



# Control Strategies using CQAs for Method Changes and Comparability for Gene Therapy

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# Sangamo is a differentiated genomic medicine company focused on treating debilitating neurological diseases



**Potent zinc finger epigenetic regulation technology**, with neurology programs advancing towards the clinic



**Industry-leading AAV capsid discovery platform** enabling non-invasive intrathecal and intravenous delivery to the brain



Powerful research platform **continually innovates in new modes of genome modulation** to support value creation for both wholly owned programs and potential partners



Successful partnership track record with \$50 million in expected near-term payments from Genentech and \$220 million in potential milestone payments\* from Pfizer. **Fabry partner discussions ongoing, with clear pathway to potential registration.**

SHARP STRATEGIC FOCUS IN NEUROLOGY

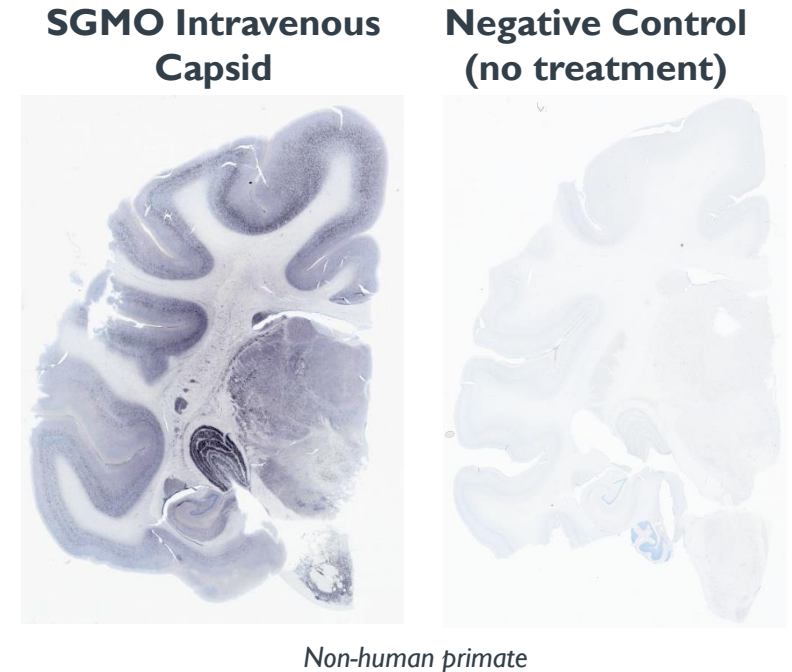
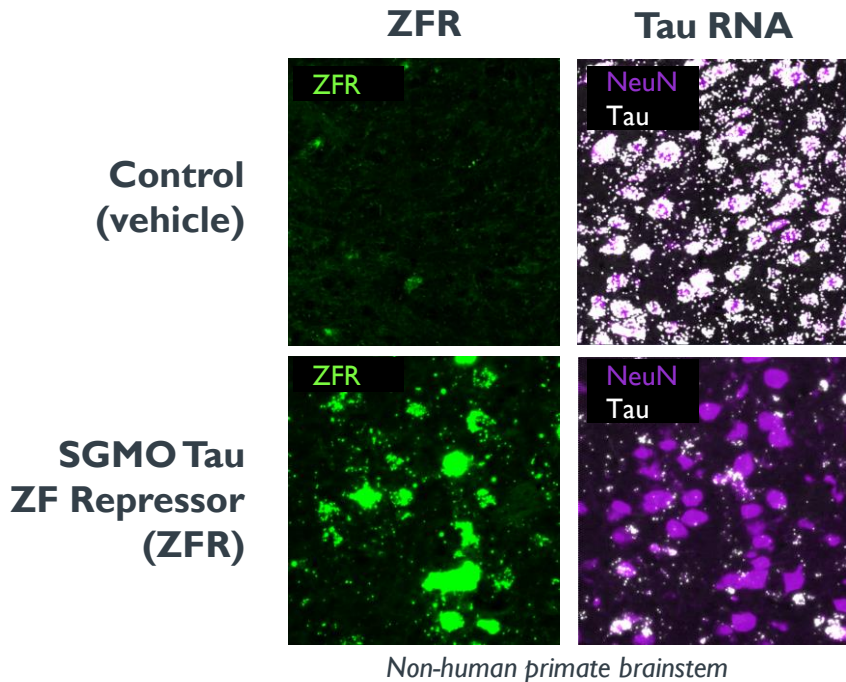
OPTIMIZING ASSET VALUE

