



DRUG DELIVERY EXPERTS

**Contract Drug
Product R&D**

**Complex Injectable
Formulations**

**Clinical Trial
Materials**

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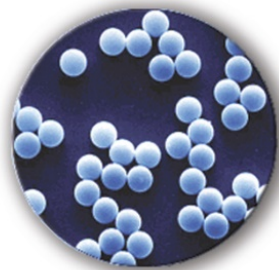
PHARM R&D CENTER OF EXCELLENCE



- Specialists in injectable drug formulations and combination drug product development
- Injectable solution to complex formulation
 - Immediate to extended-release
 - Small molecule to antibody
- GMP clinical trial material manufacture for early phase clinical development
- Extensive experience in biologics, drug development, device, and delivery systems
- Highly-qualified Ph.D. scientists working in state-of-the-art R&D lab in heart of San Diego



- Leveraging a deep understanding of molecular properties, formulation, device
 - Integrating delivery system R&D projects into your development program
 - Optimizing target product profile to enhance value proposition



Discovery Support

- Lead molecule profiling
- Clinical candidate evaluation
- Biologic half-life extension

Drug Product Development

- Formulation design
- Drug product development
- Analytical methods

Integration with device

- Device identification
- Formulation compatibility
- Device product development

Pharmaceutical R&D Laboratory

- Formulation, analytical, process, chemistry, device development
- Specialists in complex drug product development
- Peptide and small molecule chemistry, conjugation (e.g., PEGylation)
- Lead candidate selection for peptide and small molecules
- Crystal and salt form selection for small molecules



GMP Fill Finish for Injectable Formulations

- Parenteral facility and quality system approved by the California Department of Public Health Food and Drug Branch
- Clinical trial materials in vials
- QC and stability testing
- Test article for GLP toxicity studies



LEADERS WITH DEEP DOMAIN EXPERIENCE



Chris Rhodes, Ph.D.

VP, Scientific Affairs

Founded Drug Delivery Experts in 2014 after 20 years in biotech and drug delivery companies in both technical and executive leadership roles.



Randall Freund

Director Quality Assurance

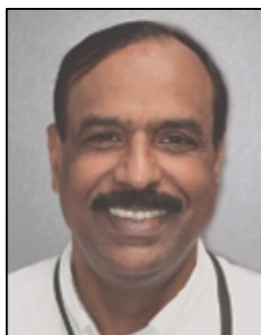
Randall has over 40 years experience in the pharmaceutical and medical device industry overseeing Quality and Production groups to implement or improve Quality Management Systems.



Lawrence D'Souza, Ph.D.

Scientific Director
Discovery,
Chemical and
Process
Development,
Formulation

*Organic chemist
with discovery and
early development
experience in small
molecule, peptide,
and protein
synthesis*



Laxma Reddy, Ph.D.

Scientific Director
Formulation and
Process
Development,
Small Molecules
and Biologics

*Protein biophysical
chemist with
experience in
extended-release
drug delivery
product
development*



Franco Ferrari, Ph.D.

Scientific Director
GMP Operations
and Manufacturing
*Over 30 years of
experience in
quality system
regulations, GMP
facility
management,
and product
development*



Becky Bader, Ph.D.

Associate Director
Formulation for
Pharmaceutical and
Device Applications
*Polymer chemistry,
synthesis, and
characterization.
Nanoparticles,
microspheres,
micelles, conjugates
and hydrogels*

LEADERS WITH >150 YEARS EXPERIENCE



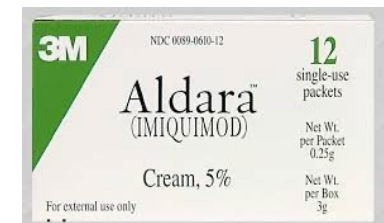
Our Leaders Have Worked at These Companies



Our Leaders Developed These Products



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SUPPORT ACROSS DRUG DEVELOPMENT

