

# Q2(R2)/Q14, Revision of Q2(R1) Analytical Procedure Validation and Analytical Procedure Development

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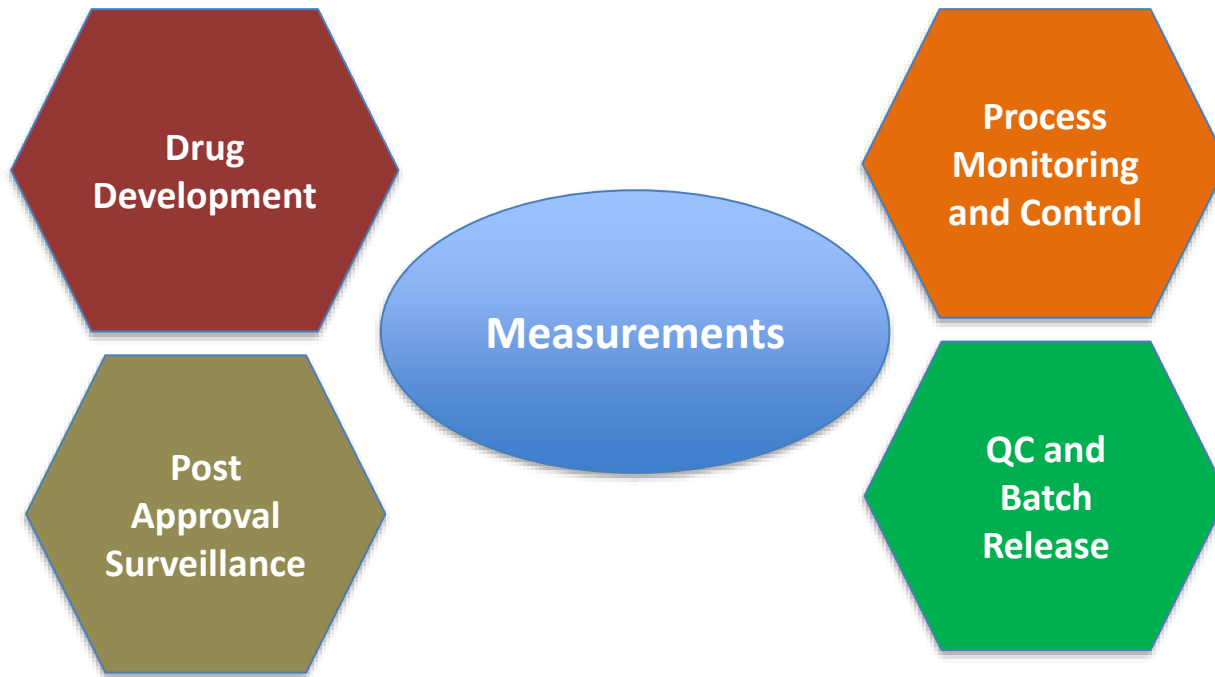
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Everyone deserves confidence in their *next* dose of medicine.  
**Pharmaceutical quality** assures the availability, safety, and efficacy of *every* dose.

# What Do We Want?

- Fewer Failures
- Minimize/Eliminate Recalls
- Regulatory Flexibility (fewer filings)
- Lower Barriers for New Analytical Technology
- Quality Drugs for Consumers

# The Central Science?



# How Do ICH Guidelines Help?

- Standardize
  - Provide guidance on the content of sections of the Common Technical Document.
- Harmonize/Harmonise
  - Common requirements globally.
- Framework
  - Adaptable to technological change.
  - Allows continuous improvement.

# Q2(R1) Was Finalized In The 90's



- Scientific and technological progress has been made since the document was written
- Advanced therapies are in drug development and commercialization
- Associated analytical techniques are multiplying
  - hyphenated techniques (LC-MS) or spectroscopic approaches that are multivariate (*e.g.*, NIR, Raman)

## Q2: The Issue and Costs

- Q2(R1) not directly applicable to multivariate spectroscopy data.
  - Lack of clear guidelines leads to inadequate validation data in regulatory submissions.
    - Recursive information requests and responses.
- NIR commonly used for real time release testing.
  - A barrier to innovation in analytical approaches for pharmaceutical quality assessment.

