Regulation of Cell & Gene Therapy Products for Clinical Trials



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Thank you for the Invitation



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Aim

To navigate through some of the regulatory issues associated with developing products for cell and gene therapies



A Word of Advice!



- One of today's talks will be given by a speaker from the FDA
- Theirs is the opinion that ultimately matters – not mine!
- Make use of all of the opportunities available for interaction

Why do I need to know this?



- Cell & Gene Therapies are FDA regulated
- Regulations use specialized terminology
- You need to understand the terminology and regulations to know how to:-
 - Make & test the study product
 - Design the clinical trial
 - File the application FDA
 - Move towards licensure of the product

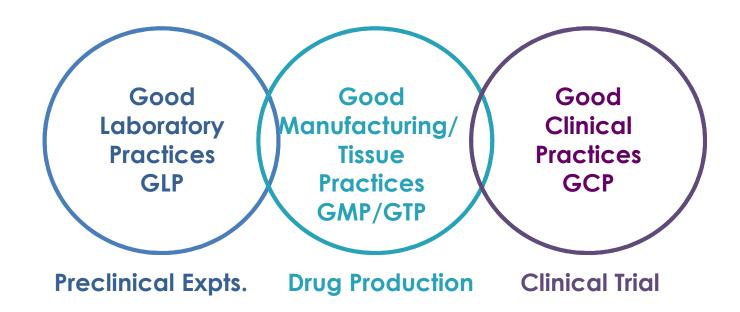
Terminology matters!



- HCT/P's: Human Cells, Tissues, and Cellular and Tissue-Based Products
- FDA: Regulates Cell & Gene Therapies in the USA
 - CBER: Center for Biologics Evaluation & Research
 - CDER: Center for Devices & Radiological Health
 - Who regulates what depends on the cells
- Combination Product: Cells combined with membranes, scaffolds etc.

Regulatory Continuum





Title 21 Code of Federal Regulations

GLP Regulations



Good Laboratory Practices GLP

- Regulations to cover nonclinical laboratory studies to support applications for research or marketing permits for FDA-regulated products
- To ensure quality and integrity of the safety data

Covers Non-clinical Laboratory Studies – "Preclinical Studies"

Good Laboratory Practices GLP

- Title 21 CFR Part 58
- Changes pending
 - Proposed rule 08/24/16
 - Complete Quality
 Systems approach

Guidance for Industry: Preclinical Assessment of Investigational Cellular and Gene Therapy Products

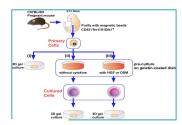
Good Laboratory Practices
Ouestions and Answers

GLP Components



- A General provisions
- **B** Organization & personnel
- C Facilities
- D Equipment
- E Facility operations
- F Test & control articles
- G Study conduct protocol
- J Records & reports
- K Disqualification of facilities









- Most studies to support Phase 1 IND applications are NOT performed under FULL GLP
- What you do need:
 - Well-designed experiments
 - Good documentation
 - FDA advice in a Pre-pre IND meeting

Guidance for Industry

Preclinical Assessment of Investigational Cellular and Gene Therapy Products

Intent of GMP Regulations



Good Manufacturing Practices GMP Regulations to ensure that the product is manufactured using a controlled, auditable process that reproducibly results in a safe and effective product

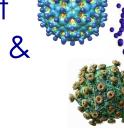
Regulations for Product REGULATIONS Manufacturing



- Current Good Manufacturing Practices
 - 21 CFR Part 210/211+
 - HCT/Ps regulated under Section 351 of the Public Health Service Act (Type **351** Products) leading to Biologic Product License Application via an IND mechanism
- Current Good Tissue Practices (2005)
 - 21 CFR Part 1271
 - HCT/Ps regulated under Section 361 of the Public Health Service Act (Type **361** Products)

Type 361 Regulations

 Introduced in 2005 to prevent the introduction, transmission & spread of communicable diseases by HCT/Ps



- Which regulations to follow is based on risk:
 - Risk to donor during collection
 - Risks from ex vivo manufacturing
 - Risk to recipient



Which Cover What?



Good Tissue Practices [cGTP] (Lower risk category)

- Cells are minimally-manipulated
- Are for homologous use
- Are not combined with another article
- Do not have a systemic effect
- OR: Do have a systemic/metabolic effect
- BUT: Are for autologous use or use in a 1st or 2nd degree relative

Critical GTP Definitions



Homologous use

 The cells perform the same basic function in the recipient as in the donor



Minimal manipulation

 Processing that does not alter the relevant biological characteristics of the cells or tissues



Homologous Use





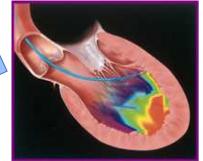
Stem Cell Apheresis

Homologous GTP

GMP + IND Non-Homologous



Stem Cell Transplant



Cardiac Regeneration

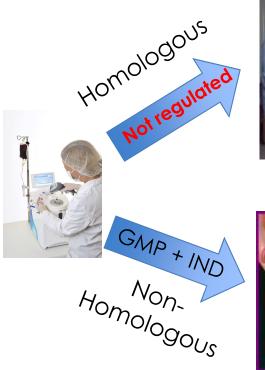
Homologous Use of Human Cells, Tissues, and Cellular and Tissue-Based Products

