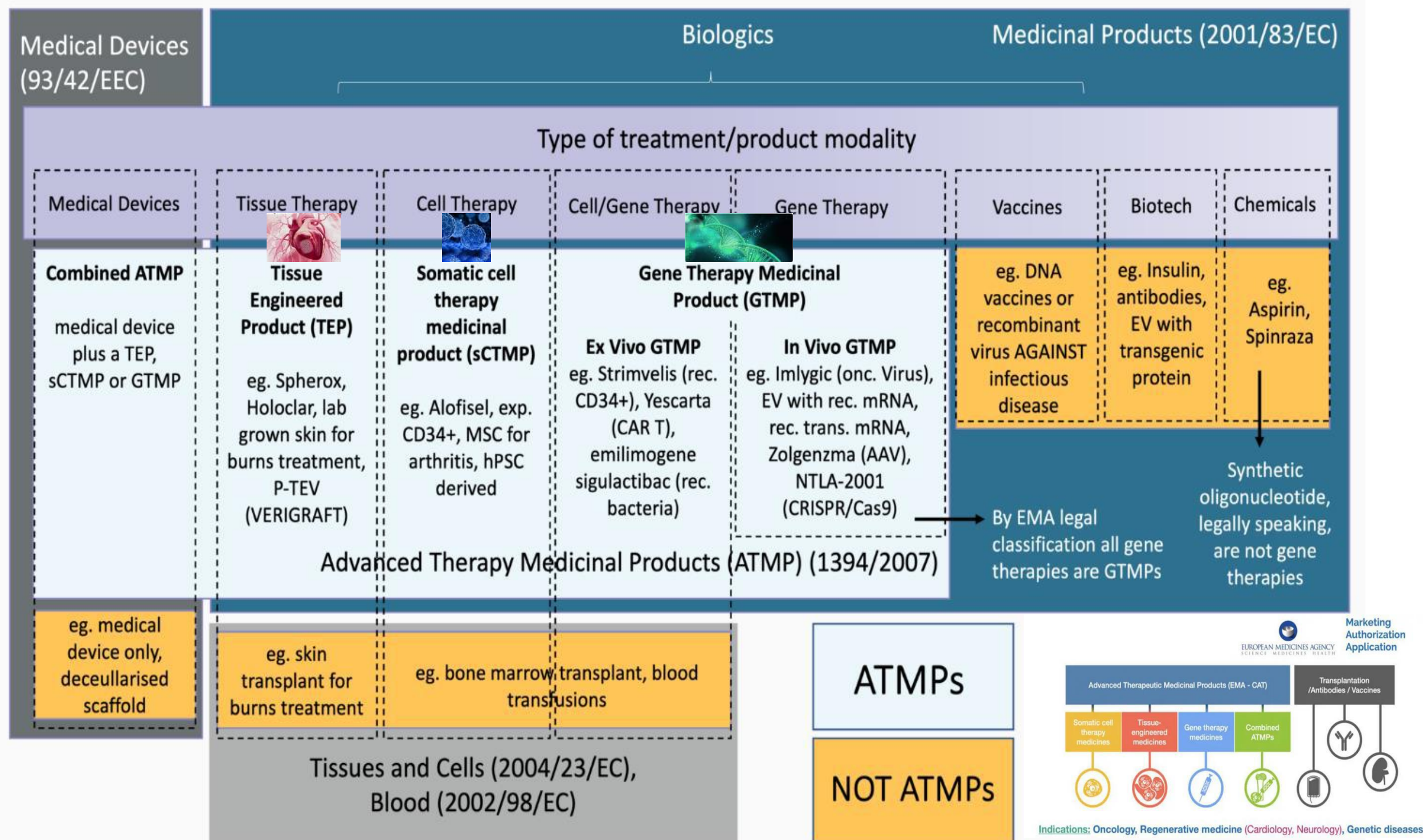


Advanced Therapy Medicinal Product (ATPM)



European Regulation of ATMPs EC 1394/2007 of the 13 November 2007

- Creation of the Committee for Advanced Therapies (CAT), confirms the innovative nature of Cell and Gene Therapies: assessment of ATMPs
 - Quality, Safety and Efficacy
 - Classify products
- Establishes a legal definition of tissue engineering products and combined ATMPs:
 - Develops and improve the quality and safety
 - Introducing safety and efficacy monitoring requirements
 - Following scientific developments in the field
- **Facilitates** and **stimulates** research on ATMPs and ensures market access for all European Union Member States





Opinion of the Ethics Committee

- Relevance of the research
- Protection of participants
- Assessment of the benefit/risk balance
- Information and consent of participants

Authorisation by the Drug Safety Agency

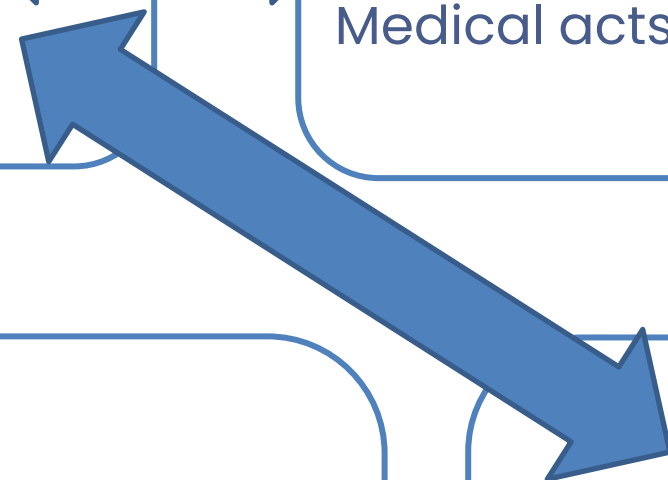
- Safety and quality of products used on persons undergoing research
- Quality and conditions of production and use of experimental drugs
- Medical acts performed, methods used and monitoring of participants

Principal Investigator

- Qualified person trained in Good Clinical Practice (GCP)
- Directs and supervises the clinical trial at the investigation center
- Scientific and ethical quality responsibility
- Recruitment and monitoring of enrolled participants
- Has a team and the equipment necessary for the running of the study.
- Ensures the safety of volunteers in accordance with ethics and the law

