Regulatory Requirements and Case Sharing on Post Approval Change Management Protocol

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Introduction to Post-Approval Change Management Protocols

Case study (I): Additional site for an insulin product

Case Study (II): Sterile filtration at point of filling

Conclusion
FDA was first with the PACMP – termed Comparability Protocol

A Comparability Protocol is a comprehensive, prospectively written plan for assessing the effect of a proposed CMC post-approval change(s) on the identity, strength, quality, purity, and potency of a drug product or a biological product (i.e., product), as these factors may relate to the safety or effectiveness of the product (i.e., product quality).

First version 2003
PACMPs are being introduced globally

- USA introduced the PACMP (Comparability Protocol) in 2003
- EU allowed PACMP in 2013
- Switzerland is allowing PACMP from 2019
- Japan introduced the PACMP in Aug 2021
- Canada introduced PACMP under pilot in Nov 2021
- Brazil is about to commence a Q12 pilot, starting with PACMP tool
Post-Approval Change Management Protocol

- PACMP submission and approval
- Data generation
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- Traditional Post-Approval Change submission and approval

Time gained

Regulatory certainty
ICH Q12

The PACMP is a regulatory tool that provides predictability regarding the information required to support a CMC change and the type of regulatory submission based on prior agreement between the MAH and regulatory authority. Such a mechanism enables planning and implementation of future changes to ECs in an efficient and predictable manner.
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A protocol describes the CMC change an MAH intends to implement during the commercial phase of a product lifecycle, how the change would be prepared and verified, including assessment of the impact of the proposed change, and the suggested reporting category in line with regional regulations and guidance, i.e., a lower reporting category and/or shortened review period as compared to similar change procedure without an approved PACMP. The PACMP also identifies specific conditions and acceptance criteria to be met.
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Case example (I):
Additional drug product site for an insulin analogue

- The same process as original site
- Within the approved batch size range
- The same specification
- The QC lab was already approved
- The facility already had satisfactory GMP approval

- Submitted as a type II variation in EU: Post-Approval Change Management Protocol
Submission of data in a Type 1b variation

• Addition of manufacturer
• Facility and Equipment
• Process validation report
• Batch analysis report
• Stability protocol
• Change management report
Time line

- Type II (major change) PACMP submitted: 03-May-2019
- PACMP approved: 18-Jul-2019
- Results submitted as Type 1B (moderate change): 23-Sep-2020
- Addition site approved: 04-Nov-2020
- Batches from new site can be released from: 04-Nov-2020
Case example (II): Sterile filtration at point of filling (soluble insulin products)

• Protocol describing how pilot data for batches with and without the sterile filtration at point of filling will be made

• Acceptance criteria:
  • The results of stability indicating parameters, e.g. pH, macroscopy and preservatives must be within the currently approved release specification limits, comparable to reference samples produced without the sterile filter at point of filling and comparable to historical data in manufacturing scale.

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Submission of data in a Type 1b variation

- Updated description of manufacturing process and controls
- Batch analysis report
- Stability protocol and commitment
- Change management report
Time line

- Type II PACMP submitted: 20-Dec-2020
- **PACMP approved:** 11-Mar-2021
- Results submitted as Type 1B: pending
Conclusion

• PACMPs are very useful for major changes for which lower reporting category of data is expected (and approved 😊)
• Major logistical advantages as time from manufacturing to release can be shortened
• Predictability of the resulting post-approval change