## Q14: The Issue and Costs

- No ICH Guideline on Analytical Procedure Development
  - Applicants rarely present performance evaluations.
    - Can lead to recursive regulatory communication around non-conventional analytical procedures.
      - *e.g.*, PAT driven multivariate models used for process control.
  - Impedes applicants from presenting a scientific basis (*e.g.*, QbD data) for regulatory flexibility for post-approval analytical procedure changes.
- Delayed access to medication and increased cost



# What is Developed is Validated



Objectives / Performance Characteristics

Analytical Procedure

Related information from Development

Analytical Procedure  
Lifecycle Management

Q14

Q2

*Validation protocol*

*Validation report*

Plan for validation strategy:

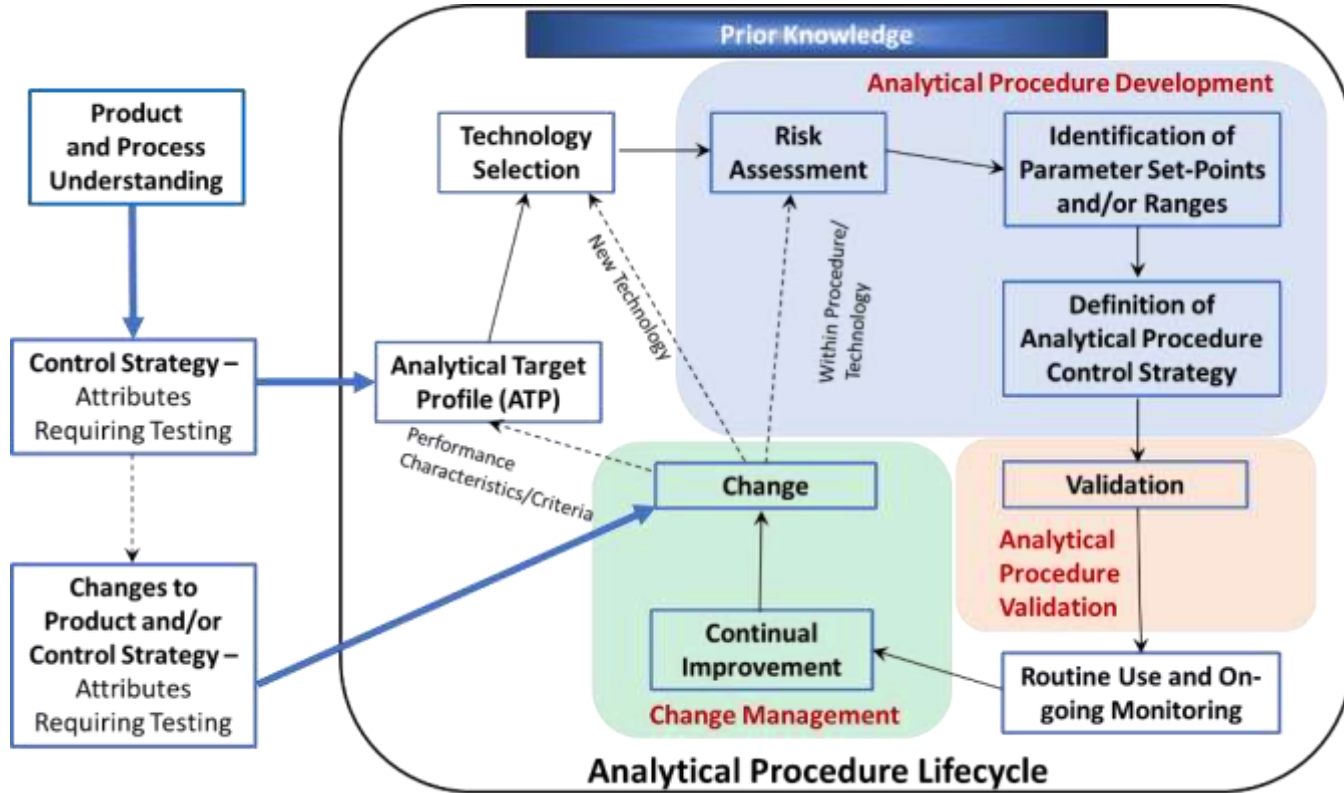
- Evaluation of existing development or validation data with justification
- Additional experiments and evaluation according Q2 (standard) methodology or alternative approach with justification