Sponsor

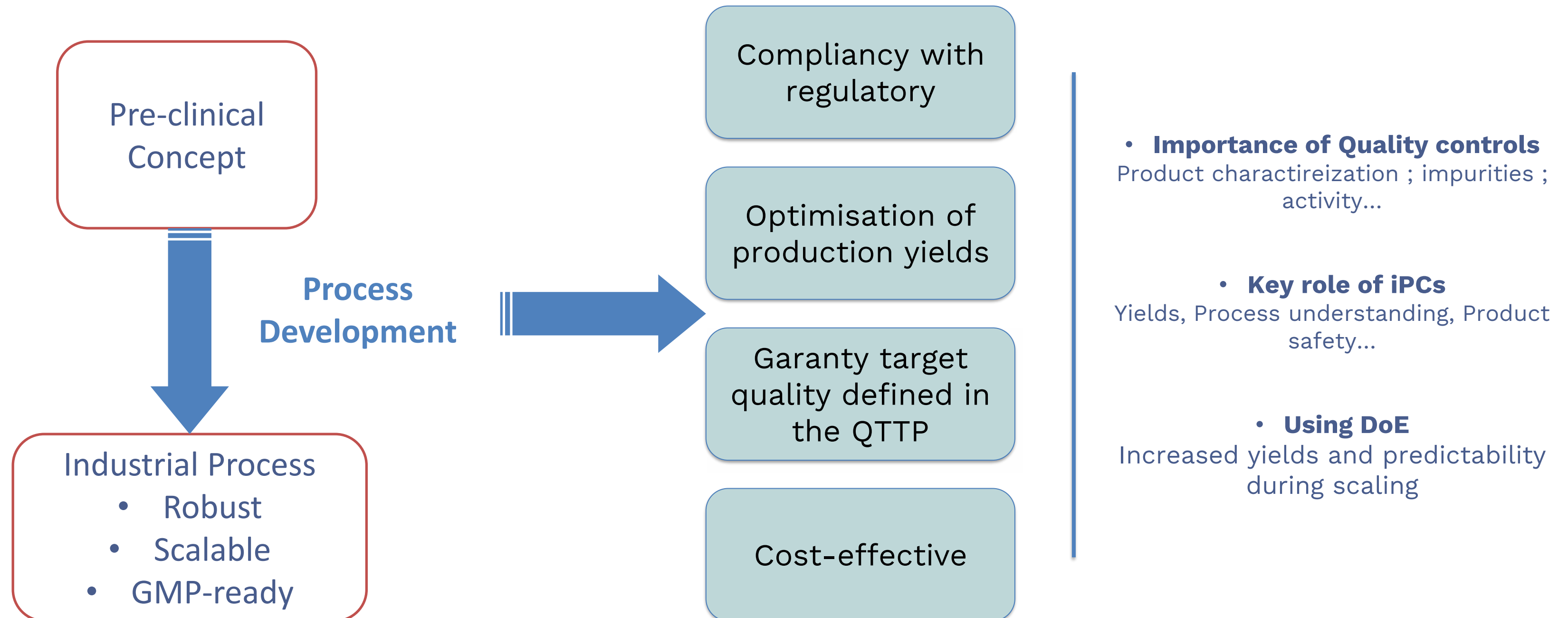
- Natural or legal person
- Assumes responsibility for setting up a study
- Manages and finances
- Authorisation from the competent authorities
- Selects investigators and clinical centers
- Ensures the quality of the data collected
- Informs the CAs of any new developments concerning investigational medicinal products



Pharmaceutical development



Process development enables the transition from a preclinical concept to an industrial process.

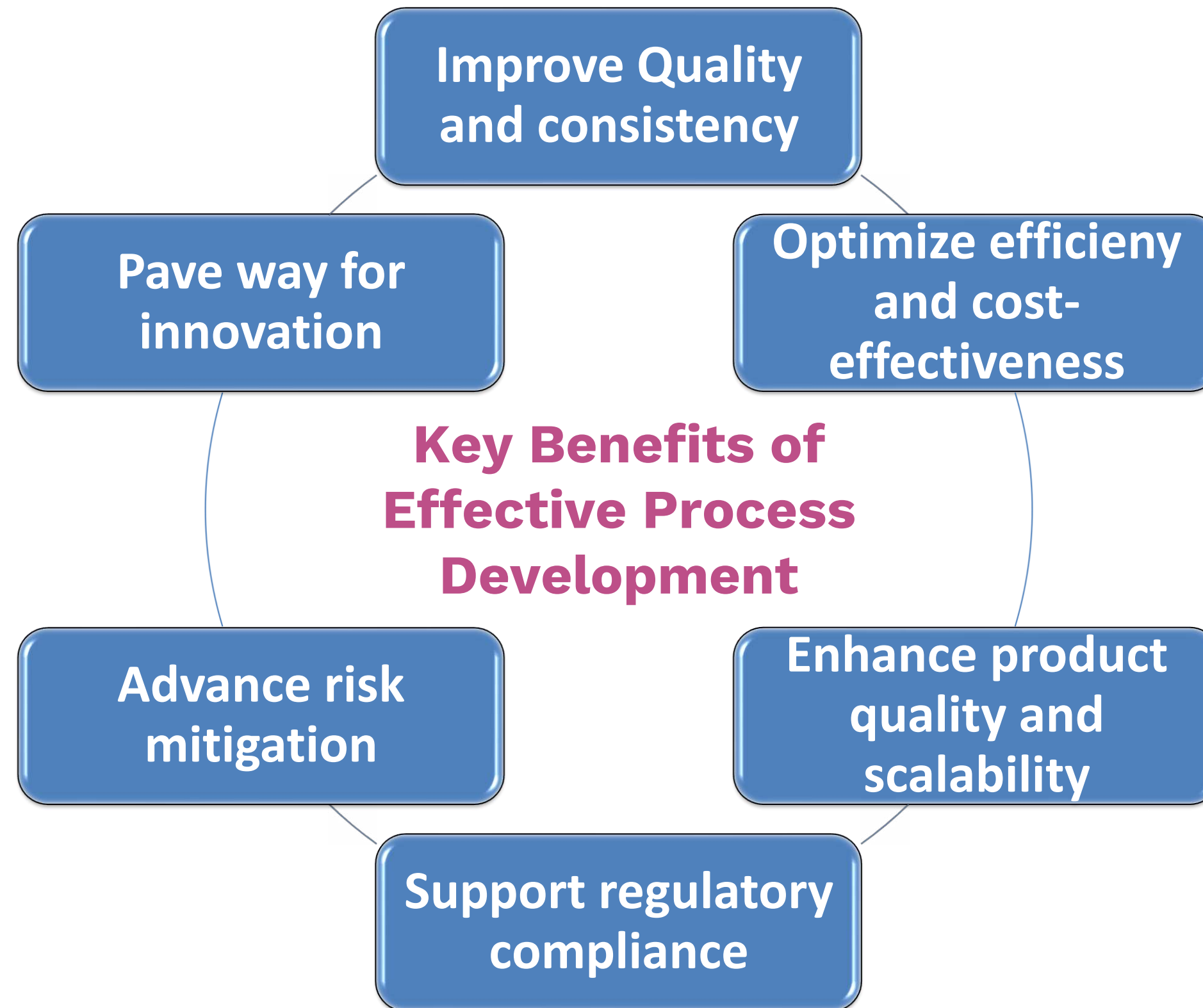




« Start with the end in mind »