Sangamo pairs the epigenetic regulation *and* capsid delivery capabilities needed to create neurology genomic medicines

**Genome-Targeting Cargo**  
*Epigenetic regulation platform*







**Capsid Delivery Engine**  
*AAV capsid delivery platform via intravenous delivery*



**Future of Neurology Genomic Medicines**

# Company pipeline and business development opportunities

CORE NEUROLOGY PIPELINE					
Indication	Preclinical	Phase 1/2	Pivotal	Partner	Commentary
Chronic Neuropathic Pain (Nav1.7)	Data presented at ASGCT 23			-	Nav1.7 IND-enabling activities continue to advance
Prion Disease	Data presented at ASGCT 24			-	Prion CTA-enabling activities continue to advance
Tauopathies	Data presented at ASGCT 24			 <small>A Member of the Roche Group</small>	<b>August 2024:</b> Announced epigenetic regulation and capsid delivery license agreement with Genentech
Undisclosed					
ALS/FTD	Data presented at ASGCT 24			 <small>AstraZeneca Rare Disease</small>	
Huntington's Disease					

OTHER PROGRAMS					
Indication	Preclinical	Phase 1/2	Pivotal	Partner	Commentary
Hemophilia A (Giroctogene fitelparvovec)	Data presented at ASH 2023				<b>July 2024:</b> Positive topline readout in Phase 3 AFFINE trial. Pfizer plans to discuss data with regulatory authorities in coming months.
Fabry Disease (Isaralgagene civaparvovec)	Data presented at WORLDSymposium 2024			-	Continue to amass encouraging clinical data. Potential partnership discussions ongoing.



