

EMA Regulatory Workshop

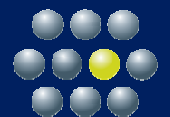
Advanced Therapy in Retinal and Macular Degeneration Stem Cell Organization Industry View

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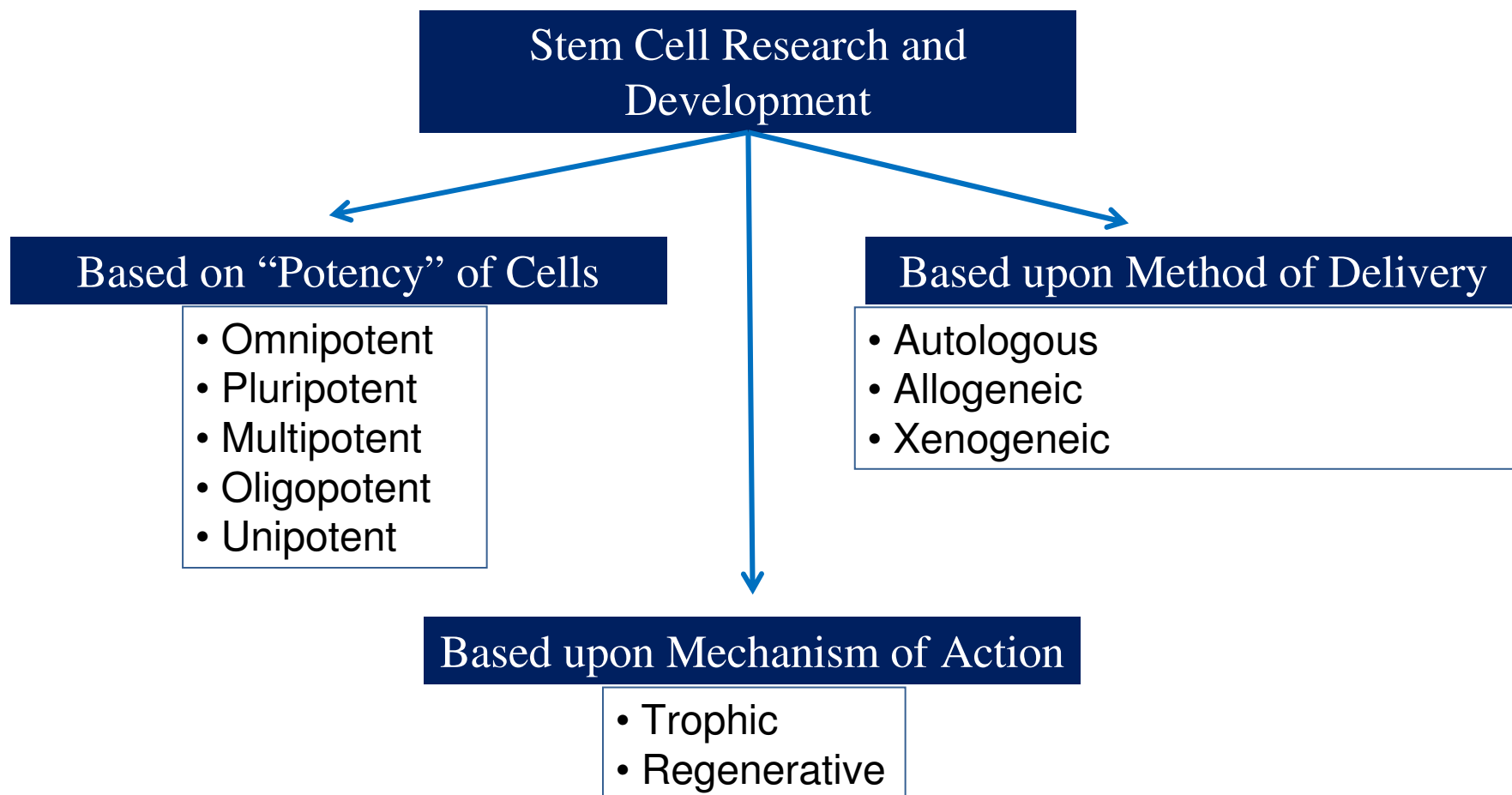