Document validation results and Data:

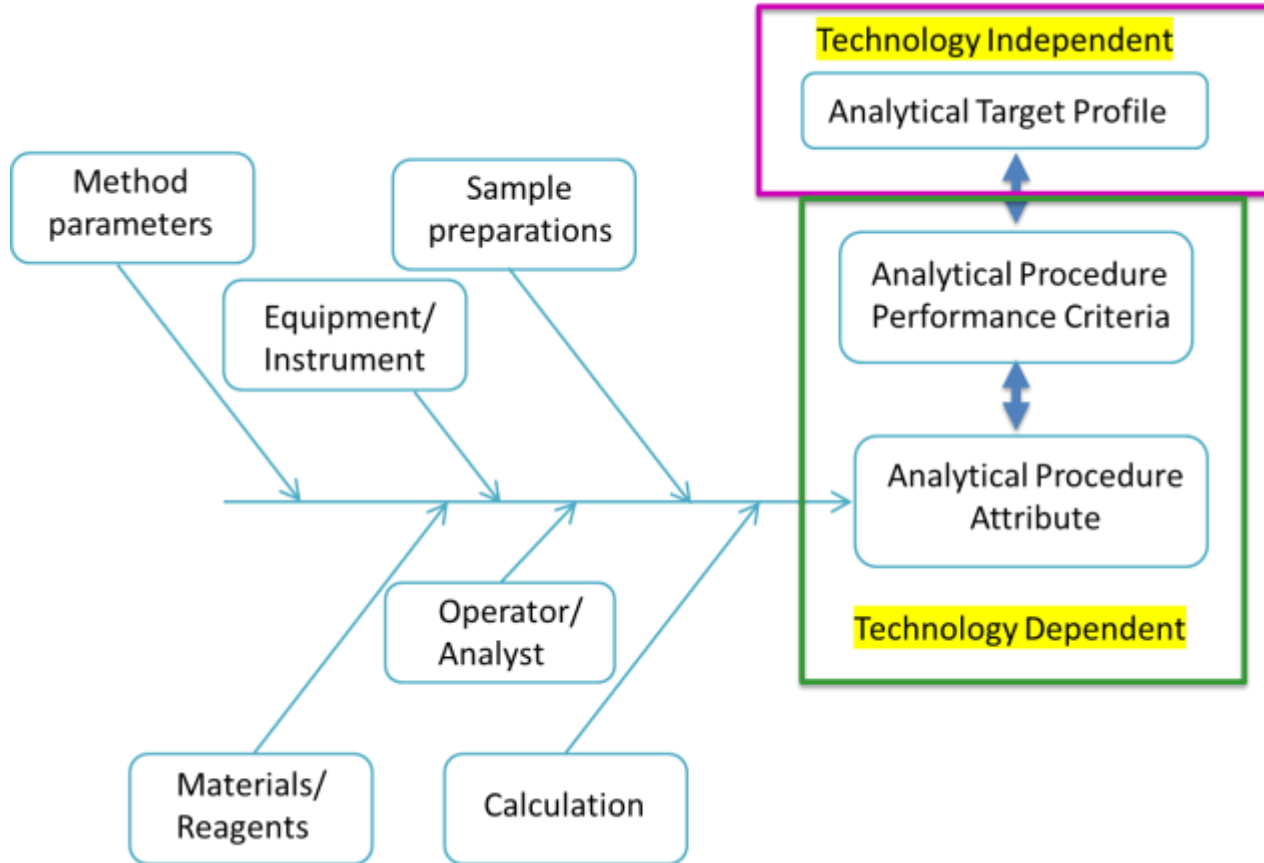
- Evaluation against Acceptance Criteria or Parameter Ranges
- Conclusions and acceptance of analytical procedure performance