- Integrate GMP culture starting at the early stages
5P Principles : People ; Products ; Processes ; Procedures ; Premises
- Define **Critical Process Parameters (CPP)** and **Criticals Quality Attributes (CQA)**
(in anticipation of the validation, verification, and documentation of these steps)
 - Build a process « **scalable & transferable** » to a CDMO
Selection of equipment and critical supplies/consumables (GMP-compliant supplier)
Description of the process : process map ; Technology Transfer Package
- Incorporate **Regulatory Considerations**(IND/IMPd readiness)

Develop a robust process that achieves the desired yields
But keep in mind: easy to operate, easy to document, easy to transfer

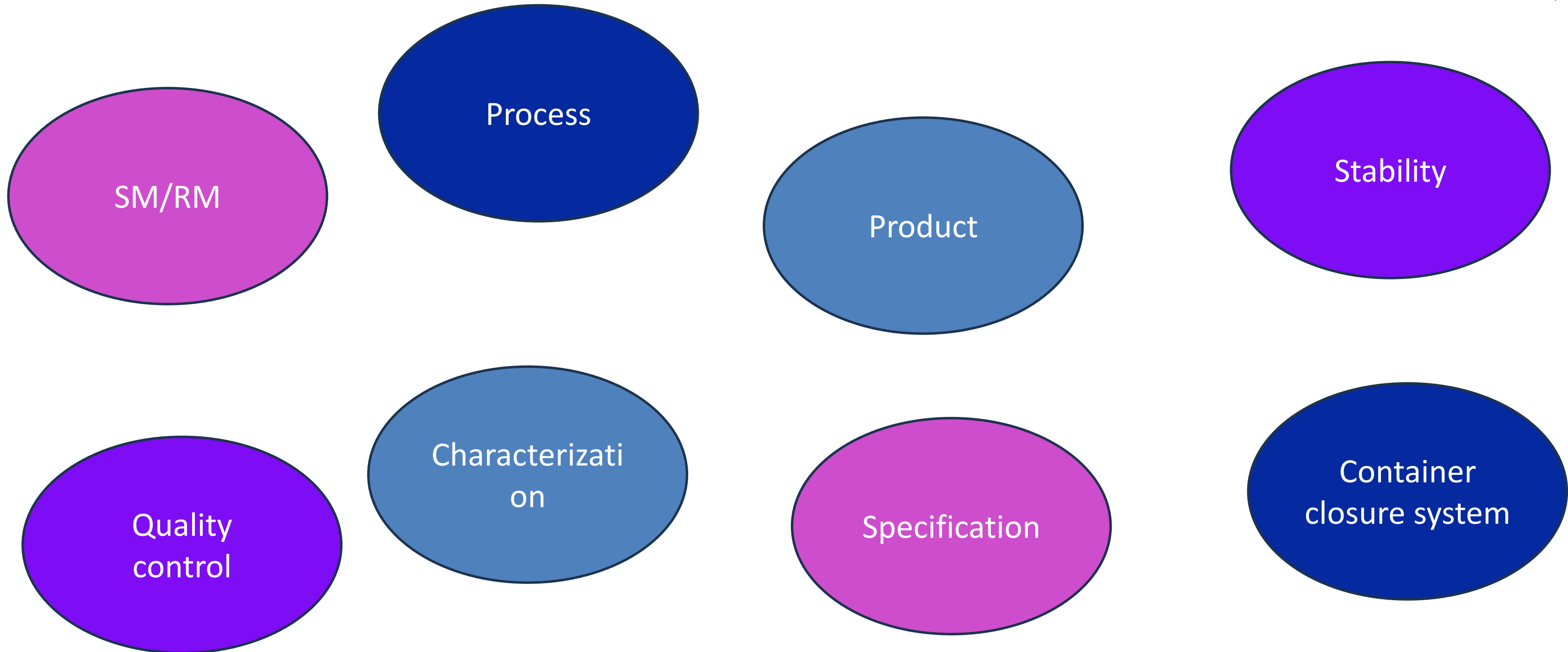