Objective

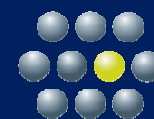
- To review retinal stem cell therapies:
 - Strategy
 - Potential approaches in clinical development
 - Population
 - Potential endpoints in different phases
 - Duration of trials
 - Challenges



Stem Cell Research & Development Segmentation

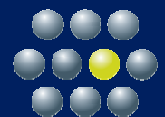


Stem Cell Research - Market Trends, Investment Trends and Pipeline Analysis. *GBI Research*, February 2010.

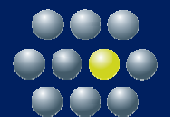
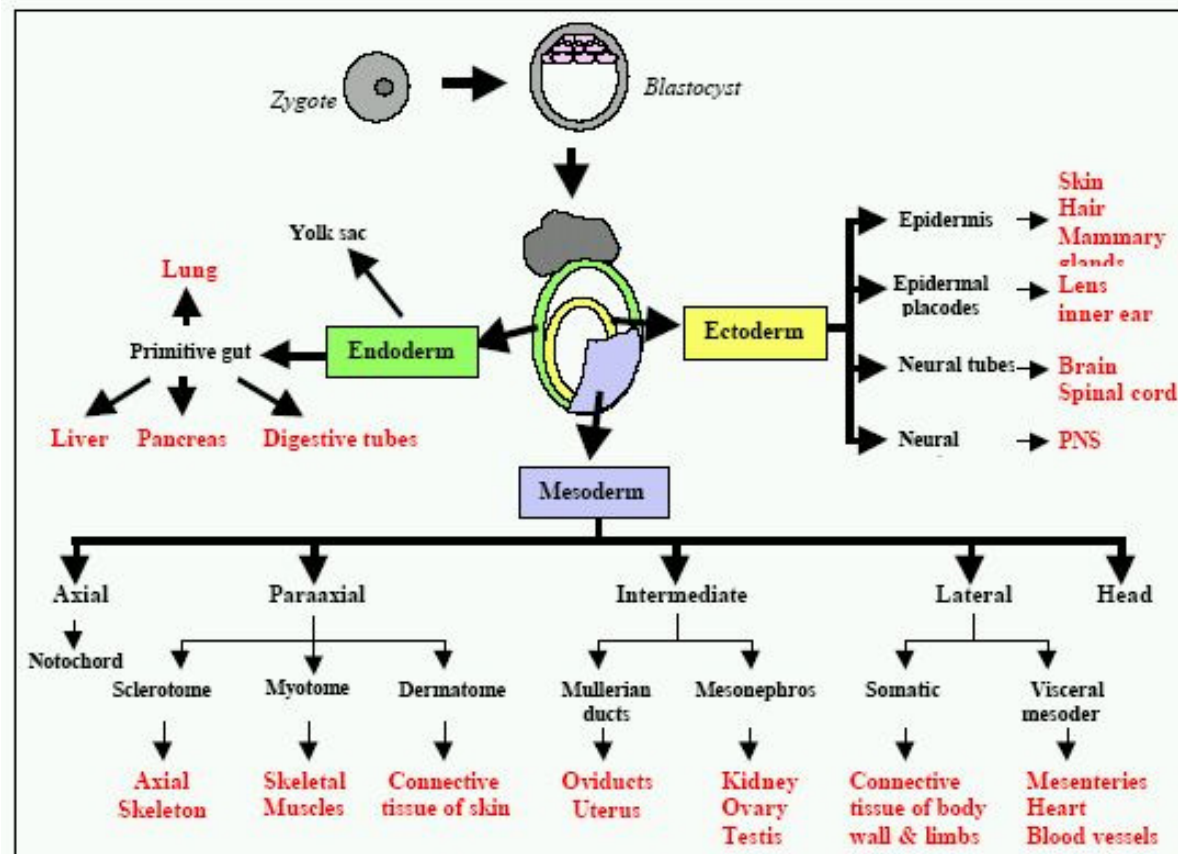


