

REGULATORY INNOVATION

Expanding AI & ML in Generic Drug Submissions

Integrating LLM-Based Pre-Submission Audits
to Mitigate First-Cycle ANDA Deficiencies

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First-Cycle Review Readiness Challenge

Why do many ANDAs receive deficiencies during initial review?



“Early detection of submission-quality risks can improve review readiness.”

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Module 3 vs. Module 2.3 Alignment Gaps

Manual dossier assembly creates compounding risks across the submission lifecycle.

MODULE 3 Quality / CMC

Alignment risk zone

MODULE 2.3 Quality Overall Summary

ROOT CAUSES



Transcription and omission errors



Data drift across revisions



Inconsistent cross-references

COMMON TRIGGER POINTS



Batch numbers



Specifications and analytical limits



Manufacturing controls



Impurity controls and nitrosamine risk assessments



Process validation



Stability commitments



BE study design alignment

“ Unresolved gaps may become IRs, DRLs, or CRLs. ”

Automated Digital Audits

Multi-agent RAG architecture for pre-submission review readiness.



FDA-ALIGNED DIRECTION

AI-supported pre-submission audits strengthen review readiness and support human regulatory judgment.



FY 2026 Alignment

Directly supports CDER AI/ML expansion priorities and GDUFA science initiatives



**ANDA
Dossier**



**Source
Retrieval**



**Agentic
Comparison**



**HITL
Disposition**



**Audit
Report**

PURPOSE



Strengthen regulatory judgment by identifying inconsistencies earlier and organizing them into traceable, evidence-based audit outputs.

IT CONTROLS

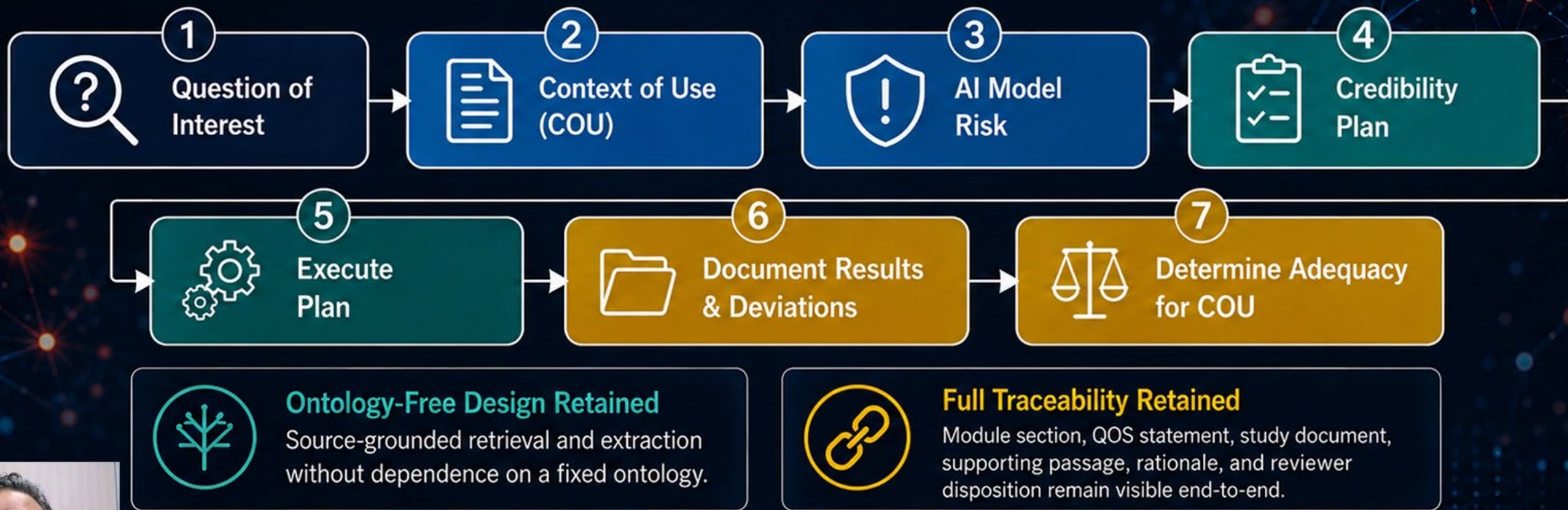


- Source retrieval controls
- Version control and audit logging
- Prompt governance
- Human review before acceptance

Case-study validation: after HITL review and temporal calibration, retained AI findings matched actual FDA deficiencies in the evaluated examples.

Explainability by Design

FDA-aligned 7-step credibility framework with ontology-free design and end-to-end traceability.



Explainability requires both FDA-aligned credibility assessment and citation-linked traceability. ”

Reference: FDA draft guidance on AI to support regulatory decision-making describes a 7-step risk-based credibility assessment framework for a specific context of use.

Three-Phase Pipeline

From specialized audit agents through eCTD readiness and continuous optimization.

01**Specialized Agent
Deployment**

- **Direct Matcher:** exact text, table, and numerical comparisons
- **Transitive Linkage Agent:** cross-module semantic linkage
- **PSG Compliance Agent:** product-specific BE and PSG alignment review

02**eCTD 4.0
Readiness**

- Future-ready submission architecture
- Context-of-use tags and structured metadata
- Document lifecycle tracking

03**Continuous Prompt
Optimization**

- Sponsor-specific calibration and audit logs
- Version-controlled prompts and guardrails
- False-positive reduction with HITL validation

Learning audit framework: precision improves over repeated submission cycles.