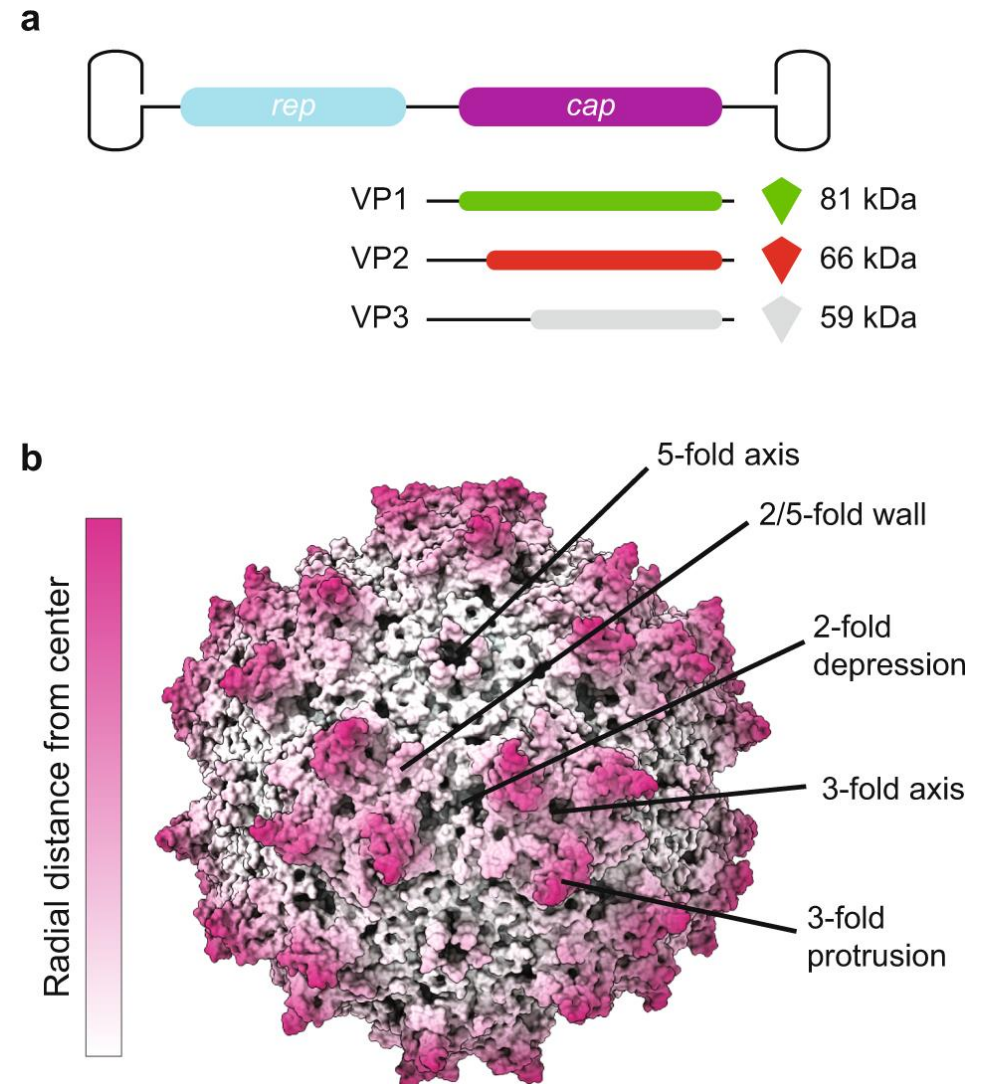
# CQA role in meeting the challenges of Gene Therapies