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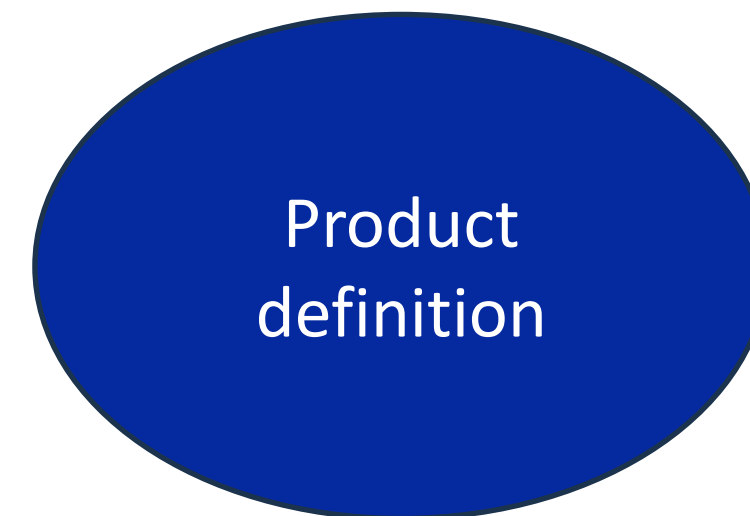
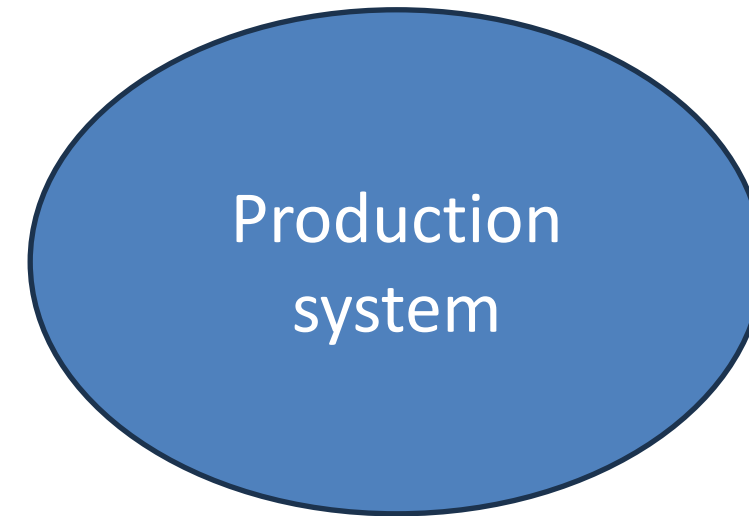
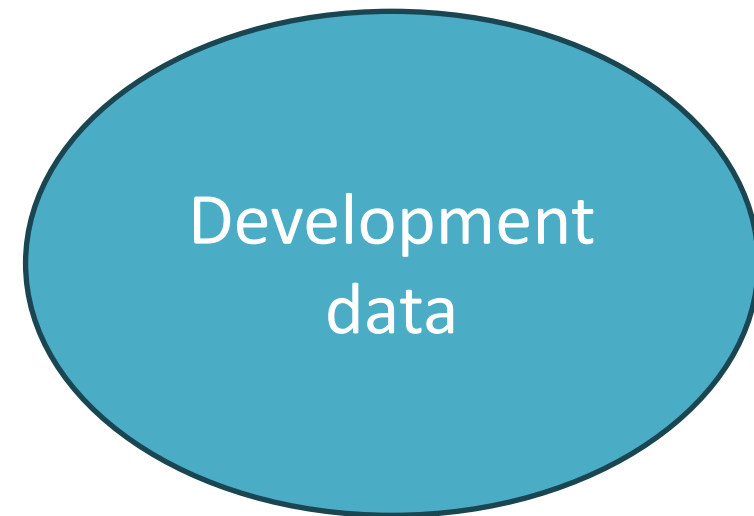


SM/RM supply

Product release



At least:



Manufacturing options

In house

- Full control over process and IP
- Flexibility
- Risky, expensive
- Lack of expertise and "GMP culture"



Sponsor with high & secure fundings
Multiple products
Process Dev team

CDMO

- Access to Expertise
- Scalability
- Process platform
- Know-how risks
- Less flexible



Sponsor with classic product (AAV/mAb..)
No development resources

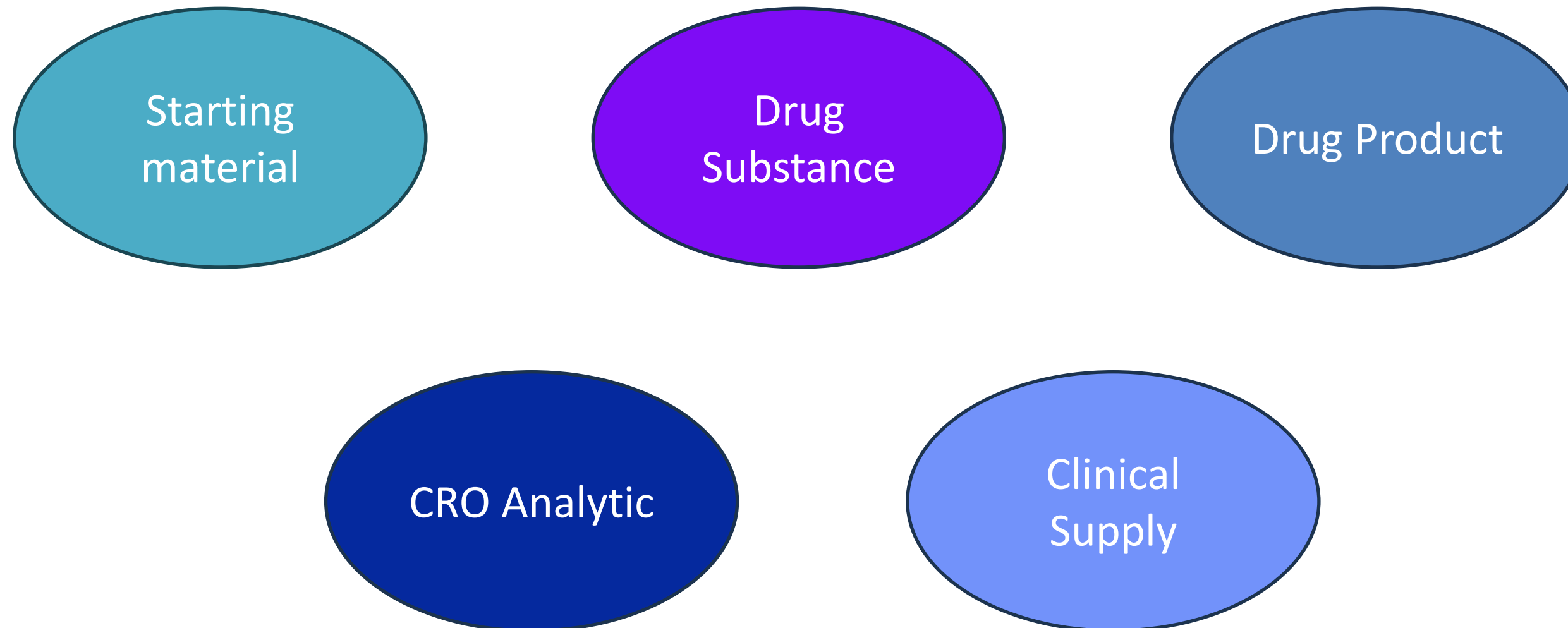
SMO

- Full control over process and IP
- Flexibility
- Costless
- Sponsor should have process dev team



