

# PAT EU Regulatory Update: The Inspectors View

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## Issues covered

- Reviewing the status of the work of the EMEA PAT team
- Expanding on inspection issues with PAT submissions
- How to improve regulatory compliance to drive success into your PAT processes



## PAT definition

A system for designing and controlling manufacturing through timely measurements (i.e. during processing) of critical quality and performance attributes for raw and in-process materials and also processes with the goal of ensuring final product quality



## Reviewing the status of the work of the EMEA PAT team – who are we?

- EMEA representatives
- Regulatory people from European health authorities
- Inspectors from European health authorities

The group was established end of year 2003, and Meetings, four times a year, take place at the EMEA, London, UK



## Reviewing the status of the work of the EMEA PAT team - company specific issues

- Meetings with a number of companies at the EMEA
- Review of a number of mock and draft submissions
- Answering questions related to the above submissions and answering more general questions related to PAT
- EMEA PAT team has visited a number of companies
- EMEA PAT team participation in one PAT related inspection (pre-approval)



## Reviewing the status of the work of the EMEA PAT team – other contacts

- Teleconferences with the FDA
- EFPIA (mock application, seminar including company visits)
- ASTM



## Reviewing the status of the work of the EMEA PAT team – guidelines/documents

- PAT submission guide (reflection paper) on the EMEA website.
- Identification of the need for revision of regulatory and GMP related documents (guideline on parametric release and annex 17 of the EU GMP guideline; annex 15 of the EU GMP guideline and validation guidelines (continuous validation); revision of training guideline for GMP inspectors and conduct of inspections of pharmaceutical manufactures in the compilation of community procedures





## Reviewing the status of the work of the EMEA PAT team – other issues

- Impact of PAT on EP and sampling and testing
- Impact of PAT on batch release
- Impact of PAT on inspection practise
- Impact of PAT on assessment practise  
(all initiated in 2007)
- Training of EMEA PAT team (training courses, company visits)



# Expanding on inspection issues with PAT submissions – qualifications of inspectors

## ➤ General skills:

- GMP knowledge
- Audit skills
- (Review of a submission)



## Expanding on inspection issues with PAT submissions – qualifications of inspectors

- More specific skills/knowledge concerning:
  - PAT instruments (NIR, Raman etc.)
  - Quality by Design
  - Design space
  - Design of experiments
  - Multivariate analysis
  - Risk assessment



## Expanding on inspection issues with PAT submissions – focus points of inspections

- Prediction algorithms for parameters (e.g. dissolution of tablets):

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- Tablet hardness
- Surface area of active substance
- Other critical factors



## Expanding on inspection issues with PAT submissions – focus points of inspections

- In-depth review of equipment and other factors affecting/determining prediction algorithms:
  - Qualification and calibration of equipment
  - Maintenance of equipment
  - Is equipment mentioned in the submission the same as the equipment on site
  - Are determinations valid (e.g. surface area of raw materials as critical parameters determining dissolution)



# Expanding on inspection issues with PAT submissions – focus points of inspections

## ➤ Other issues:

- Verification on site of information in the submission (design space, specifications, data verification etc.)
- handling of OOS results and deviations in the manufacturing process
- computerised systems
- suppliers of active substances and excipients
- training of employees
- Sampling (at-line)/cleaning of sampling devices



## Expanding on inspection issues with PAT submissions – SMF

- Submission of a Site Master File with PAT related information prior to the inspection is appreciated



# How to improve regulatory compliance to drive success into your PAT processes

## ➤ Planning using appropriate tools:

- PAT instruments (NIR, Raman etc.)
- Design of experiments
- Multivariate analysis
- Risk assessment, ICH Q9
- ICH Q8 and ICH Q10





# How to improve regulatory compliance to drive success into your PAT processes

## ➤ Other issues:

- Quality and storage of development data
- The other earlier-mentioned inspection focus points
- Regulatory flexibility (design space, protocols)
- Variation to approved product versus new application
- Approach regulatory authorities in the early phases and later



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- Contact the EMEA PAT team – you are welcome!

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