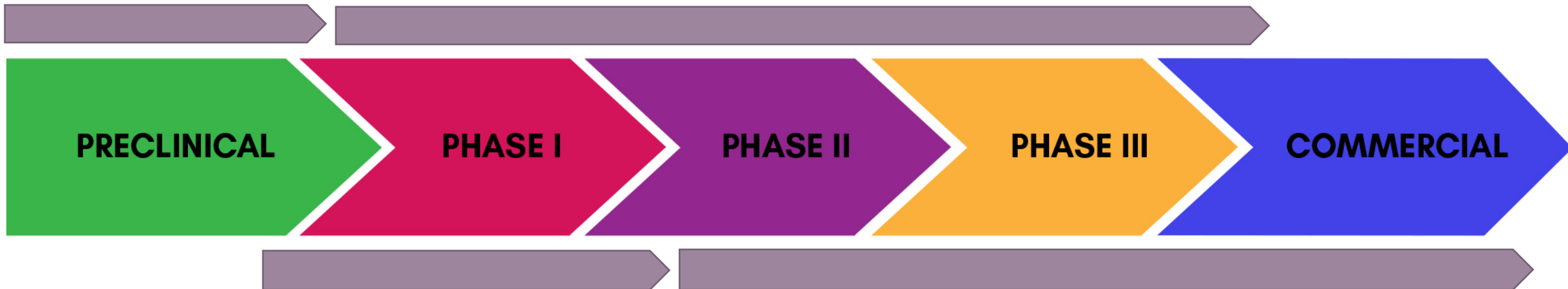


LEAD MOLECULE SELECTION

- *Peptides*
- *Small Molecules*
- *PEGylation*
- *Salt & Cocrystal Selection*

INJECTABLE and LIQUID FORMULATIONS

- *Solution in a Vial / Bag*
- *Lyophilized Powder for Reconstitution*
- *Suspensions (Aqueous & Oil), Emulsions, Micelles, Liposomes*
- *Gel-Forming and Particle Systems for Extended Exposure*



PRECLINICAL

PHASE I

PHASE II

PHASE III

COMMERCIAL

GMP MANUFACTURING

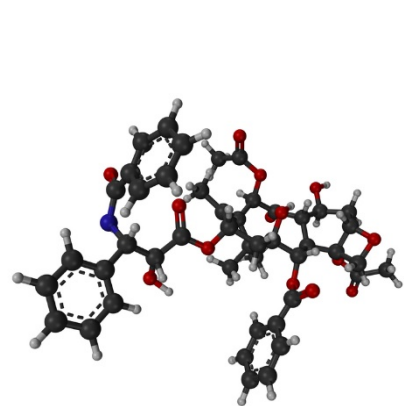
- *Toxicity Test Articles*
- *Clinical Trial Materials*
- *QC Release*
- *Stability Testing*

DEVICE INTEGRATION

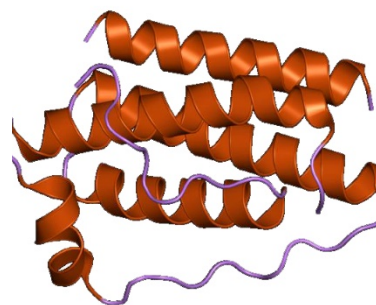
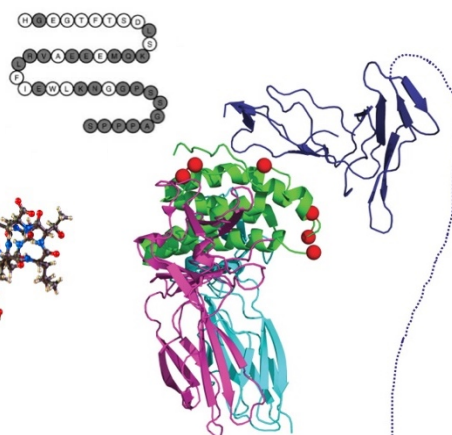
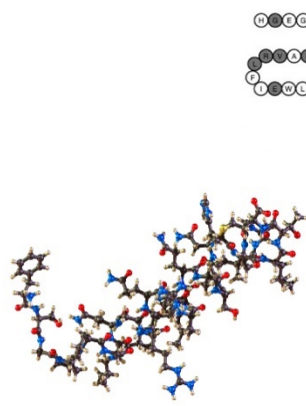
- *Pre-filled Syringe*
- *Cartridge*
- *Pen*
- *Auto-Injector*

LIFE-CYCLE MANAGEMENT

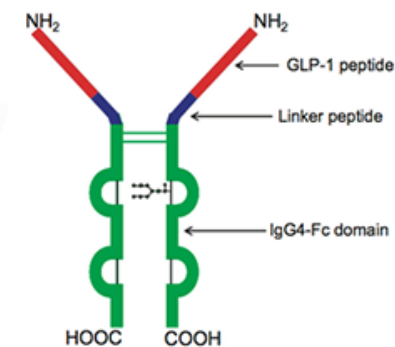
- *Reformulation*
- *Long-Acting Systems*
- *Non-Injectable Delivery (Oral, Nasal, Pulmonary)*