Types of ATMP

- Somatic cell
- Differentiated cell
- Tissue-engineered product
- Combined ATMP



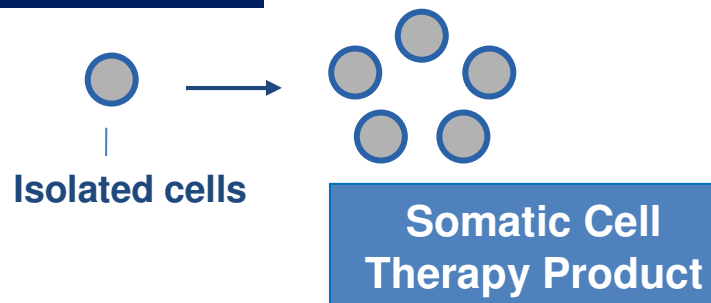
Embryology



Mechanisms of Action for Allogeneic Products

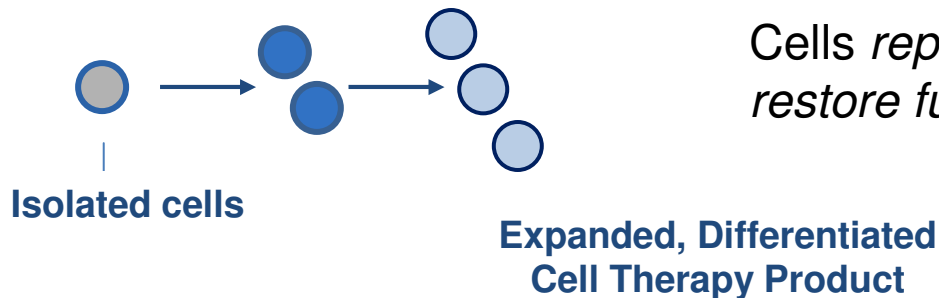
Two pathways for Cell Therapies in treating disease:

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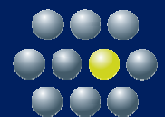


Cells *support or repair* injured native tissue and *preserve function*

Regenerative

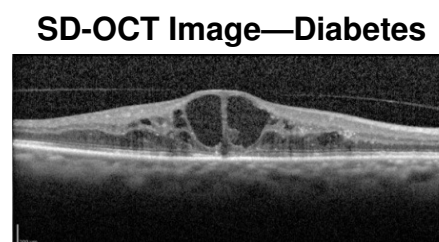
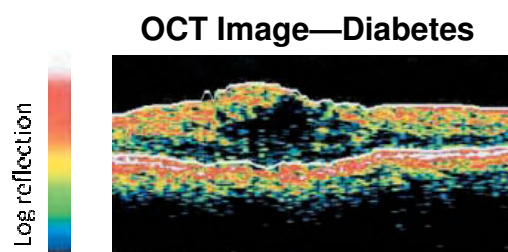


Cells *replace injured native tissue* and *restore function*

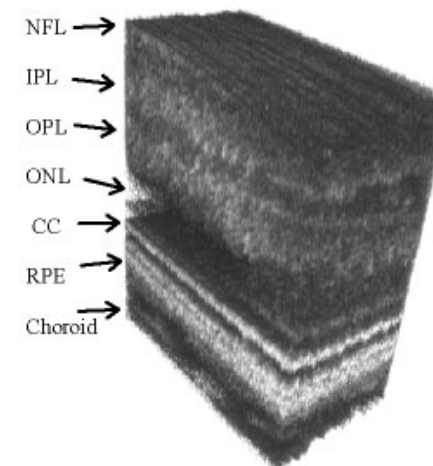


Strategy

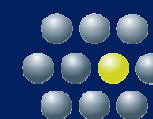
- Unmet medical needs
- Targeted delivery
- Commercial manufacturing scale
- Potential immune privilege
- Clinical biomarker (imaging) strategy
- Approach: pursue proof-of-concept