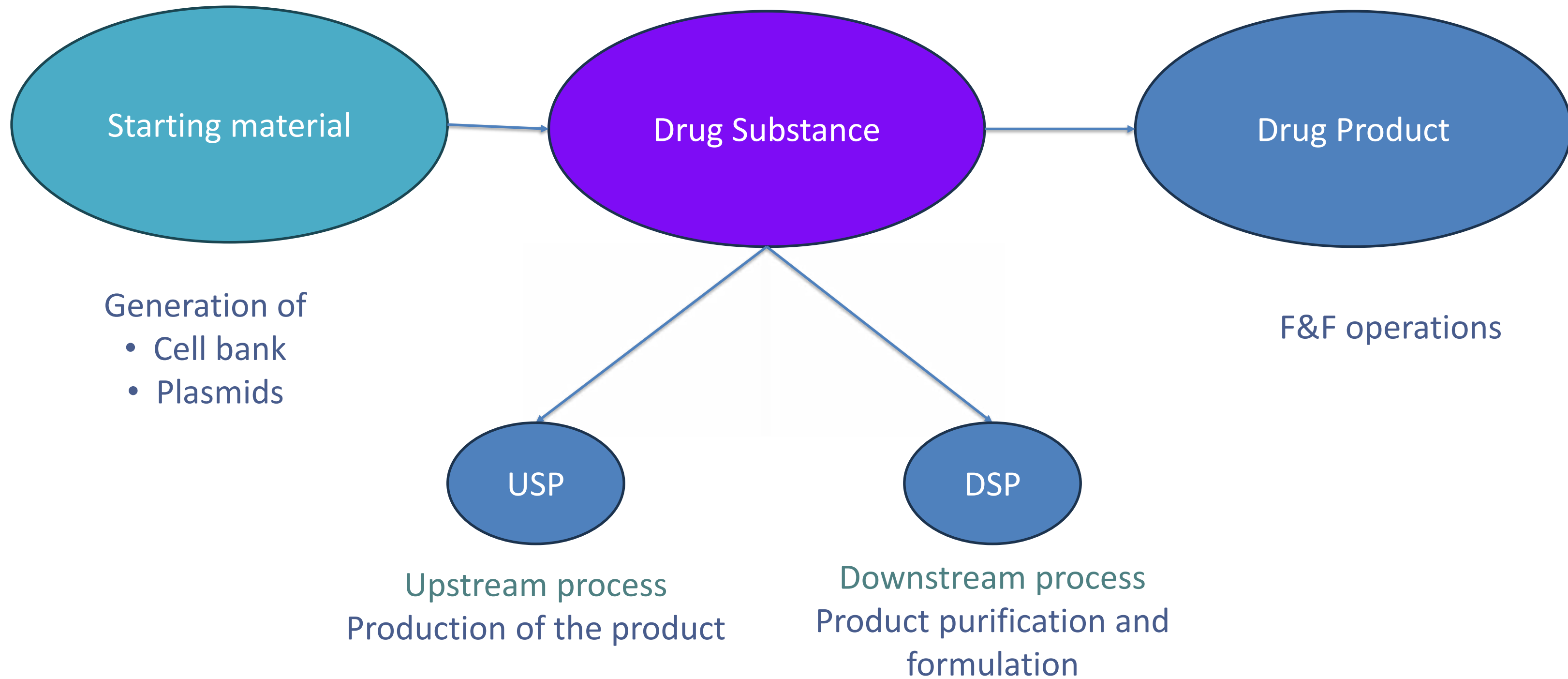
Sponsor with non classic product
Process Dev team
Specific know how

One or more CDMOs ?



Be careful to limit the number of subcontractors !

Production steps



Cell bank

⇒Phase I/II: GMP MCB sufficient – WCB not required at this step

⇒MCB should be done from RCB/ cell for which you are able to file the cell line history

Plasmids (Gene Therapy)

⇒GMP MCB

⇒Phase I/II: High quality grade plasmids sufficient

Other raw materials

⇒As much as possible : animal origin RM to be avoid, if not: ensure product safety (TSE/BSE certificate, CoO, irradiation status....)

⇒GMP or high-quality grade

Process transfer : transfer run

- To ensure reproducibility of you process in the CDMO in non-GMP
- To generate material for method implementation and reference standard
- For tox studies

Pilot/Engineering run

- To ensure reliability of the process in GMP environment
- To generate data for production specification
- To generate stability data to define product shelf life
- For tox studies

GMP clinical batch

- To file CTA application
- To generate data for specification/ stability studies

Analytical transfer, development and qualification

- Method ready in GMP QC for batch analysis
- Only safety method should be fully validated
- Other method should be qualified
- Activity often underestimated

ICH Q2(R2)

Stabilities studies

- To define product shelf life
- To be done on at least on the 3 first batches

ICH Q1A

Safety

Sterility
Endotoxin
Mycoplasma
Test of specific viruses
In vitro cell culture
infectivity assays
Adventitious agent
detection
Endogenous
retroviruses
Karyotype*
Tumorigenicity*

* On diploid cells

Quality

Cell viability
Cell recovery

Identity/ Purity

Genotypic assay
Phenotypic assay

Potency**

Functionality

Impurities

Process related
impurities
Product related
impurities **

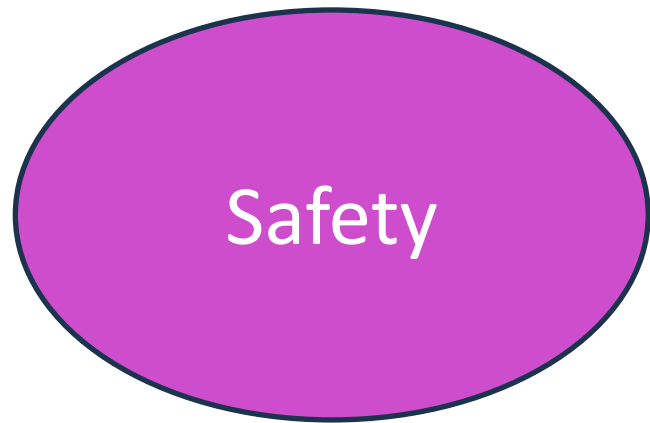
** For cell therapy products

Up to 4 months for a full MCB characterization!

