

Activity Outline
FDA Grand Rounds: Are Stem Cells Ready for Prime Time? A Look at FDA Research Advances in Regenerative Medicine
March 8, 2018
White Oak Building 2: Room 2031

Series Description

The FDA Grand Rounds is webcast every other month to highlight cutting-edge research underway across the agency and its impact on protecting and advancing public health. Each session features an FDA scientist presenting on a key public health challenge and how FDA is applying science to its regulatory activities.

Lecture Description

Stem cell-based cellular therapies are being actively developed and hold tremendous promise for treating a wide variety of medical conditions, from diabetes to heart disease and joint repair. However, the use of stem cell-based products is new and characterizing the product is challenging. Specifically, FDA is conducting research into identifying cell therapy product characteristics that will predict the reliability of the performance of cell-based therapies in humans. In many cases, this is a challenge that is largely unresolved.

FDA is concerned with lot release characteristics of identity, purity, and potency, which constitute quality attributes. Ideally, these attributes are related to a given cell preparation's ability to perform the desired biological function--and result in the intended clinical effect.

For many investigational stem-cell based products, we currently don't know if the measurements we use to characterize products will predict their clinical effectiveness. For stem-cell-based clinical trial proposals submitted to FDA, the products are characterized using a small number of cell surface markers and simple measures of cell product activity.

The regulatory science question is whether or not the characteristics that are measured in product testing are predictive of clinical outcomes. This presentation will describe FDA's multipotent stromal cell (MSC) Consortium and our research efforts to develop strategies that will result in cell characterization methods that can predict quality, potency, and safety of MSCs. This could have implications for other types of stem cells and cell-based products in general.

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Series Objectives

- Discuss the research conducted at the FDA
- Explain how FDA science impacts public health

Learning Objectives After completion of this activity, the participant will be able to:

- Explore measurements currently used to characterize products to predict clinical effectiveness.
- Describe FDA's multi-potent stromal cell (MSC) Consortium and our research efforts to develop strategies that will result in cell characterization methods that can predict quality, potency, and safety of MSCs

Target Audience

This activity is intended for physicians, pharmacists, nurses, and other scientists within the agency external scientific communities.

Agenda

Lecture 1 March 8, 2018

Time	Topic	Speaker
12:00 - 1:00 PM	Are Stem Cells Ready for Prime Time? A Look at FDA Research Advances in Regenerative Medicine	Steven Bauer, Ph.D.

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