~ 1K Da



~ 10K Da



~ 100K Da

Small Molecules

- IV, SC, IM
- Nasal
- Oral

Peptides

- SC
- Inhalation
- Nasal
- Ocular
- Oral

Proteins

- SC
- Nasal
- Inhalation

Oligos

- SC

Antibody

- SC

COMPONENTS OF TYPICAL LAB PROJECTS

Lead Molecule Selection



Delivery System Selection



Drug Product Development



Clinical Trial Materials

Analytical
Research

Development
Assessment

Lead Molecule
Design

Analytical
Development

Preformulation

Delivery System
Feasibility

Formulation
PK Screening

Formulation
Development

Process
Development
Scale-Up

Analytical
Methods
Qualification

Device
Selection &
Development

Development
Stability

Technology
Transfer
GMP Mfg.

Formulation
Process

GMP
Fill & Finish

Analytical &
QC Release

Stability
Testing

Molecule Design

Peptide/Protein
Conjugates for Half-Life
Small Molecule

Delivery System Design

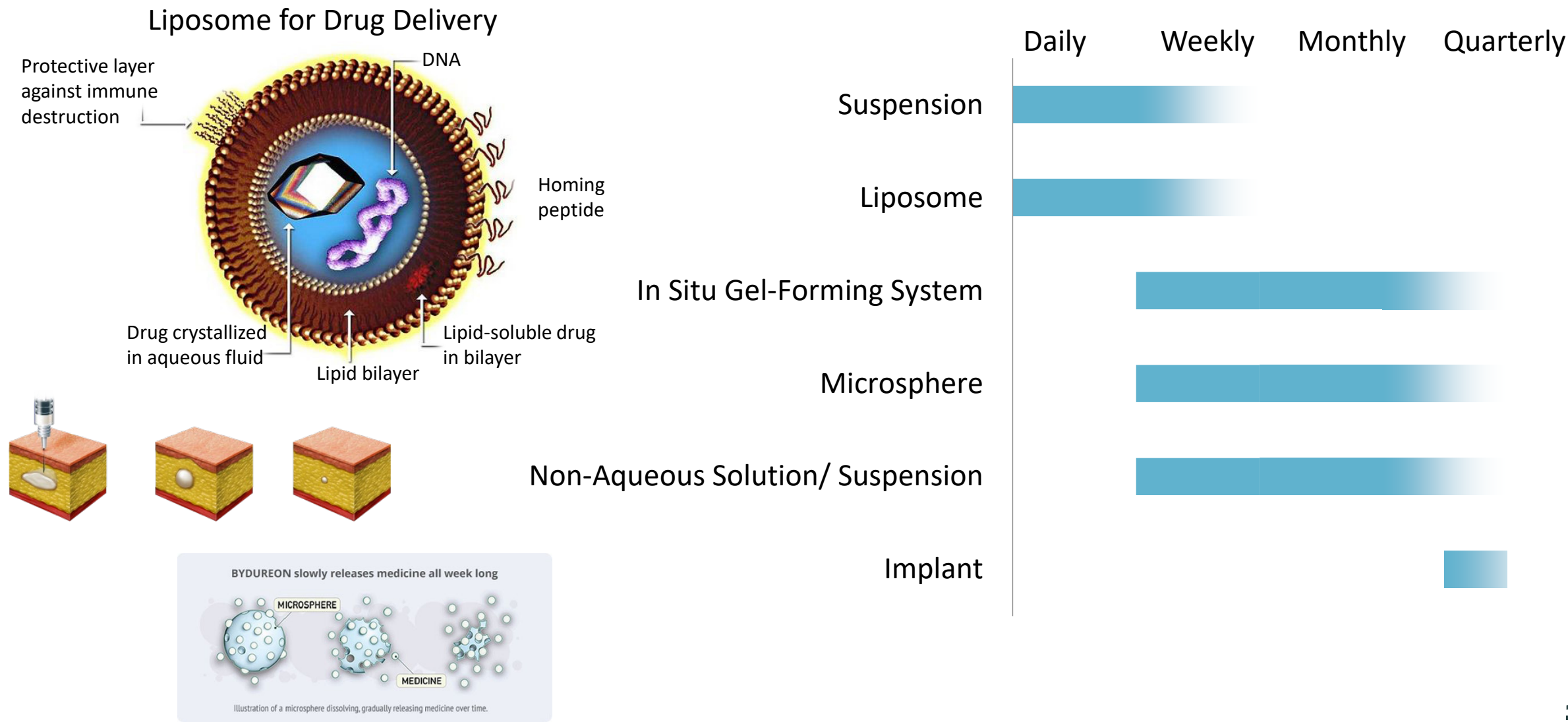
Aqueous or Non-Aqueous Vehicle
Sustained Release Formulation
Triggered or Targeted Systems