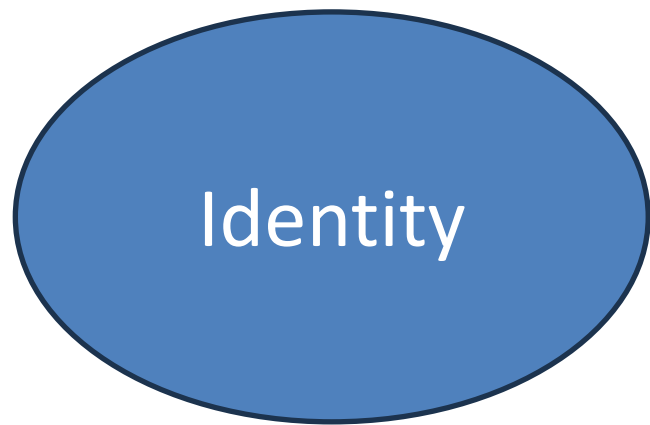
Example of control Strategy DS & DP

Release testing

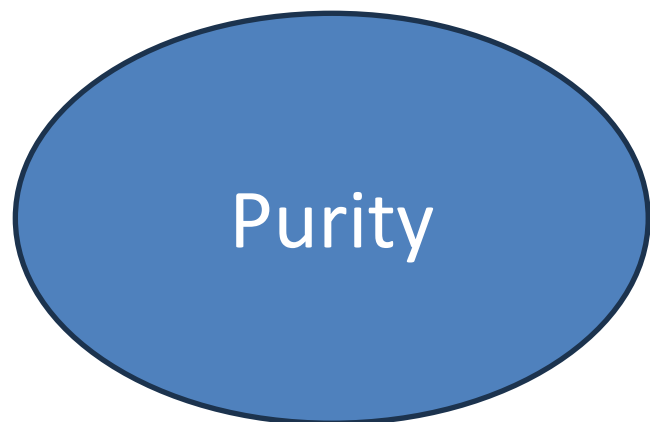
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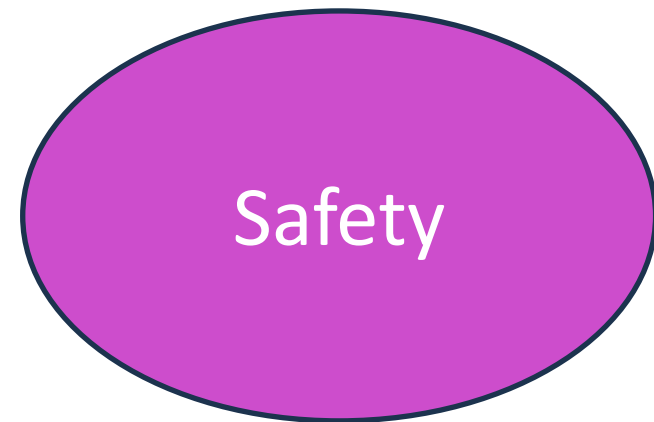
Bioburden
Endotoxin
Mycoplasma
Adventitious agent
(harvest)



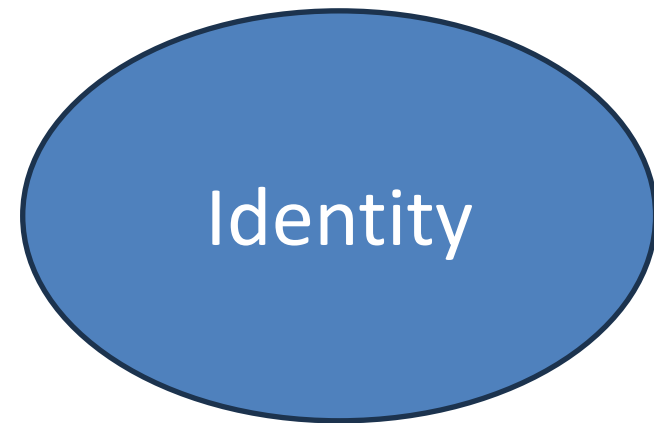
Product dependent



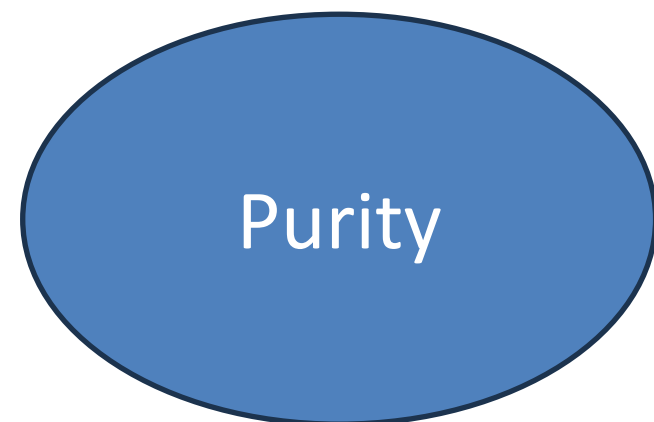
Product dependent:
process and
product related
impurities



Sterility
Endotoxins
Any relevant safety
assays
CCIT

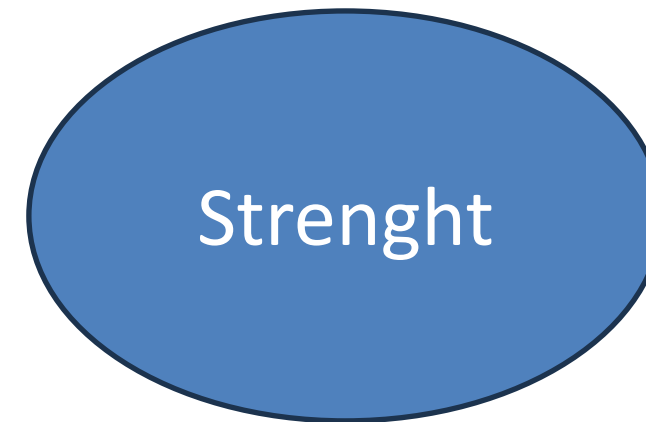


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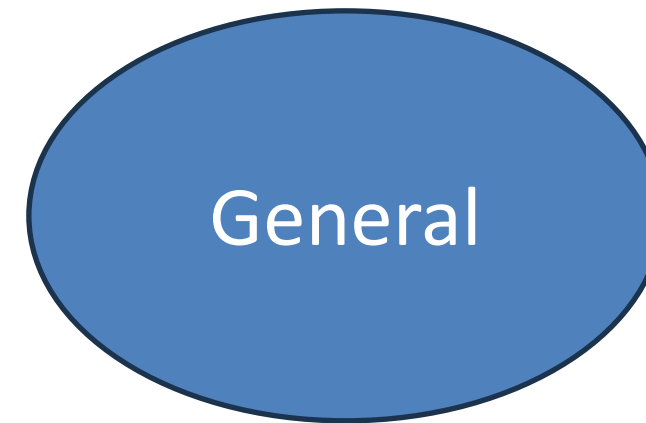