A states CDER and CBER accept new regulatory applications in eCTD v4.0 format beginning September 16, 2024.

Pre-Submission Audit: Model Audit Report

Evidence-linked pre-submission readiness output.

- ID**
Unique identifier for each audit finding.
- Module / Section**
Precise location within the eCTD.
- Source Citation**
Direct link to the source document and location.
- Risk Category**
Regulatory significance classification.

Audit #	AUDIT-#667-FDA-GDFA-FY26-Model - ScieGen CDAR (BioPharm/Nonclinical)
SOP	SCG-2022
Date	May 5, 2025 (v1.0)
Audit Type	Pre-Meet Only Submission Package - Type B (React. & Primary Biological Mode - BNo/DMF)
Your Submission:	NDA 123456
SEVERITY LEGEND:	RTI (Trackable) MAJOR (1/2) MINOR (3) No RTS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Applied Pre-FDA GDFA 2027 Submission Compliance standards (ICH M4Q, ICH M3, ICH M4S, ICH E2C/D/Q/F, SBA). This audit identified 14 Total Findings – 2 RTI, 6 Major, 3 Minor, 1 No RTS. All findings include direct traceability to source documents in eCTD (table below) with evidence linkage, risk-based classification, and recommended remediation.

Key Findings at a Glance

ID	Module / Location	Finding Summary	Severity
DF-194	M4 / 2.3.2	Stability protocol missing $\pm 5^{\circ}\text{C}$ accuracy with continuous probe (P.8.4–100).	Major R2
DF-310	M3 / 1.2.1	CDS backbone validation: final sequence breaks.	Minor R3
DF-415	M5 / 5.3.1.1.2	AE method table inconsistent in Risk (TOC/outcome vs. editorial).	Major R2
DF-906	M5 / 5.3.1.1.2	CSR is red OCE is in table 25-2.1 PBR portion (unexpected ERF)	Major R2
DF-816	M5 / 5.1.1.2	Nonclinical 4.2.1.2 inconsistencies in NMR QC (9.2.1.4).	RTI Trigger

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**ANDA Approved
in 11 months**

- AI Rationale**
Explainable reasoning with regulatory basis.
- Human Reviewer Decision**
Expert judgment with accountability.
- Disposition:**
Retain / Omit / Monitor
Final readiness disposition.

Traceable

Every finding is linked to source evidence.



Defensible

AI rationale + human oversight = credibility.



Actionable

Clear dispositions drive targeted remediation.



Audit-Ready

Structured output aligned with FDA expectations.



Time-Saving

Faster reviews, fewer cycles, higher quality.



A structured, traceable audit trail before ANDA submission.

CASE STUDY 1

Product A DR Tablets — Audit Findings Flow

Initial sensitivity followed by HITL + temporal filtering.

20

potential issues
initially flagged

15

omitted as
artifacts

5

true deficiencies
retained

OMITTED RESULTS — REASON

- Legacy or contextual artifacts
- Expired batch references
- Outdated stability timepoints
- Historical information that no longer reflects current submission context

VALIDATION OUTCOME

Five retained deficiencies matched actual FDA findings in the case-study comparison.

AI provided high sensitivity; HITL review provided regulatory precision.

CASE STUDY 2 — BEFORE OPTIMIZATION

Product B — Immediate-Release Tablets

Three-year-old application · Modules 1, 2, 3.2.S, 3.2.P, and 5

8
findings initially
flagged
3 major · 5 minor

Temporal context
not fully calibrated

Over-review of
historical information

OMITTED RESULTS — REASON

- Historical batch expiry dates
 - Outdated stability references
- Legacy module context
Findings not relevant to the current submission state

KEY LEARNING

Legacy applications require timeline-aware prompt logic and human regulatory review before findings are accepted.



CASE STUDY 2 — AFTER OPTIMIZATION

Product B — Results & Validation

Prompt refinement + application timeline calibration.

8

before optimization
findings flagged

Temporal
Calibration

3

true deficiencies
retained

OMITTED RESULTS

False-positive temporal artifacts removed after
prompt refinement and application timeline calibration.

VALIDATION OUTCOME

All three retained findings matched actual
FDA findings in the case-study comparison.

100% match for retained case-study findings — not a claim of universal model accuracy.

HUMAN IN THE LOOP

Fine-Tuning & Oversight

“ Human-in-the-loop oversight is the control layer that makes AI usable in regulatory science. ”



The True Value of AI

Rapid, sensitive detection of potential dossier risks.



Iterative Teaching Required

Product-specific, site-specific, and timeline-specific calibration.



Human Oversight Is Essential

Experts validate findings, disposition omissions, and ensure scientific and compliance accuracy.

AI brings speed and sensitivity. Human expertise brings judgment, accountability, and regulatory meaning.

FY 2027 Roadmap / Proposed Next Steps

Roadmap for AI-supported, human-validated pre-submission audit deployment.



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01



Strategic Alignment

Advance multi-agent RAG architecture as a formal pilot framework aligned with FY 2027 CDUFA science initiatives and CDER priorities.

02



Iterative Pilot Programs

Evaluate the digital audit tool across legacy and new ANDA submissions to improve product-specific calibration, review readiness, and operational learning.

03



Establish Industry Standards

Develop HITL validation, audit-trail, prompt-governance, and source-citation standards through cross-functional collaboration.



Toward fewer first-cycle deficiencies through AI-supported, human-validated pre-submission audits

A practical path to stronger review readiness, better traceability, and higher submission quality.

Thank You

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