Adaptive Optics OCT



NEJM 2004;350:48-58 and <http://vsri.ucdavis.edu/research/retinal/ao-oct>

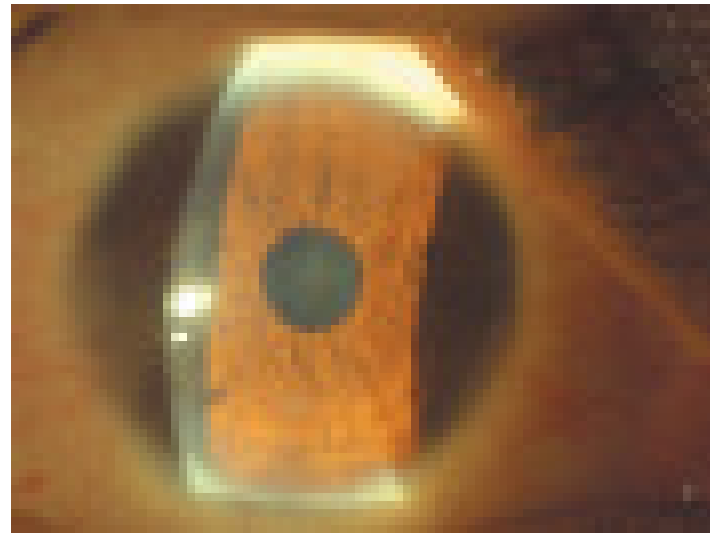


Autologous Limbal Stem Cell Treatment

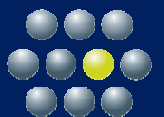
Before



After



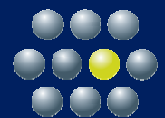
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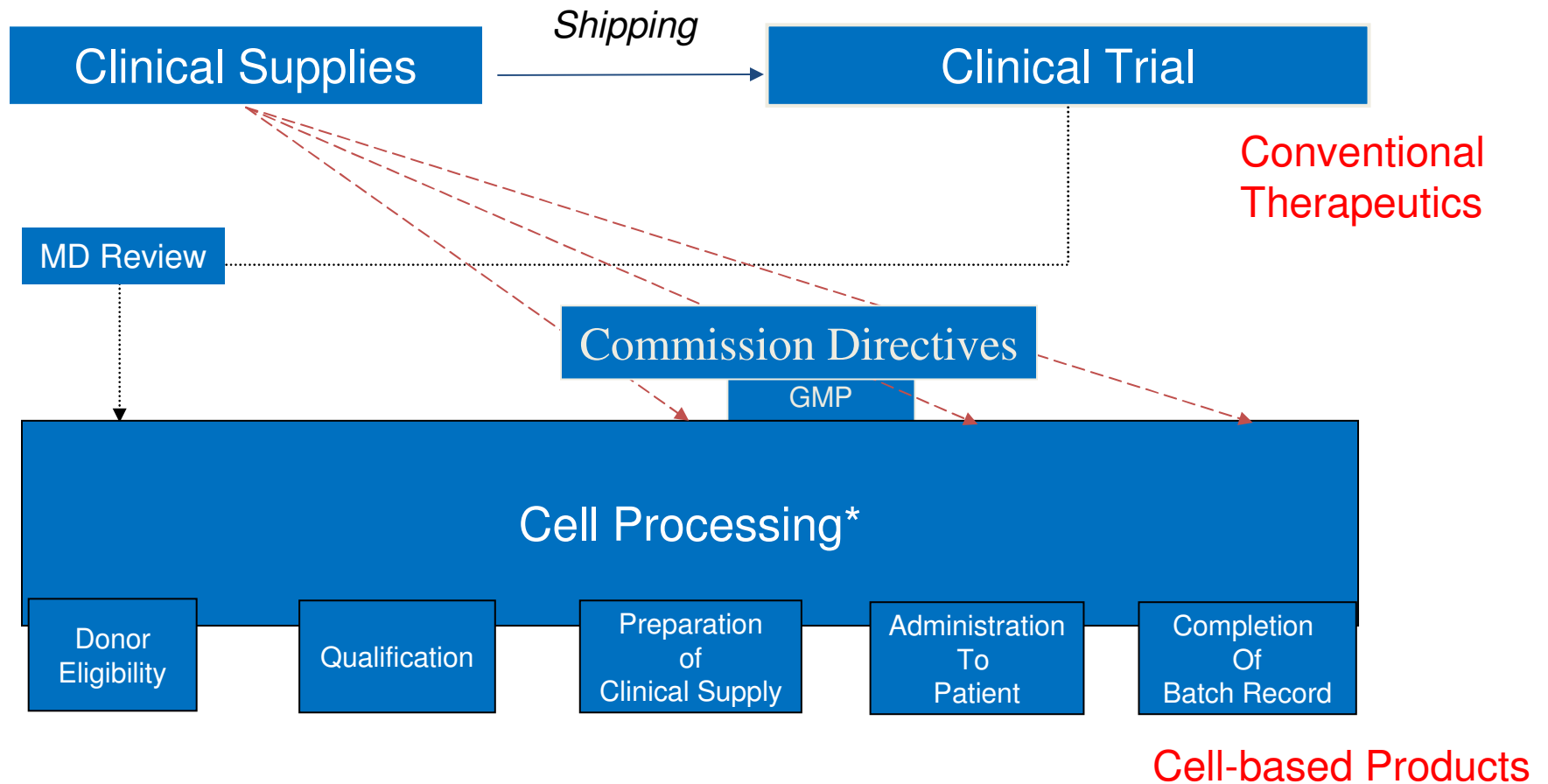
Clinical Trials of ATMP in Retinal Disease*