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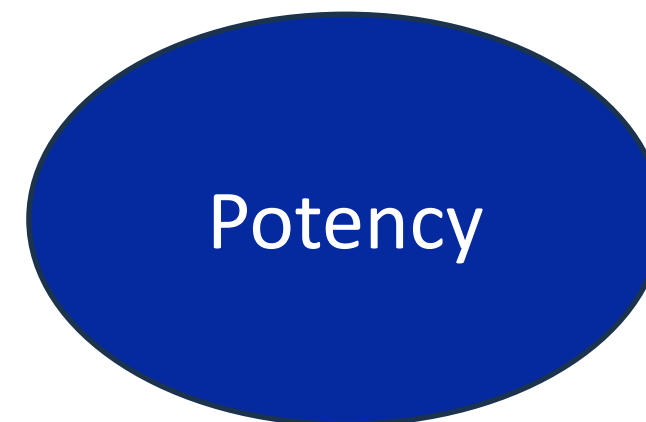
DP



Product dosage



pH
Osmolality
Appearance
Extractable
volume



Product dependent

IPC/ Characterization assays

All relevant assays to monitor the process and/or to product knowledge

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Starting material

On plasmid and cell banks: to be anticipated but for phase I/II can be covered during their use for production

Drug substance

To cover holding step

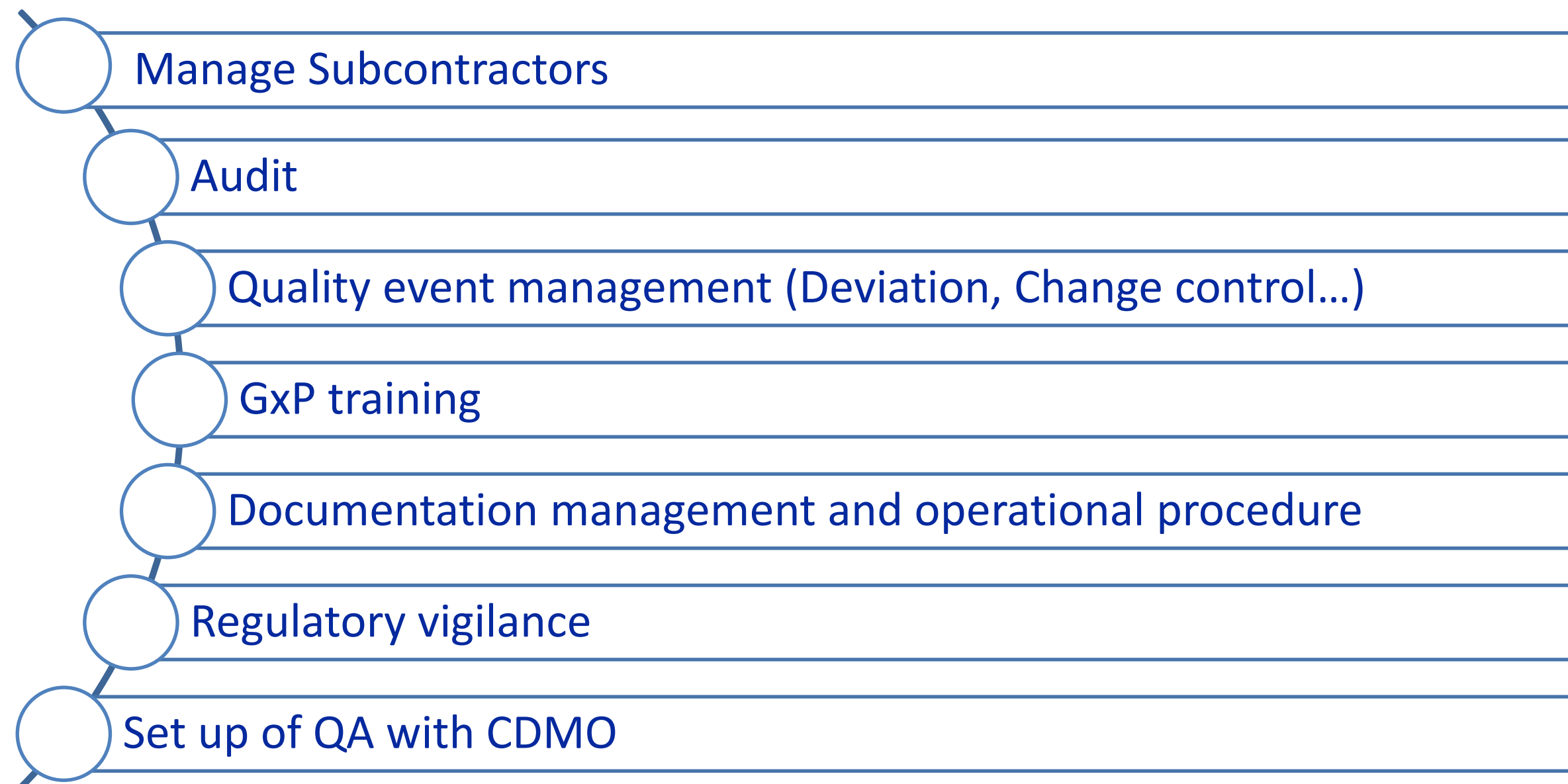
Drug product

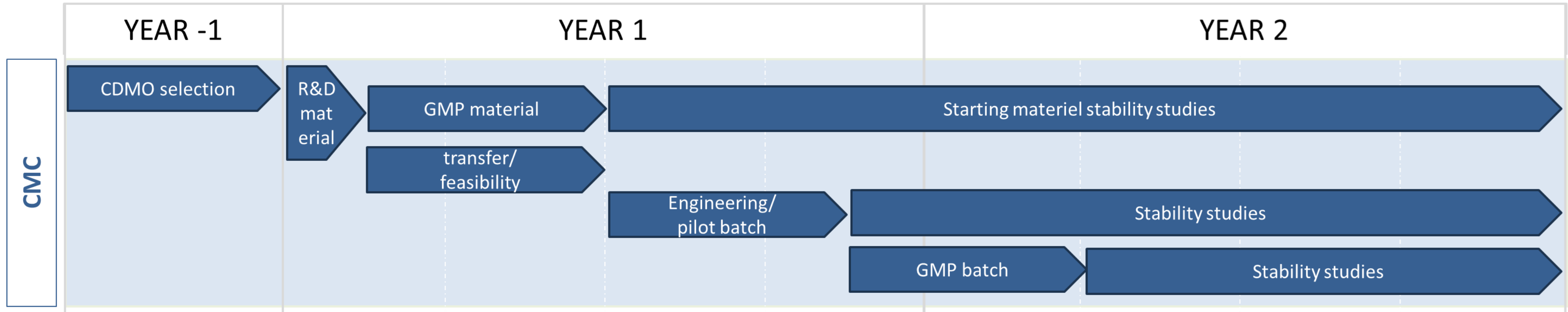
- Long-term stability studies => to cover product shelf life
- Accelerated stability studies => to cover product shelf life and temperature excursion
- In use stability => to cover product stability when product delivered to the patient
- Freeze/thaw stability study => to save material for stability study or QC testing