Drug Product Design

Pen/Auto-Injector
Pre-Filled Syringe
Nasal/Ocular Drops/Spray

GMP Manufacture

Clinical Trial Materials
QC Release Testing
Stability Studies



EXTENDED-RELEASE INJECTABLE PROGRAMS

Compound Type	MW (kDa)	Injection Frequency	Liposome	Salt	Gel	Microsphere	Suspension
Small Molecule	<1, several	Monthly and longer		✓	✓	✓	✓
Peptide	1	Weekly to Monthly		✓	✓	✓	
Peptide	2	3 to 4 Months		✓	✓		
Peptide	3, 4	Daily		✓			
Peptide	4	Weekly to Monthly		✓	✓		
Peptide	4, 5	Weekly to Monthly		✓	✓	✓	
Insulin	6	Daily to Weekly	✓	✓			
Oligonucleotide	8	Daily to Weekly		✓			
Oligonucleotide triple combination	10	Daily to Weekly				✓	
Protein	15	Weekly		✓	✓		
Protein	50	Weekly	✓		✓		
Antibody	150	Weekly to Monthly		✓			



FORM SELECTION & PARTICLE SUSPENSION



Salt or
Co-crystal



Form
Selection



Drug Substance:
Free base or acid

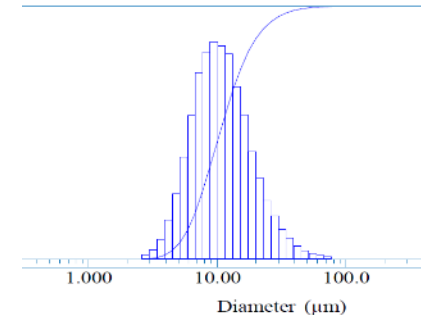
Insoluble Crystal Form
<0.01 mg/ml at 37°C PBS
Low rate of saturation solubility



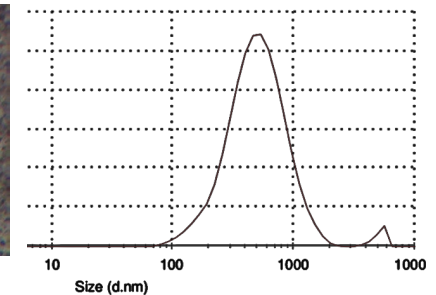
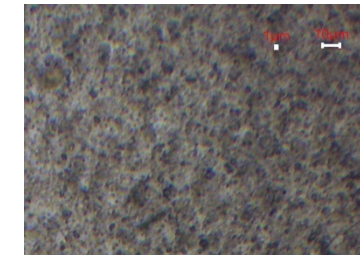
Dry Ball mill