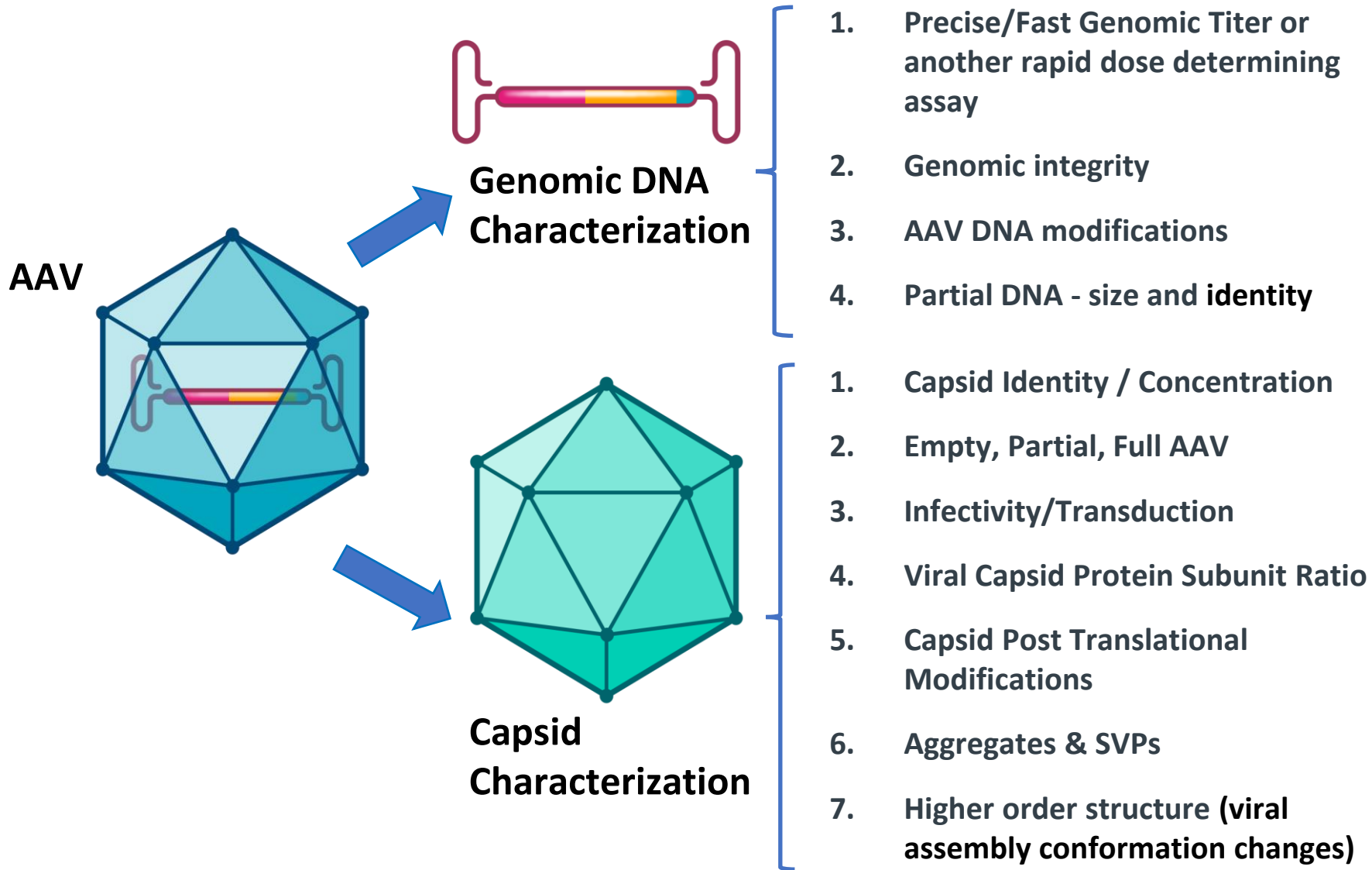
slide courtesy of Global Genes "Allies in Rare Diseases"

# Common Challenges to Control Strategies in CGT products

- Limited understanding of CQAs for Novel CGT modalities (AAV, LV)
- Low # of lots (development/clinical) resulting in limited process and product knowledge
- Analytical methods evolve during clinical development and retains are essential to perform analysis
- Lack/shortage of process representative material for critical analytical assays
- Compressed timelines for development



# Analytical Strategy for AAV Products



## \*CURRENT TECHNOLOGIES:

qPCR/ddPCR, multiplex PCR, SR-NGS, LR-NGS, CDMS, IP-RP-HPLC, Capillary Electrophoresis