Experiments and/or Evaluation of data

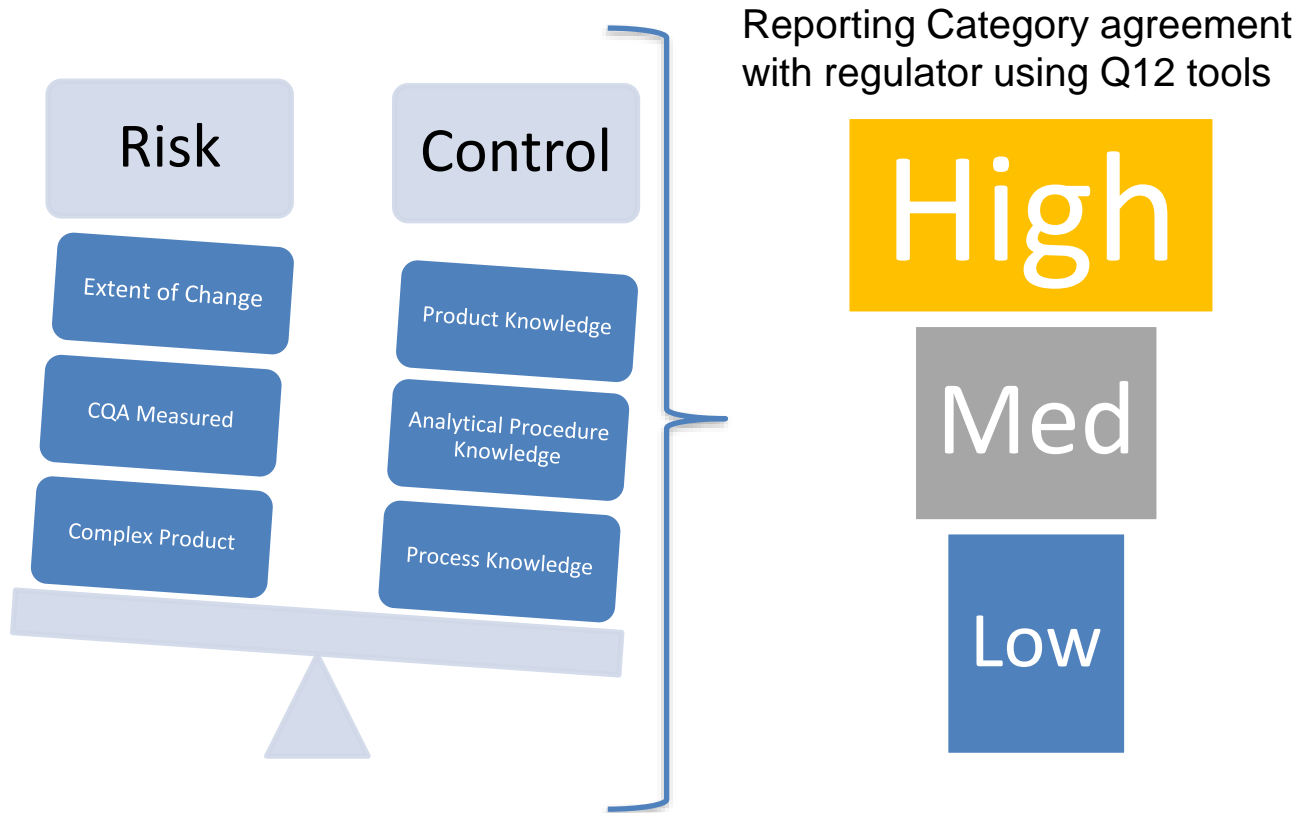
# Analytical Procedure Lifecycle



# Knowledge, Risk and ATP

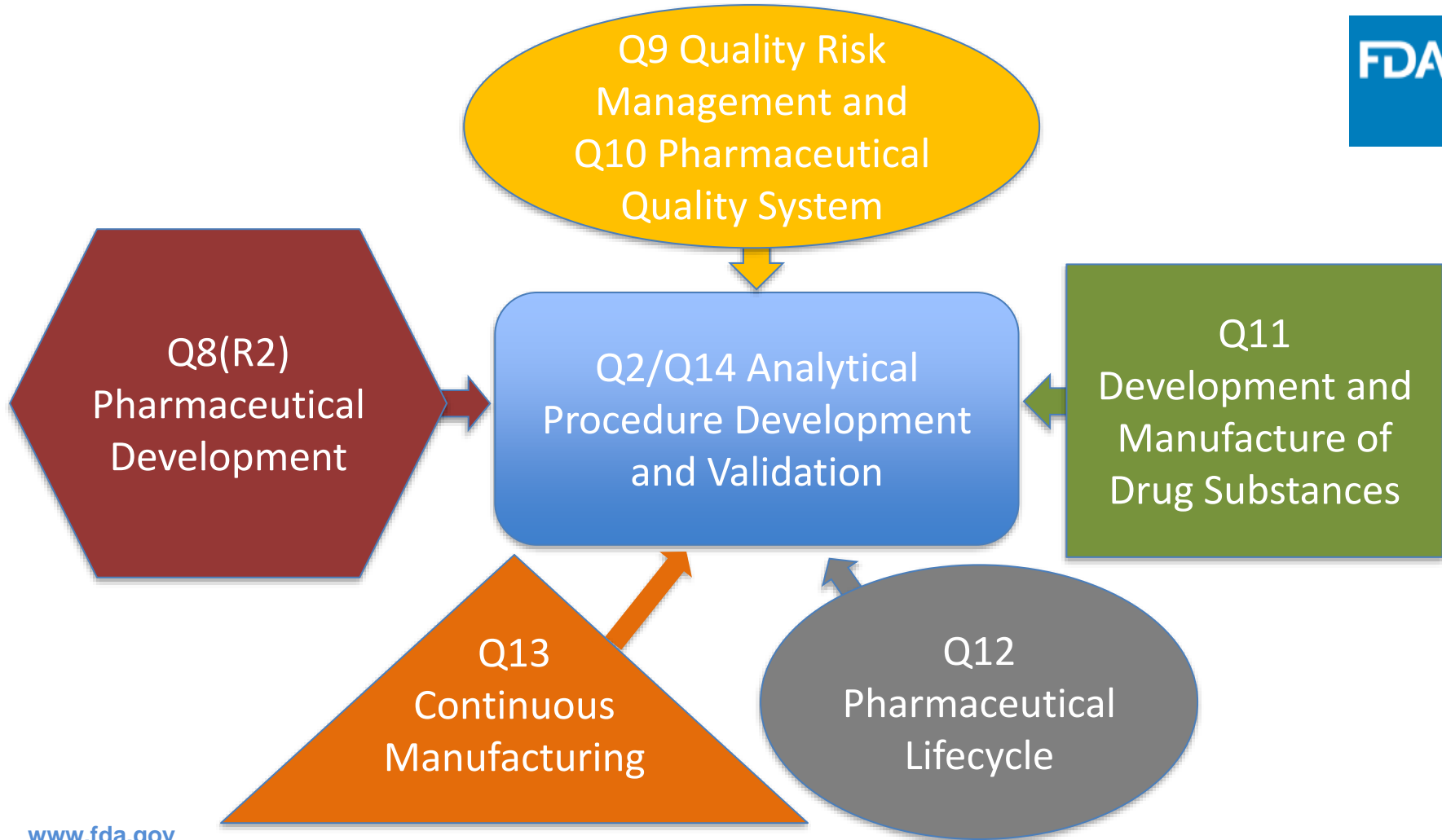


# Change, Risk and Reporting



# ICH Q2(R2) and Q14

- Reached Step 4 in November 2023
- Together ICH Q14 and ICH Q2(R2) describe the development and validation of analytical procedures used for the assessment of drug substance and drug product quality.
- ICH Q14 describes the scientific principles for development, change management and submission of analytical procedures using minimal or enhanced approaches.
- ICH Q2(R2) provides guidance for establishing and submitting evidence that an analytical procedure is fit for assuring drug quality.



# Questions?





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