Or Wet Bead mill



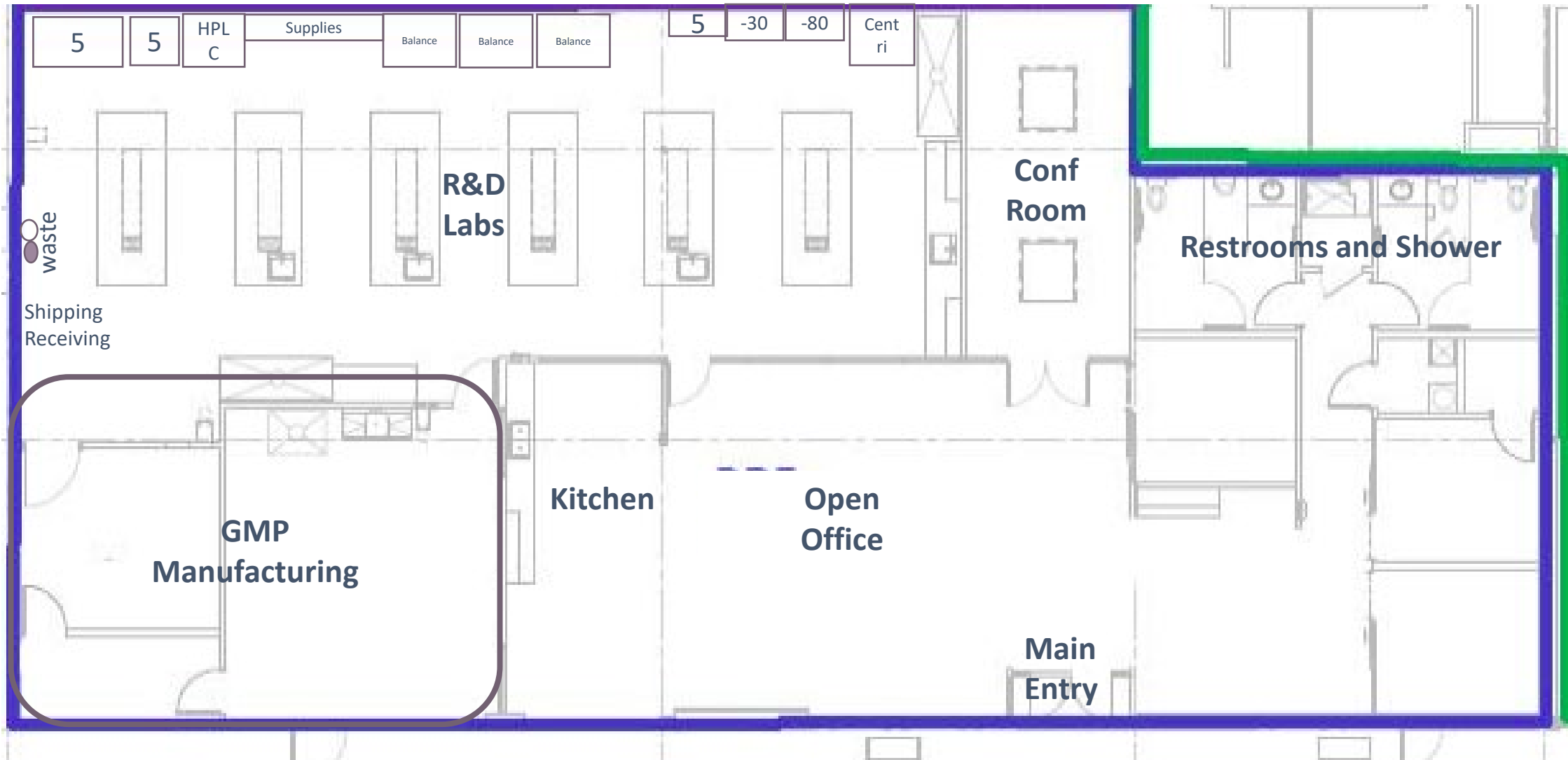
Micro-particle Suspension



Nano-particle Suspension

Horizontal oscillatory ball mill for small scale grinding
Tube Roller for low energy grinding
Vertical planetary ball mill for high energy grinding

STATE-OF-THE-ART DRUG PRODUCT LAB



Formulation and Process Development

- Homogenizers, emulsifiers
- 37°C incubators for In vitro release testing for extended-release injectables (water bath and shake-flask)
- Instron Injection force measurement
- Nano assembler for nanoparticle & liposome
- Shelf-stoppering lyophilizer for cycle development
- Ball mill, tube roller, planetary ball mill for grinding
- Capsule hand-fill for powder and liquid formulations
- Laminar flow hoods for preclinical supply / stability

Chemistry and Chemical Development

- Organic synthesis reactors, jacketed reaction vessels
- Rotary evaporator
- Manifold lyophilizer
- FPLCs for protein purification
- Salt, co-crystal synthesis and form selection
- Prodrug design and synthesis
- Polymer synthesis

Analytical Development

- 15 HPLC (diode array UV Vis, fluorescence, ELSD, RID)
- HPLC – MS
- UPLC
- UV/Vis & fluorescence plate readers and nanodrop
- Particle size analyzer (laser diffraction, 1µM – 500 µM)
- Dynamic light scattering / zeta potential (1 nm – 10 µM)
- Stability Chambers certified and monitored (ICH 25°C/60RH, 40°C/75RH, 2-8°C, -20°C, -80°C)
- Osmometer and Viscometer for characterization
- Endotoxin testing for preclinical / development stability samples
- Scanning electron micrograph
- Visual microscopy

Bioanalytical Development

- MSD ELISA for bioanalysis
- Gel electrophoresis imager for imaging protein gels