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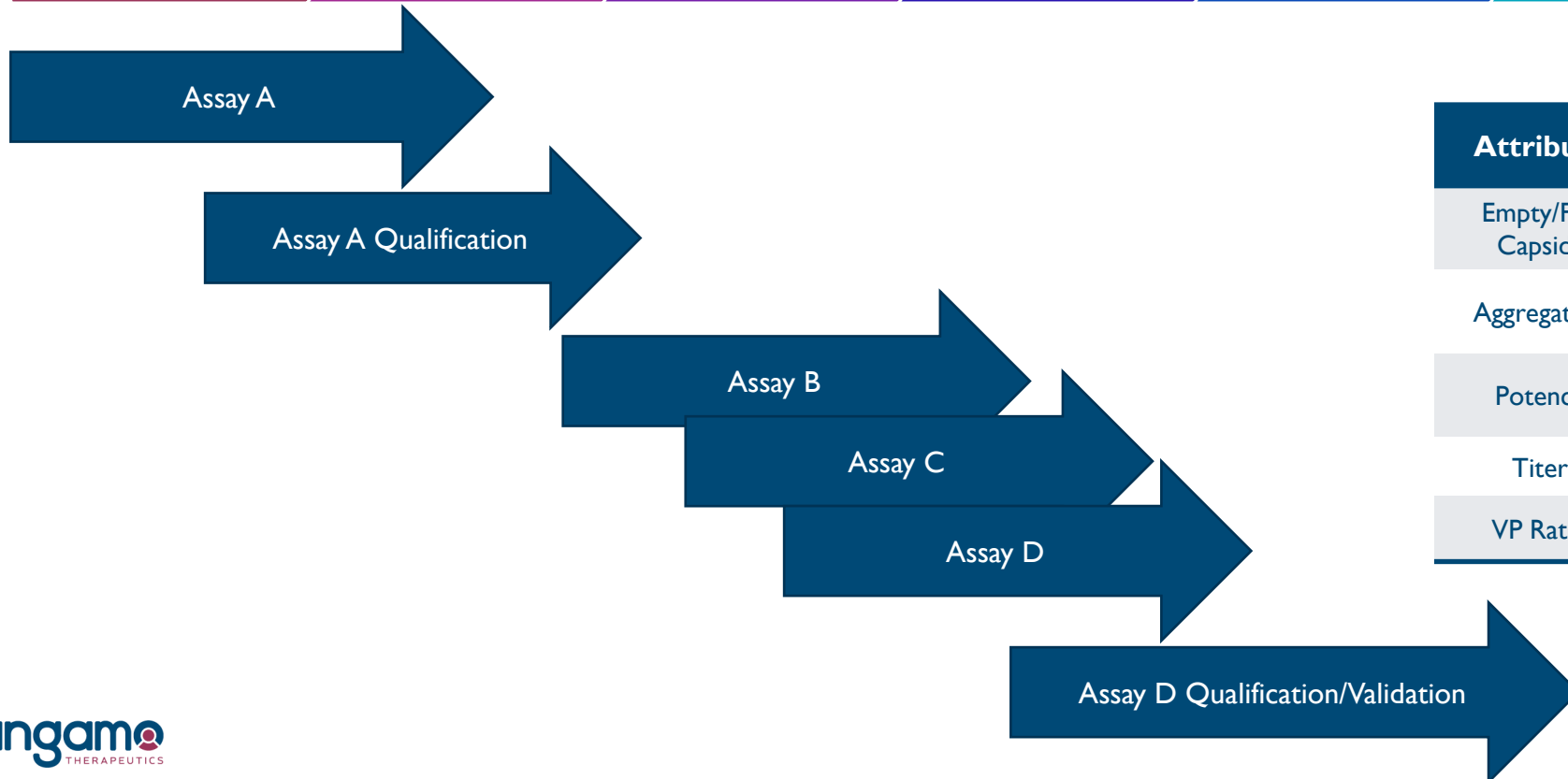
Standard protein analytical technologies—LC/MS, mass photometry, CDMS, AUC, gene expression ELISAs, SEC, A4F-MALS, CE, SDS-PAGE, CryoTEM, etc

Not so standard for protein analytics: TCID-50 (infectivity) and/or gene expression by PCR



