

Drug Products Containing Nanomaterials: A Regulatory Perspective

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Regulatory Differences and Similarities

EMA

- 27 EU Member States
- Use of Network Resources
 - Small EMA Staffs
- Clinical trials are not authorized by EMA
- Some generics
- Definitions

FDA

- 1 Country
- Everything In-House
 - Large FDA Staffs
- Clinical trials are regulated by FDA
- All generics
- Definitions

Different regulatory processes produce the same scientific questions

US FDA Nanotechnology Regulatory Framework



- No regulatory definition of nanotechnology or related terms
 - E.g., no definition for “Nanomedicine”
- Regulations and law do not separate nanotechnology products
 - Same regulatory pathways
 - Do not categorically judge products as intrinsically benign or harmful
- FDA regulatory framework and review processes adequately identify and manage potential risks associated with the use of nanomaterials in products

Guidance for Industry
Considering Whether an FDA-Regulated Product Involves
the Application of Nanotechnology

Contains Nonbinding Recommendations

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2014 FDA Guidance



- Deliberate and purposeful manipulation and control of dimensions
- External dimensions or internal surface structure 1-100 nm
- Properties attributable to the dimensions
- Addressed on a case-by-case basis using FDA's existing review processes.

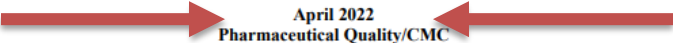
Drug Products, Including Biological Products, that Contain Nanomaterials Guidance for Industry

2022 CDER/CBER Guidance



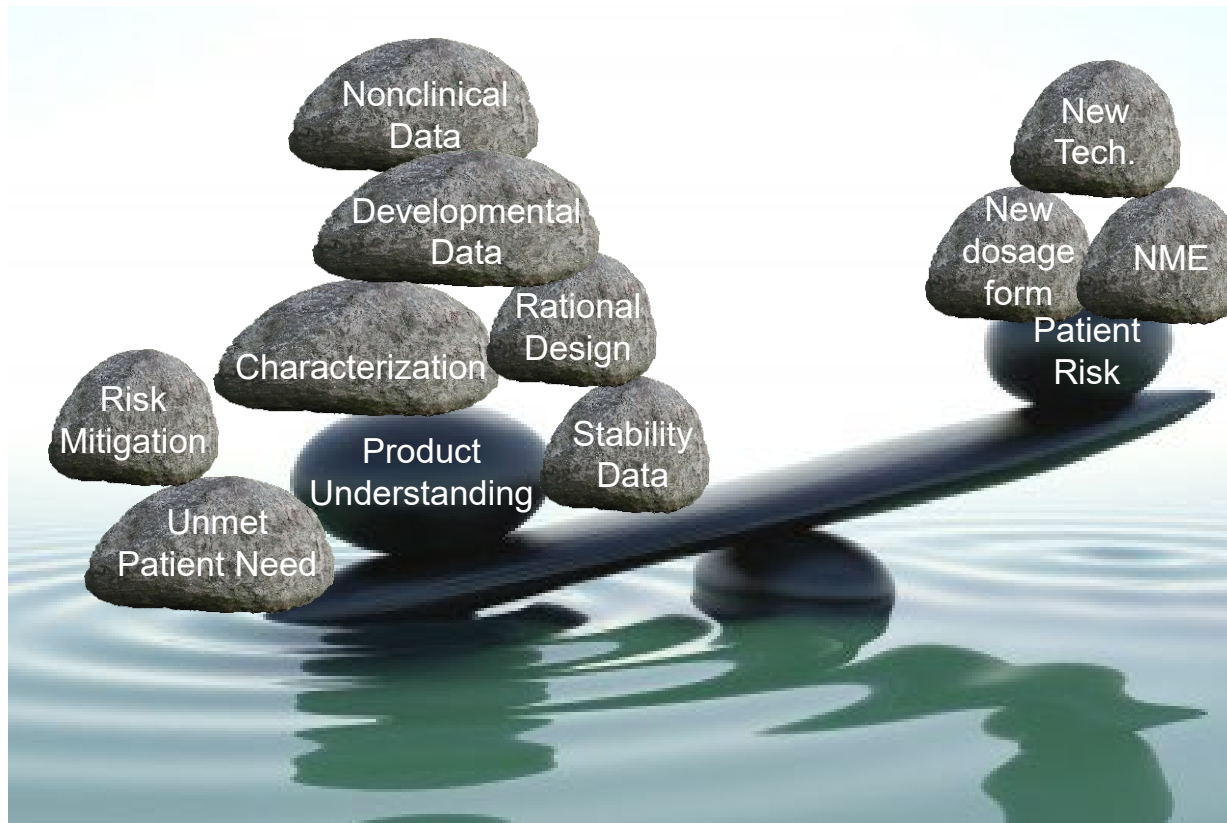
- Focuses on identifying and managing new risks
- Same standards of safety, efficacy, and quality
- Risk-based approach for characterization and intent of nanomaterial

