



Basics of Animal Health Product Regulation

Differences and similarities to regulation of human drugs/vaccines

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Agenda

- Our experience
- Overview of the US regulatory pathways for veterinary products compared to human products
- Recommendations
- Q&A



US Regulatory Jurisdiction

- Human drugs, devices, and biological products, are reviewed by the FDA (CDER and CBER)
- Animal drugs are reviewed by:
 - FDA's Center for Veterinary Medicine (CVM)
 - USDA's Center for Veterinary Biologics (CVB)
 - EPA



Who's On First?

- FDA/CVM:
 - Animal drugs
 - Animal feed / feed additives
- USDA/CVB:
 - Veterinary biologics*
- EPA
 - Veterinary **topical** pesticides*



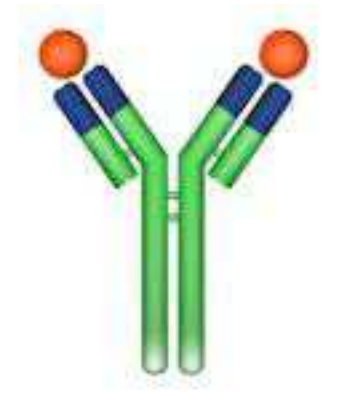
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- BIOLOGICS
 - Typically USDA
 - Veterinary products: proteins that mediate the **immune system**
- PESTICIDES
 - **Oral** insecticides = FDA
 - **Topical** insecticides = EPA

Jurisdiction Is Sometimes Fluid

- Ask!
- Example
 - Monoclonal antibody for pain= FDA
 - Monoclonal antibody for canine lymphoma= USDA



Timelines and Requirements

- CVM approval (companion animal)
 - 5-7 years, \$8-12M
 - GMP manufacturing at FDA-approved site
- USDA conditional license
 - 2-4 years, \$3-5M
 - Manufacturing in USDA-approved site
- EPA approval
 - 5-7 years, \$?
 - No GMP manufacturing

Grey Zone

- FDA does not conduct premarket reviews of veterinary devices
- Food claims
 - Any claim beyond nutritive value or gut health will be deemed a drug claim



Traditional Approval Process

- Phased review process
 - 3 major technical sections
 - Chemistry, Manufacturing and Controls
 - Target Animal Safety
 - Effectiveness
 - Other required sections
 - Environmental Impact – all species
 - Human Food Safety- production animals
- Opening an INAD triggers yearly sponsor fees
 - Fiscal year 2019 fees - \$125,990