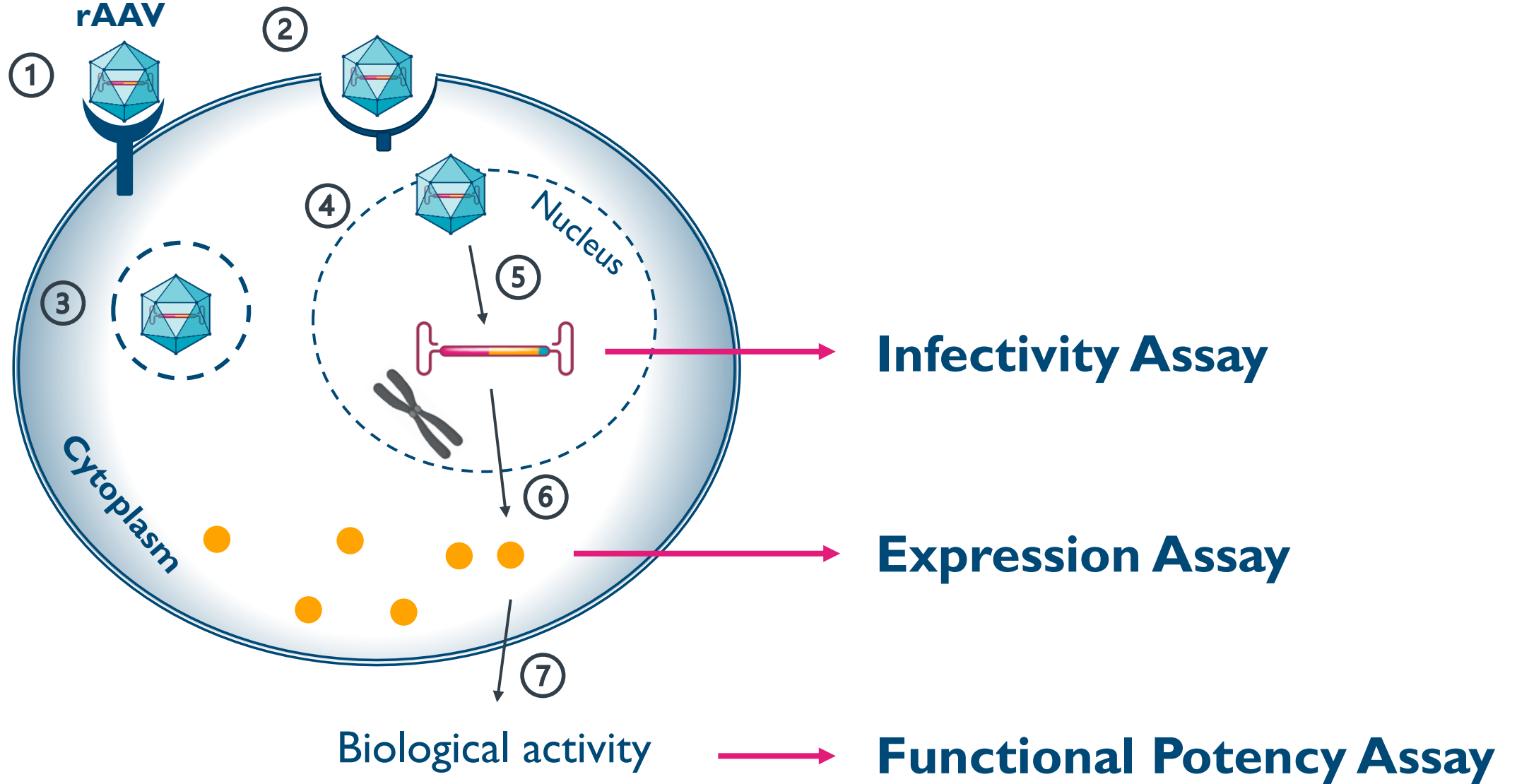
# Evolution of Methods

- Analytical methods evolve during clinical development
- New/improved methods are implemented



Attribute	Early Stage	Late Stage
Empty/Full Capsids	Cp/VG, A260/A280	TEM, AUC, IEX, MS
Aggregation	DLS	SEC-MALS, FFF-MALS
Potency	Expression, Immunoassay	Biological Function Assay
Titer	qPCR	ddPCR
VP Ratio	SDS-PAGE	CE, Labchip