Cell	MoD	Indication	Sponsor
hESC-derived RPE cells	Allogeneic	GA, Stargardt's Macular Dystrophy	Advanced Cell Technology
Encapsulated CNTF-producing cells (NT-501 implant)	Allogeneic	RP, Dry AMD	Neurotech
Hematopoietic stem cell transplantation	Autologous (post ablation)	Autoimmune-related Retinopathy	Northwestern University
Bone marrow stem cells	Autologous	RP	University of São Paulo
hUTC	Allogeneic	RP, Dry AMD	Centocor

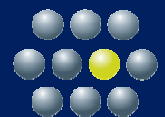
* Source: www.clinicaltrials.gov



New Workstreams: Cell Therapy in Clinical Trials

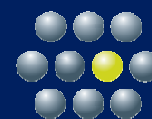


* 2004/23/EC as amended; also Regulations and Guidelines



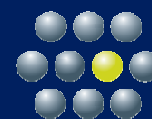
Challenges

- Understanding the science
 - Predictive animal models
 - Presence of a macula
 - Allo/Xeno conundrum
 - Tumorigenicity
- Quality
 - Donor testing and eligibility
 - Methodology
 - Time and product-consuming test methods (e.g., sterility testing)
 - Necessity to release product under restrictions (tests may not have been completed prior to administration to patient)
 - Aseptic, rather than sterile, product
 - Comparability
 - Characterisation
 - Ability to scale



Challenges

- Clinical
 - Dose development: Cyto-kinetics
 - Targeted delivery
 - Surgical procedures and devices
 - Placebo controls
 - Immunogenicity
 - Endpoints for new indications
 - Sequenced through phases to achieve desired label
 - Safety
 - PoC
 - Dose
 - Confirmation of clinically meaningful benefit
 - Need biomarkers and response instruments (e.g., ACR criteria)
 - Retreatment
 - Long-term safety follow-up



Challenges

- Regulatory
 - Global Harmonization – ICH
 - Definition of Combination Product
 - Uncertainty
 - Limited regulatory experience
 - Risk/benefit of ATMP
 - Address Pediatric Rule
- Commercial Development
 - Reimbursement for therapy and delivery procedure
 - Data must be generated by end of Phase 3