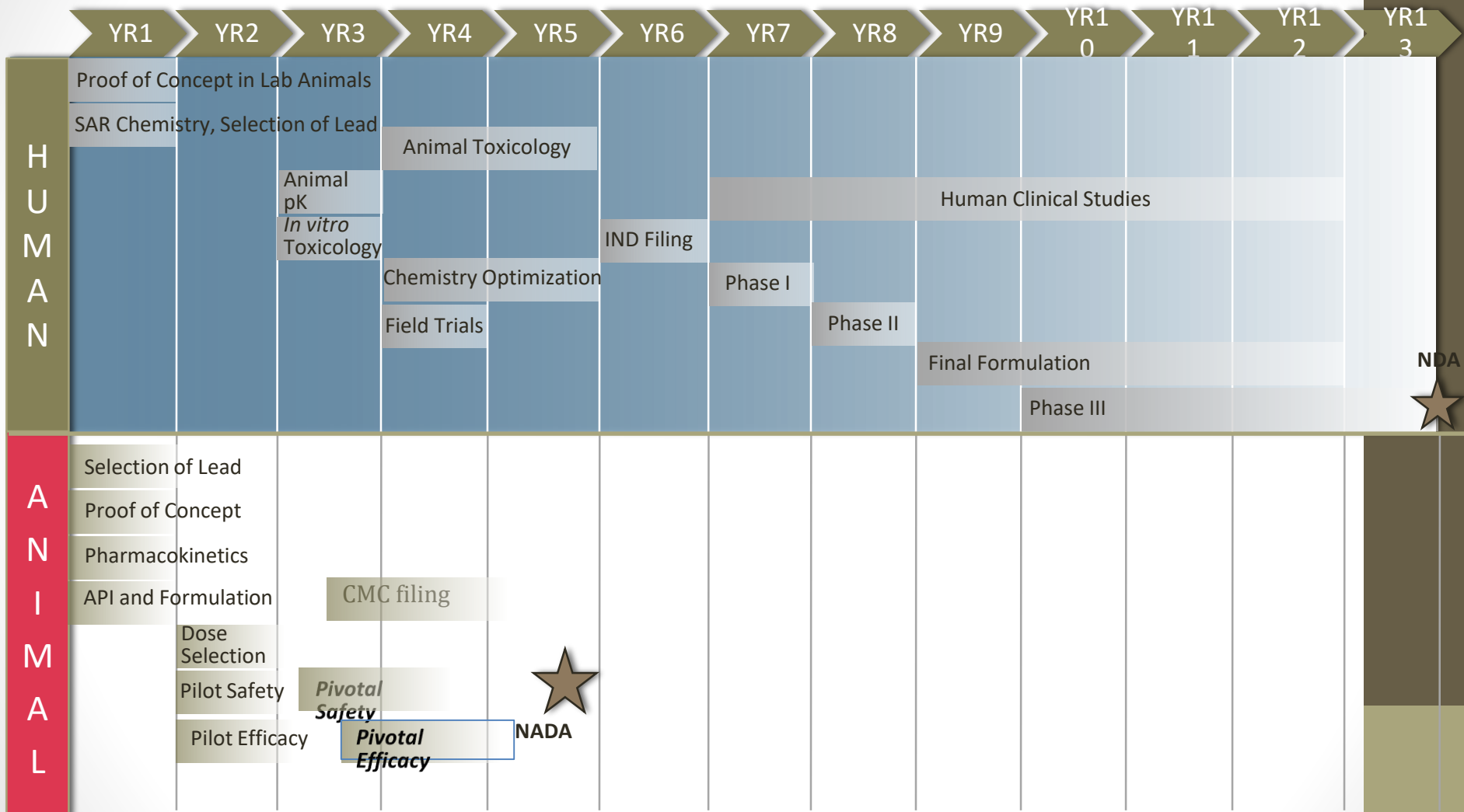
Alternative Approval Paths

- Minor Uses and Minor Species (MUMS)
 - NO TIME SAVINGS FOR NCE!
 - All major technical sections must be addressed
 - Should be reduced burden of proof (often not)
- CVB Conditional License
 - Unmet medical need and presumption of efficacy
 - Annual demonstration of progress to full licensure

Your Molecule for Dogs?

- **Toxicology studies in dogs**
 - Pharmacokinetics
 - Margin of safety
 - Understanding species differences:
 - Cats are not small dogs
 - Dogs are not small humans
- **Chemistry, Manufacturing and Controls**
- **Proof of concept**
 - Dogs
 - Rodents
 - Humans?





CVM compared to CDER

| | Animal Drug | Human Drug |
|-----------------------------|---|--|
| FINAL API, formulation | Early in development | Late in development |
| Initiate submissions at FDA | INAD – paper exercise | IND – significant pre-clinical work required |
| Safety | Tested early in target species – early signal. Pivotal study in lab using target species. | Phase I – may not see signal until late in development |
| Effectiveness | Early pilot study(ies). Pivotal field study in client-owned animals. | Phase II |
| Pivotal clinical studies | One study, n=250-300; cost ~\$1.5M | Phase III Large, expensive studies |
| CMC | Identical processes for GMP, stability, etc. | |

INTERACTING WITH CVM: TRICKS OF THE TRADE



CVM is a Different Animal

- ADUFA (Animal Drug User Fee Act)
 - Fees
 - INAD
 - NADA
 - Manufacturing sites
 - Submission review timelines (6 months)
- Opportunity for agency interaction – meetings are encouraged



The 9 Most Terrifying Words

“I’m from the government and I’m here to help.”



“The degree to which CVM is helpful to a sponsor’s application generally **is inversely proportional to how close a company is to approval.**”

L. Rhodes

The FDA told me.....

- When Sponsors “call CVM” they will often get information and say that “the FDA told me X, Y and Z”
 - No agreement unless documented in minutes



Opinions and Precedents

- READ the FOI summaries of similar products
- EU approval does not mean CVM approval (and vice versa)
- Conduct effectiveness and safety studies using a concurred protocol
- Guidance documents may not reflect current CVM policy

HELP!

- Use an regulatory consultant who has successfully worked with CVM – it's not enough to have experience on the human side



Conclusion



- It's complicated!
- CVM is not the FDA you think you know from CDER and CBER
- Quicker speed to market via all agencies
- Requires appropriately experienced help to navigate

Q&A