# Potency Assay Matrix Approach

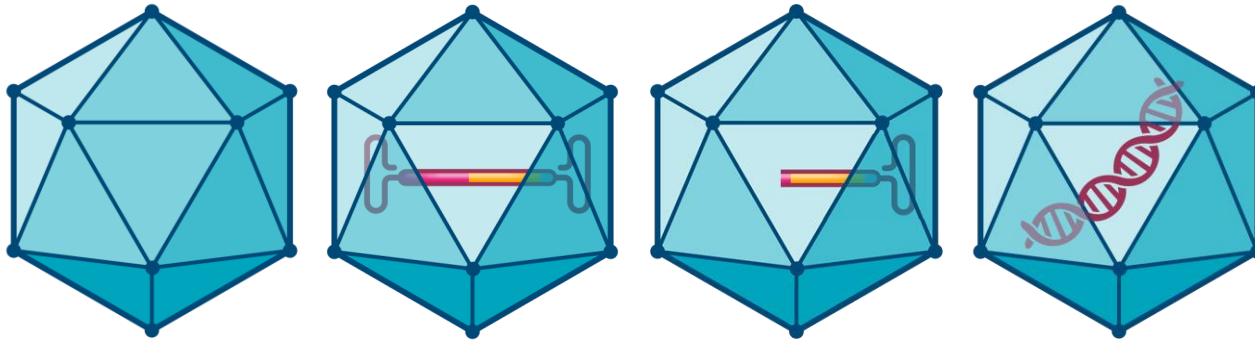


# Case Study 1: Control Strategy for Analytical Methods Measuring a CQA

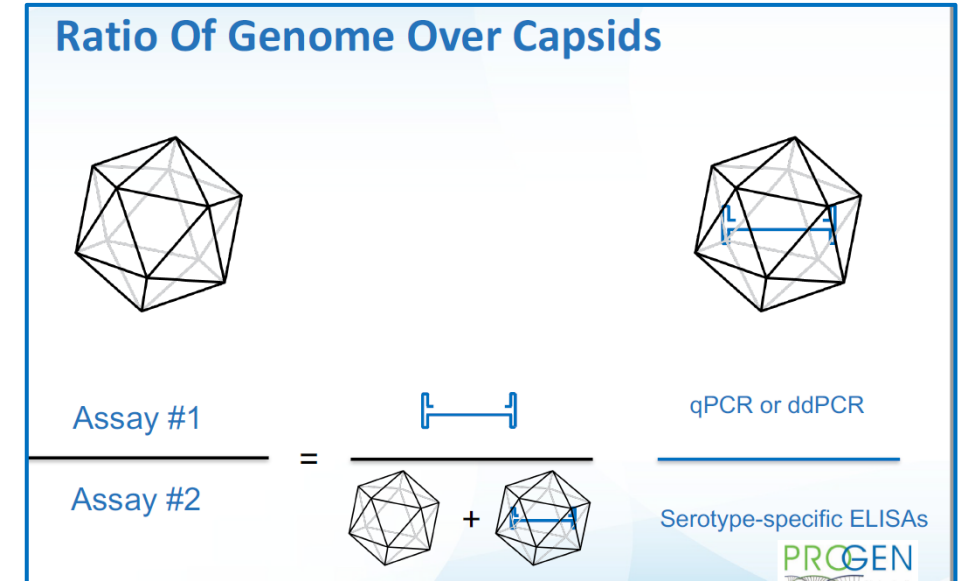
Example applies to the following  
Control Elements:

- Release Testing
- Stability Testing
- In-process Testing
- Product Characterization

## Empty Capsids as CQA



- **AAV Empty Particles** – Can be one of the major product-related impurities
- May act as decoys against neutralizing antibodies
- Has potential immunological consequences
- Higher production cost if significant amount of empty capsids are present
- Important to characterize the AAV preparations



