

# **ANDA SUBMISSION: RISK-BASED EXTRACTABLE AND LEACHABLE QUALITY INFORMATION**

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# Presentation Outline

- Introduction
- Safety Concern Thresholds
- Extractables and leachables from manufacturing equipment
- Extractables and leachables from container closure systems

# Introduction

- Extractables –
  - Chemical entities released from a manufacturing equipment or CCS into an extraction solvent under laboratory conditions.
- Leachables –
  - Chemical entities released from a manufacturing equipment or CCS leached into a drug product during manufacturing and storage.
- USP<1663> / <1664>
- FDA guidances
- Technical references - PQRI publications

# Safety Concern Thresholds (SCT)

Route of Administration	Duration of Treatment >10 years	Duration of Treatment ≤ 10 years
Most routes <sup>1</sup>	1.5 µg/day	5 µg/day
Topical ophthalmic products <sup>2</sup>	Reporting Threshold: 1 ppm Identification Threshold: 10 ppm Qualification Threshold: 20 ppm	

1. Some very high-risk administration routes (e.g., epidural) may require lower SCT (e.g., 0.15 µg/day). Consult FDA/OGD via Controlled Correspondence as needed.
2. FDA Guidance for Industry: Quality Considerations for Topical Ophthalmic Drug Products (12/2023). PPM is used due to the risk of local toxicity to the eye.

# Information Assessed in the ANDA Submissions: Manufacturing Equipment



- **Study protocols**
  - Relevant polymeric surfaces, extraction conditions, worst case scenarios
- **Analytical procedures**
  - Fit for purpose, Details, Reference Standards, Method qualifications
- **Data**
  - Identification and quantification of individual extractables
  - Identification and quantification of individual leachables if leachable studies performed
- **Mitigation** of extractables above AET
  - Engineering controls and/ or leachable studies
- **Mitigation** of leachables found above AET
  - Engineering controls/ Safety assessment

# Structured E/L Summary to Assist E/L Information Assessment



- Current ANDA submissions: E/L information from manufacturing equipment submitted in multiple sections of eCTD
- Structured Summary is recommended in addition to manufacturing equipment E/L information:
  - Summary can be submitted in a structured format
  - E/L information summarized alongside product and process variables
  - Conducive to analysis using attributes in summary
    - Formulation parameters
    - Process design and parameters
    - Safety and analytical thresholds

# Structured E/L Summary – Overview Tab

Column for labels and column for data	
A	B
1 <b>Application ID</b>	A222444
2 <b>Reference Product ID, if applicable</b>	N022333
3 <b>Drug substance name(s)</b>	Drug Substance
4 <b>Route of administration</b>	Injection
5 <b>Lowest strength</b>	1.0 mg/mL
6 <b>Commercial batch size for lowest strength (L)</b>	50
7 <b>Maximum daily dose (MDD) mg/day</b>	5.0
8 <b>Maximum daily volume for lowest strength (mL)</b>	5.0
9 <b>Bulk product minimum pH</b>	3.2
10 <b>Bulk product maximum pH</b>	4.0
11 <b>Bulk product organic solvent concentration (%)</b>	50.0
12 <b>Bulk product surfactant concentration (%)</b>	0.0
13 <b>For each organic solvent or surfactant: name and amount</b>	Ethanol 450 mg/mL; Glycerin 5 mg/mL
14 <b>Maximum treatment duration</b>	Chronic
15 <b>Safety Concern Threshold (SCT) mcg/day</b>	1.5
16 <b>Any process equipment-related leachable present above SCT?</b>	Yes
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18	Multiple tabs
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# Structured E/L Summary – Equipment Tab



Column for each distinct brand name & contact material combination.