Manufactured over 250 stability and preclinical batches in the past 6 years

Batch sizes up to 2 liters historically in process suite

Batch records signed off ahead of fill

Batch release with analytical test results

- Concentration, purity, pH, osmolarity, endotoxin, and others

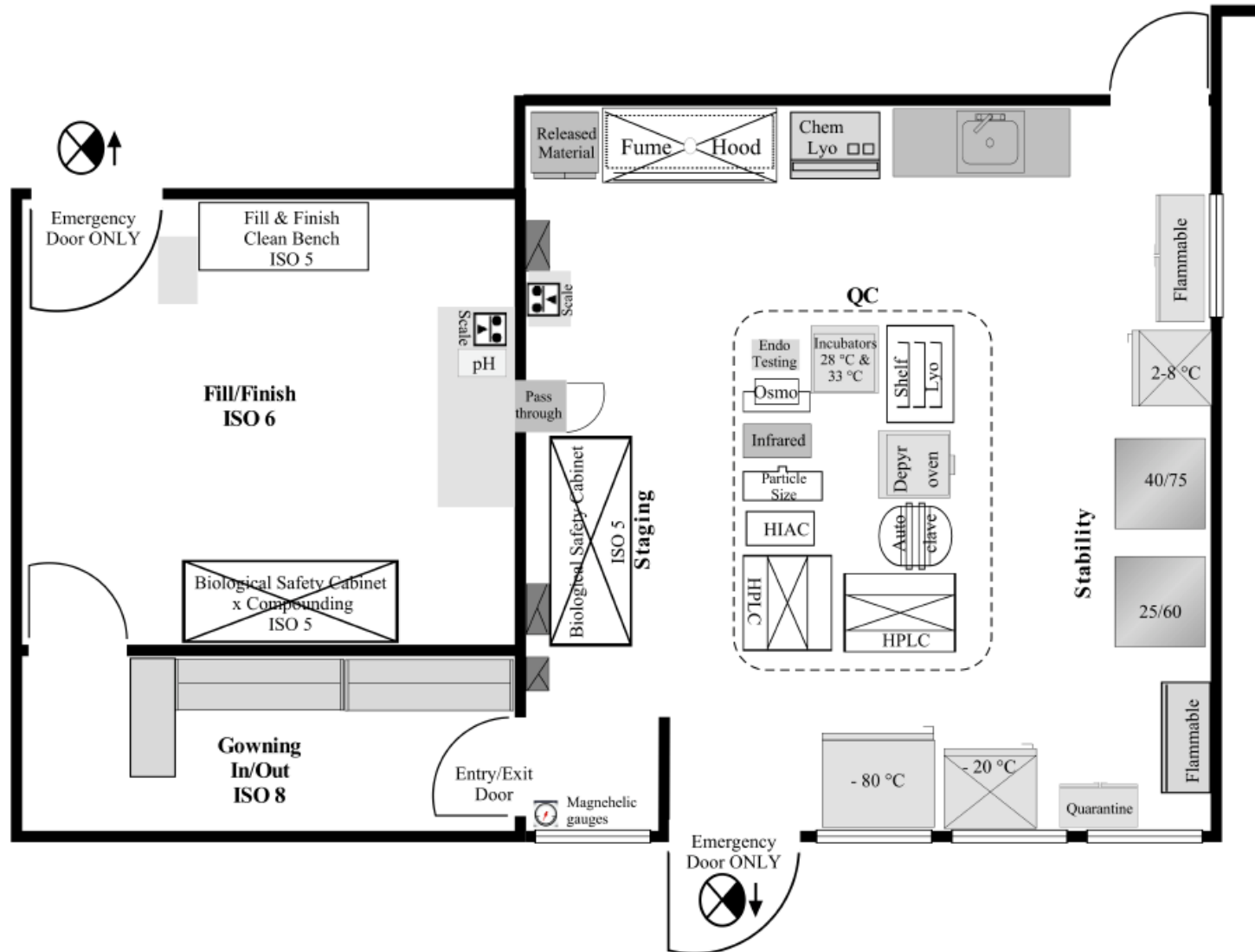
Formulation composition and process methods

- Aqueous and non-aqueous solutions and suspensions
- Liposomes, microspheres, gels, salts, and others

Formulation and development stability manufacturing

- 24 month shelf-life now supporting phase 2 program
- Stability studies to support ANDA filing
- Several development studies for toxicology and clinical formulation selection

GMP FILL FINISH, QC & STABILITY TESTING



- Vial Fill and Finish for Clinical Materials
- Media fills for 2 ml to 10 ml vials
- Fill / Finish Suite (ISO 6) with Hoods (ISO 5)
- Gowning Vestibule (ISO 8)
- QC Lab for Incoming / Outgoing Materials
- GMP Stability Chambers Monitored 24/7



GMP Manufacturing

- ISO 8 Gowning Vestibule
- ISO 6 Process Suite with pass through
- ISO 5 Laminar flow and biosafety cabinet in process suite
- ISO 5 Laminar flow hood in QC lab for compounding
- Depyrogenation oven, autoclave
- Chemical fume hood
- HPLC, osmometer, endotoxin, particle size, pH
- Incubators for environmental monitoring
- Semi-automated filler
- Semi-automated crimper