For tox batch : product stability might be required by CRO

Sponsor has the final responsibility of the oversight of the regulated activities (under GMP/GCP/GLP => GxP)

Need to set up a **Quality Management System** to:





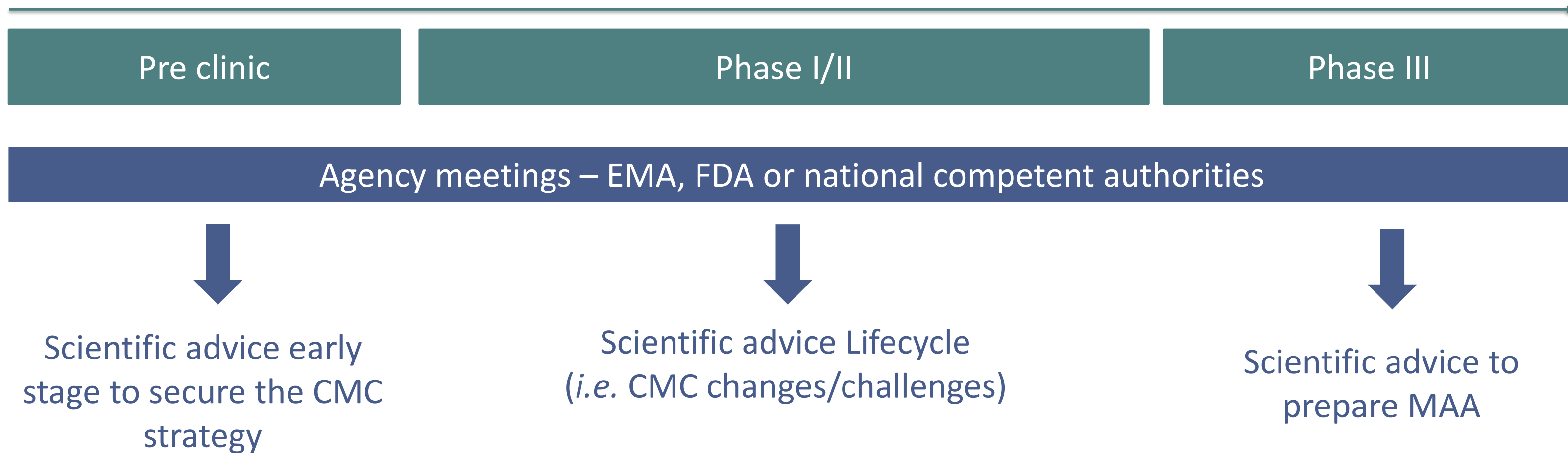
CMC take home messages

- ⇒ Traceability of development data – Key of success
- ⇒ CDMO selection is a critical step
- ⇒ Analytics to be anticipated
- ⇒ Choice of batches for preclinical regulatory studies

Regulatory



Pharmaceutical development



- Voluntary but highly recommended
- To clarify **regulatory expectations** early in development



Clinical Phases

Phase I	Phase II	Phase III	Phase IV
Sécurité Dose maximale tolérée, pharmacocinétique	Immunogénicité Sécurité Relation dose/effet	Efficacité Sécurité	Pharmaco- épidémiologie
1ere administration chez l'homme	Définition de dose	Études « pivot » pour le dossier d'enregistrement	Etudes Post-AMM
N = dizaines	N = centaines	N = milliers	N > 10 000

Primary Objective : Safety and Tolerability

The identified risks must be taken into account when selecting the target population and monitoring patients enrolled in clinical trials.

Safety

Adverse events (expected and unexpected)

- Frequency, duration and severity
- Possible persistence of the product or immunogenicity
- Potential malignant transformation, genotoxicity
- Risk of virus shedding and germ transmission
- The need for long term efficacy and safety follow up
- Administration procedures/delivery
- Shipment and handling requirements

Tolerability

Key concepts of dose finding/escalation

- Dose for FIH studies based on Non-Clinical data
- Dose finding starts with FIH study, dose escalation
- Evaluation of the correlation between exposure and effect
- Absence of dose finding should be thoroughly justified in the trial protocol
- Repeated injections : choice of the waiting period between the staggered administrations (time course, nature, subacute toxicities)

Setting up an ATMP clinical trial → rigorous process, scientific, ethical and regulatory requirements

Investigator and sponsor

Clinical protocol

- Identification of medical need
- Definition of objectives (primary and secondaries) and evaluation criteria
- Analysis of scientific and clinical context
- Definition of patient eligibility criteria
- Follow-up and monitoring
- Pharmaceutical circuit
- DSMB
- Adverse events

Manufacturer and sponsor

IMPD (Innovative Medicinal Product Dossier)

- Part 1 and 2: Process and Quality
 - Raw and starting materials
 - Drug substance and drug product process,
 - Quality control
 - Stability
- Part 3: Preclinical studies
 - Toxicity, biodistribution, tumorigenicity, genotoxicity
- Part 4: Clinical studies
 - Product
 - Pathology

DS

- 3.2.S.1. General Information
- 3.2.S.2. Manufacture
- 3.2.S.3. Characterization
- 3.2.S.4. Control of Drug Substance
- 3.2.S.5. Reference Standards or Material
- 3.2.S.6. Container Closure System
- 3.2.S.7. Stability

DP

- 3.2.P.1. Description and Composition
- 3.2.P.2. Pharmaceutical Development
- 3.2.P.3. Manufacture
- 3.2.P.4. Control of excipients
- 3.2.P.5. Control of DP
- 3.2.P.6 Reference Standards or Material
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