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Risk/Benefit Analysis



Nanomaterials in Drug Products: Examples



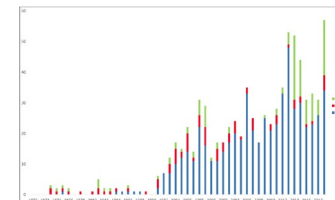
Platform	Example		
	Name	NDA Approval	Indication
Liposome	DOXIL [®] (Doxorubicin)	1995 ¹	Cancer
Inorganic nanoparticle	FERRLECIT [®] (Sodium ferric gluconate complex)	1999 ²	Anemia
Protein -based	ABRAXANE [®] (Paclitaxel)	2005	Cancer
Polymer -based	MACUGEN [®] (Pegaptanib sodium)	2004	Macular degeneration.
Emulsion	RESTASIS [®] (Cyclosporine)	2002 ⁴	To increase tear production
Lipid complex	AMPHOTEC [®] (Amphotericin B)	1996	Invasive aspergillosis
Nanotube	SOMATULINE DEPOT [®] (Lanreotide acetate)	2007	Acromegaly
Nanocrystal	TRICOR [®] (Fenofibrate)	2004 ³	Hypercholesterolemia
Micelle	TAXOTERE [®] (Docetaxel)	1996	Cancer

¹ First ANDA approval in 2013

² First ANDA approval in 2011

³ First ANDA approval in 2011

⁴ **First ANDA approval in 2022**



Generic Drug Products



New Drug Application (NDA)

Brand Name Drug

NDA Requirements

1. Chemistry
2. Manufacturing
3. Controls
4. Labeling
5. Testing

6. Animal Studies
7. Clinical Studies
8. Bioavailability

Abbreviated NDA (ANDA)

Generic Drug

ANDA Requirements

1. Chemistry
2. Manufacturing
3. Controls
4. Labeling
5. Testing

6. Bioequivalence

A **complex generic drug product** is (*among others*) a product with:

- a complex active ingredient(s) (e.g., peptides, polymeric compounds, complex mixtures of APIs, naturally sourced ingredients)
- a complex formulation (e.g., liposomes, colloids)
- a complex route of delivery (e.g., locally acting drugs such as dermatological products and complex ophthalmological products and otic dosage forms that are formulated as suspensions, emulsions, or gels)
- a complex dosage form (e.g., transdermals, metered dose inhalers, extended release injectables)

Product Specific Guidances

- outline the information and types of studies recommended to support the approval of generic product referencing a specific RLD product.
- PSGs are posted on a quarterly basis
- as of Oct 2022, there are 23 for a complex ophthalmic or injectable product containing nanotechnology

Regulatory Needs



- Early discussions on novel formulations



- (continued) Regulatory Research
- Standards

Example: Suggested Minimal Characterization of Nanomaterials in Drug Products 2013

- Agglomeration/aggregation
- Chemical composition
- Crystal structure/crystallinity
- Particle size/size distribution
- Purity
- Shape
- Surface area
- Porosity
- Surface charge
- Surface chemistry (composition and reactivity)
- Endotoxin content
- Solubility
- Stability
- Concentration
- Zeta potential
- Surface energy
- Catalytic properties
- Dustiness
- Oleophilicity/hydrophilicity
- Grain size
- Photocatalytic activity
- Octanol-water partition coefficient
- Redox potential
- Radical formation potential

Attributes of Nanomaterials



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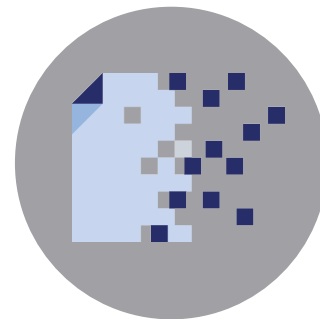
- **Chemical composition**
- **Average particle size**
- **Particle size distribution**
- **General shape and morphology**
- **Stability, both physical and chemical**

SOMETIMES

- Assay and distribution of any active ingredient
 - Associated with the nanomaterial and free in solution
- Structural attributes that relate to function
- Surface properties
- Coating properties
 - Including how coatings are bound to the nanomaterial
- Porosity
- Particle concentration
- In vitro release
- Crystal form
- Impurities
- Sterility and endotoxin levels



Why Are Standards Important?



Consistency +

Predictability +

Credibility

= Science Based Decisions



FDA Nanotechnology Standard Participation



- ASTM International
 - E56 Committee on Nanotechnology
- International Organization for Standardization
 - TC 229 Nanotechnologies
- United States Pharmacopeia (USP)
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Resources



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- [GUIDANCE DOCUMENT: Considering Whether an FDA-Regulated Product Involves the Application of Nanotechnology - Guidance for Industry; JUNE 2014](#)
- [GUIDANCE DOCUMENT: Liposome Drug Products: Chemistry, Manufacturing, and Controls; Human Pharmacokinetics and Bioavailability; and Labeling Documentation; APRIL 2018](#)
- [PRODUCT SPECIFIC GUIDANCES:Product-Specific Guidances for Generic Drug Development | FDA](#)
- [Center for Drug Evaluation and Research Nanotechnology Programs | FDA](#)
- [Complex Generics News | FDA](#)
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