Formulation and Chemical Process

- Solution formulations
- Gel and viscous formulations
- Homogenization and emulsification
- Microparticle and nanoparticle manufacture
- Salt, prodrug, PEGylation, polymer synthesis

QC Testing and Stability

- HPLC (diode array UV Vis, others as needed)
- Microparticle size by laser diffraction
- Nanoparticle size by dynamic light scattering
- Stability Chambers certified and monitored (ICH 25°C/60RH, 40°C/75RH, 2-8°C, -20°C, -80°C)
- Osmometer and Viscometer
- FTIR for incoming raw material receipt and characterization
- USP particulate testing (HIAC)
- Environmental monitoring
- Endotoxin (Charles River Labs kit)
- Sterility / bioburden outsourced to qualified vendor

Current Media Fills

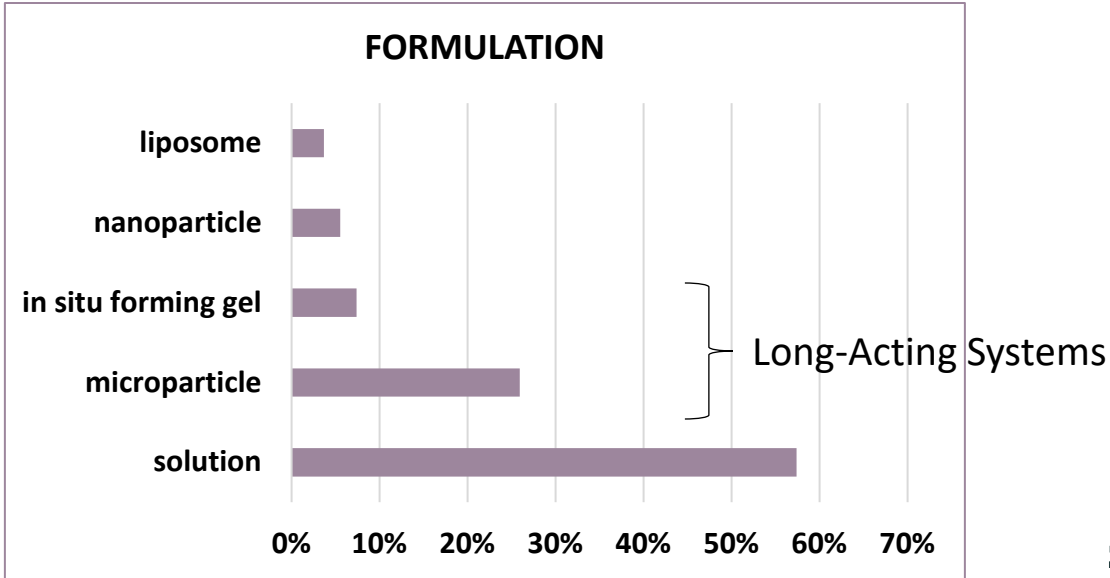
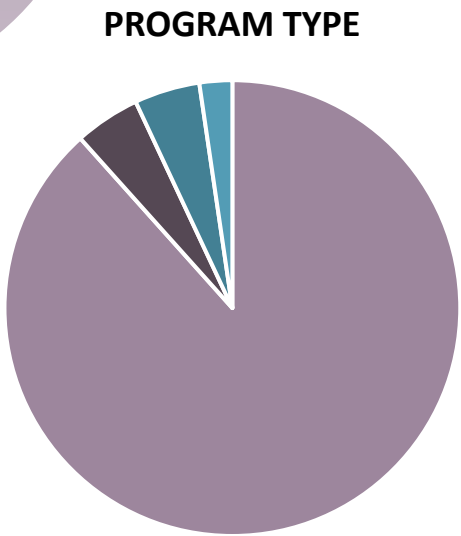
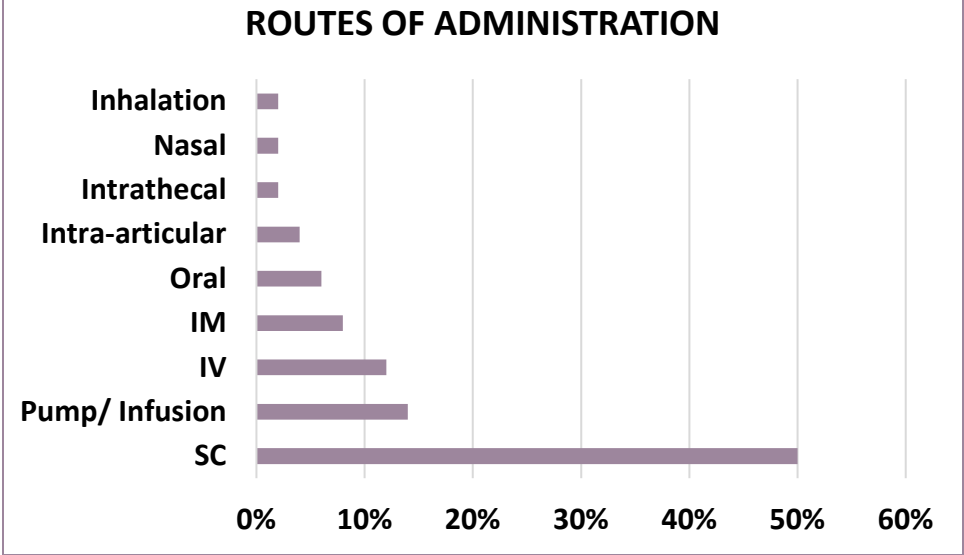
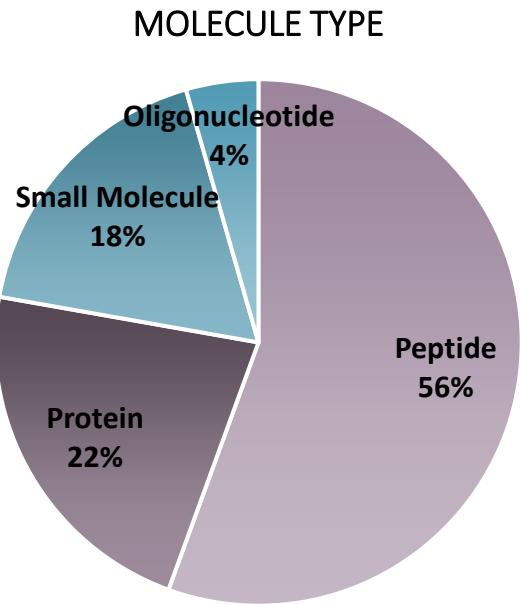
- 2 ml vials / 1 ml fill volume / 0.5 to 5 liter batch size
- 10 ml vials / 5 ml fill volume / 5 to 10 liter batch size
- Up to 20 to 40 liters batch volume
- Up to 3000 vials per batch