Homologous Use



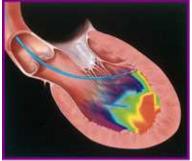


Harvest





Stem Cell Transplant

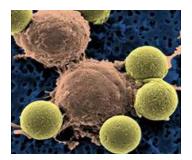


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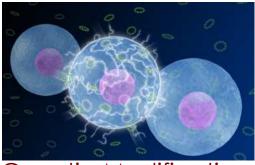
Manipulation



Cell Culture



Cell Activation



Genetic Modification



Cells on Matrix

Minimal Manipulation of Human Cells, Tissues, and Cellular and Tissue-Based Products: Draft Guidance

Summary of Differences

Type 361 Cells	Type 351 Cells
No IND Needed	IND Required
Minimal Manipulation	More than Minimal Manipulation
Homologous Use	Non-Homologous Use
No Combination Products	Combination Products
Good Tissue Practices	Good Manufacturing Practices
Example: PBPC	Example CAR-T Cells

Minimally-manipulated Marrow

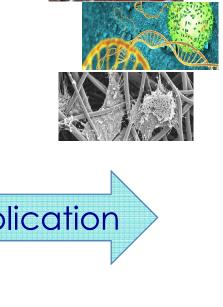
Summary of Differences

GTP	GMP
Register Establishment	Register Establishment
with FDA	with FDA
Perform Allo Donor	Perform Allo Donor
Eligibility Assessment	Eligibility Assessment
Exceptions for Ineligible Donor Use	Very Few Exceptions for Ineligible Donor Use
Quality Program	Quality Program
Required	Required
Slightly less documentation of all phases of Manufacturing	Extensive documentation of all phases of Manufacturing

In Most Cell & Gene Therapies

The cells are:

- More than minimally-manipulated
- Are for non-homologous use
- May be a combination product





GMP/GTP Requirements



Facilities



Environmental Control



Equipment



Reagents & Supplies



Recovery



Process & Process Controls

GTP Core requirements



Labels & Control



Storage



Receipt & Distribution



Donor Eligibility

Other requirements:

Staff



Sufficient in Number

Appropriate Education

Experienced

Trained

Competent

Quality Program

- Comprehensive system for manufacturing & tracking products
- Designed to prevent, detect and correct deficiencies
- Approves and rejects incoming materials, in-process materials & final products
- Records control & management
- Reviews production records & investigating any unexplained discrepancies





Quality Control



- Tests incoming materials, containers, closures, labeling & monitors the manufacturing environment
- Evaluates manufacturing adherence to proper specifications and limits (inprocess & release testing)



Quality Assurance

- Review and approval of all procedures related to production and maintenance
- Review of all associated records
- Auditing and performing & evaluating trend analyses





As the Manufacturer: What & How Much do I Need?

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CGMP for Phase 1 Investigational Drugs

What Information will the FDA require in the IND?

Guidance for Reviewers

Instructions and Template for Chemistry, Manufacturing, and Control (CMC) Reviewers of Human Somatic Cell Therapy Investigational New Drug Applications (INDs)

Good Clinical Practices



Good Clinical Practices GCP An international ethical & scientific quality standard for designing, conducting, recording, & reporting trials that involve participation of human subjects.

Guidance for Industry

E6 Good Clinical Practice: Consolidated Guidance

Considerations for the Design of Early-Phase Clinical Trials of Cellular and Gene Therapy Products

The Best Tips – FDA Guidances

Human Cells, Tissues, and Cellular and Tissue-Based Products (HCT/Ps) from Adipose Tissue: Regulatory Considerations; Draft Guidance

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Potency Tests for Cellular and Gene Therapy Products

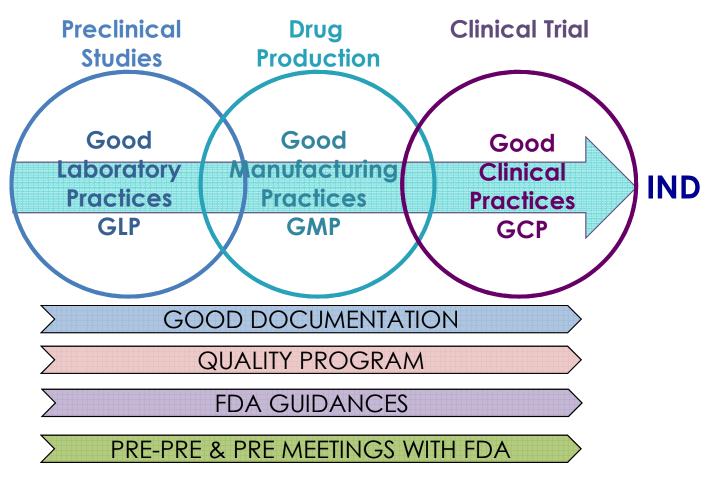
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Guidance for Industry: Cellular Therapy for Cardiac Disease

Pathways to Success



Thank You!