	A	B	C	D
1	Item description	Filter	Tubing	Bag
2	Manufacturer	FilterCo	TubingCo	BagCo
3	Brand name	FilterBrand	TubingBrand	BagBrand
4	Primary contact material	PVDF	Silicone	LDPE
5	Catalog numbers	DFG789012CC1; DFG789012TT1	ABC123456; XYZ336699	BAG271828
6	Pre-treatment sterilization methods	Irradiation; Moist Heat	Moist Heat	Moist Heat
7	Pre-treatment sterilization conditions	Gamma, 25 kGy; 121°C, 20 min	121°C, 20 min	121°C, 20 min
8	Contact area used for compounding step (cm <sup>2</sup> )	0	0	0
9	Contact area used for offline filtration (cm <sup>2</sup> )	1900	1140	0
10	Contact area used for intermediate bags (cm <sup>2</sup> )	0	0	20000
11	Contact area used for inline filtration / filling (cm <sup>2</sup> )	1900	2850	0
12	Maximum contact duration (h)	12	12	16
13	Maximum contact temperature (°C)	25	25	25
14	Flushing volume for inline filtration / filling (L)	1.25	1.25	0
15	Flushing volume after pause (L)	1.25	1.25	1.25
16	EXTRACTABLE STUDY REPORTS			
17	Sample used in extraction study has same brand (row 3) and primary contact material (row 4)	Yes	Yes	Yes
18	Was the LOQ of the analytical methods sufficient to detect impurities at the SCT?	Yes	Yes	Yes
19	Largest extractable (mcg/cm <sup>2</sup> )	2.63	15.20	0.475
20	Largest extractable name/description	Irgafos 168	Octamethylcyclotetrasiloxane	Stearic acid
21	Solvent system & study conditions	50% ethanol/water, 30°C, static, 48h	50% ethanol/water, 30°C, circulation, 12h	50% ethanol/water, 30°C, static, 24h
22	eCTD location and name of study report	3.2.P.2 "Filter extractables report"	3.2.P.2 "Tubing extractables report"	3.2.P.2 "Bag extractables report"
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# Structured E/L Summary– Leachables Tab



	A	B
1	Manufacturing Batch ID(s)	EB12345
2	Did the study design enable detection of process equipment-related leachables (PERLs)?	Yes
3	Did the study represent worst-case manufacturing conditions including minimum commercial batch size?	Yes
4	Was the LOQ of the analytical methods sufficient to detect impurities at the SCT?	Yes
5	Were process equipment-related leachables (PERLs) identified in the leachables analysis?	Yes
6	Largest process equipment-related leachable level (mcg/mL)	0.60
7	Name/description of largest process equipment-related leachable	Benzo[a]pyrene
8	eCTD location and name of study report	3.2.P.2 "Leachables study report"
9	Are there leachables that may present safety issues?	Yes
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# Uses for Structured E/L Data

- Increase review efficiency and consistency
  - Rapid identification of deficiencies
  - Reduction in information requests
  - Data-driven evaluation
- OPQ/OPMA can receive structured E/L data in 3.2.R in .xlsx format

# Question



In what module of the application the E/L structured data should be submitted?

- a. 3.2.P.2 Pharmaceutical Development
- b. 3.2.P.3 Manufacture
- c. 3.2.R Regional Information

# Extractables and Leachables from CCS

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- Design of extractable studies –
  - Data from CCS manufacturers, literatures, applicants' internal prior knowledge
  - Solvents and extraction conditions
  - Analytical method for the identification and quantitation of extractables
- Design of leachable studies –
  - Study conditions (e.g., on 3 formal stability batches) and test frequency to inform trending of leachables
  - Analytical method for the identification and quantitation of leachables
    - e.g., LOQ should be validated below Analytical Evaluation Threshold (AET)

# Extractables and Leachables from CCS

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- AET calculation –
  - Derived from MDD and SCT (USP<1664>)
  - Inclusion of an Uncertainty Factor (e.g., x0.5)
- Toxicological assessment –
  - Any leachables towards end of shelf life at levels > AET
    - Identification of chemical structures
- Extractable – leachable correlation
  - Allows for the control of leachables upstream at the QC stage of CCS or manufacturing equipment, if needed.
  - Informs post-approvable changes

# Risk-based Approach to E/L Data Submission

- Prior knowledge –
  - Applicants' internal knowledge and open literature
  - Comparison of leaching propensity, route of administration and maximum daily dose of different products
- Route of administration and dosage form –
  - Reference to 21 CFR 174-186 (indirect food additives regulations) may be sufficient without E/L studies for oral drugs, if –
    - Materials of construction, use conditions, specification and test results comply with the regulations
    - Comparison of leaching propensities – drug vs. food

# Question



FDA published Guidance for Industry – “Container Closure System for Packaging Human Drugs and Biologics” in

- a) 1989
- b) 1999
- c) 2009
- d) 2019

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