DDE LABS NOW 7 YEARS IN BUSINESS



- 88 DDE Labs clients and 150 lab projects over 7 years laboratory operations
 - 80+ consulting clients since business start 10 years ago
 - 90% of clients in US / remainder EU and JP
 - 15 multinational corporations
- Over the last 3 years (2018 to 2020)
 - 22 DDE Labs clients each year and growing
 - 50% of clients repeat business over 1 to 3 years
 - 80% business from clinical and commercial companies
- GMP sterile fill finish new offering in 2021

DISTRIBUTION OF PROJECT TYPE



■ Therapeutic ■ Diagnostic ■ Vaccine ■ Antiseptic

PARTNERSHIP OPTIONS

Project Specific Work

- Shorter well-defined projects
- Typically 3 to 9 months
- Time and materials fee-for-service
- Payment milestones

Dedicated R&D Team

- Longer term and broader R&D programs
- Typically 1 to 3 years
- Dedicated resources for program
- Regular quarterly or monthly payments



Veru Healthcare

- Compositions and Methods for Long Term Release of Gonadotropin-Releasing Hormone (GnRH) Antagonists, US 15/885,464
- ASCO presentation on preclinical results

Aileron Therapeutics

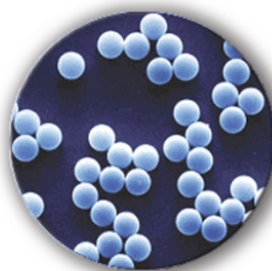
- Peptidomimetic macrocycles and formulations thereof, US 20160101145 A1

Abvance Therapeutics

- Systems, Compositions, and Methods for Treating Diabetes, Allan Cherrington, Soumitra Ghosh, Christopher A. Rhodes, Jui-Chen Lin, Patent Application US2018016647 filed March 2, 2017

logen LLC

- Emolient topical disinfectants, WO 2018/017645 A1
- "Enhanced topical delivery of non-complexed molecular iodine...", *Intl J Pharm* 554(2019)81-86



Combination Drug Product Development and GMP Manufacturing

- Small molecule through peptide, protein, oligonucleotide, antibody
- Lead molecule profiling and half-life extension
- SC, IM, IV, topical ocular and intraocular formulation design and development
- Extended-release injectable and implantable formulations
- Translation from research through clinical trials and commercialization

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