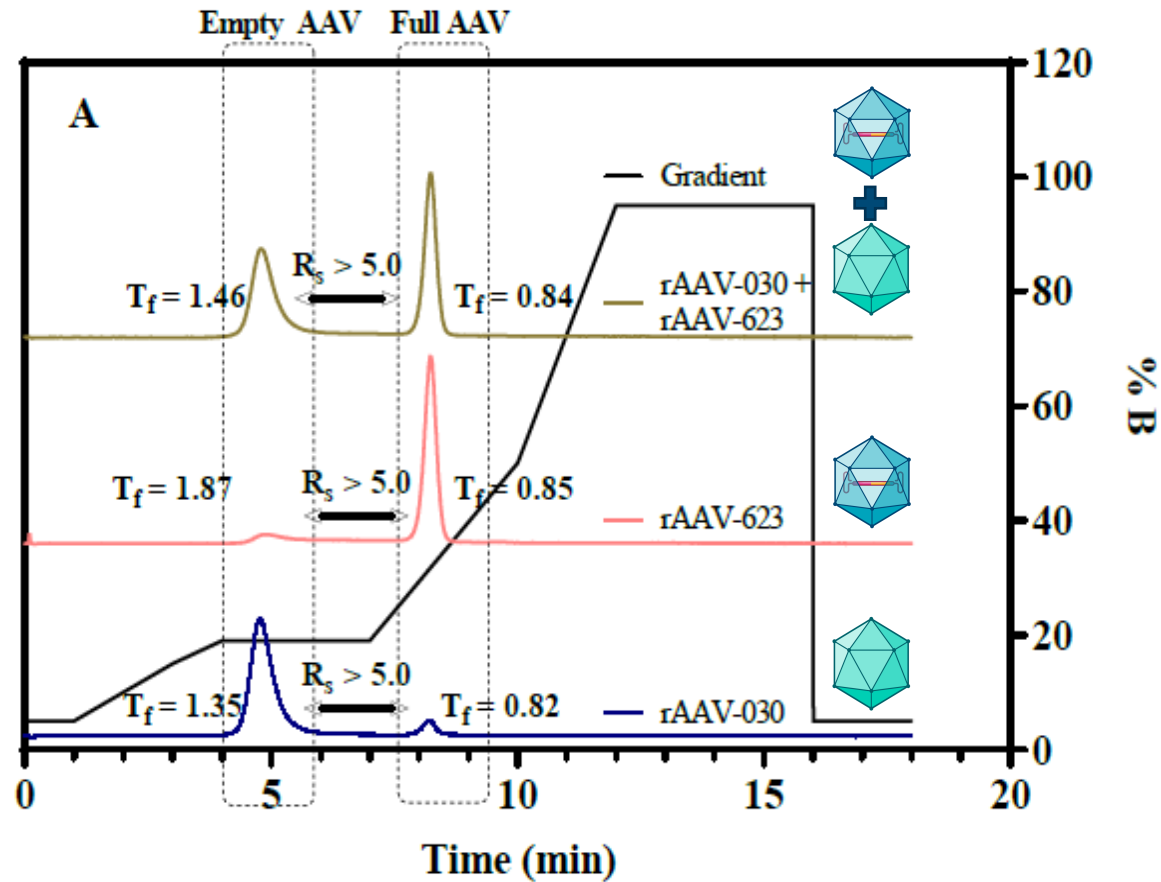
**$Cp/vg = 1$  (Ideal)**



## Empty Capsids as CQA

Technology	Assay	Procedure	Advantages	Challenges
Calculation	Capsid Titer and VG Titer	Ratio	Fast TAT	Theoretical number; Highly variable as values are obtained from two different assays
OD	OD260 and OD280	Ratio	Fast TAT; QC-friendly	Highly pure product needed; Assay is susceptible to contaminants
CryoTEM	Staining of capsids	Visual test, software calculates full/empty	Slow TAT	Partial capsids are difficult to measure; Low resolution
AUC	Sedimentation velocities	Ultracentrifugation	Slow TAT	Sedimentation coefficients have to be significantly different for full and partial
IEX-HPLC	Ion exchange separation	HPLC	Fast TAT, QC-friendly, HTP	Partials are difficult to separate
Mass Spectrometry	CDMS	HPLC/MS	Medium TAT	Expensive equipment

# Sangamo's Proprietary AEX-HPLC Approach for E/F Analysis

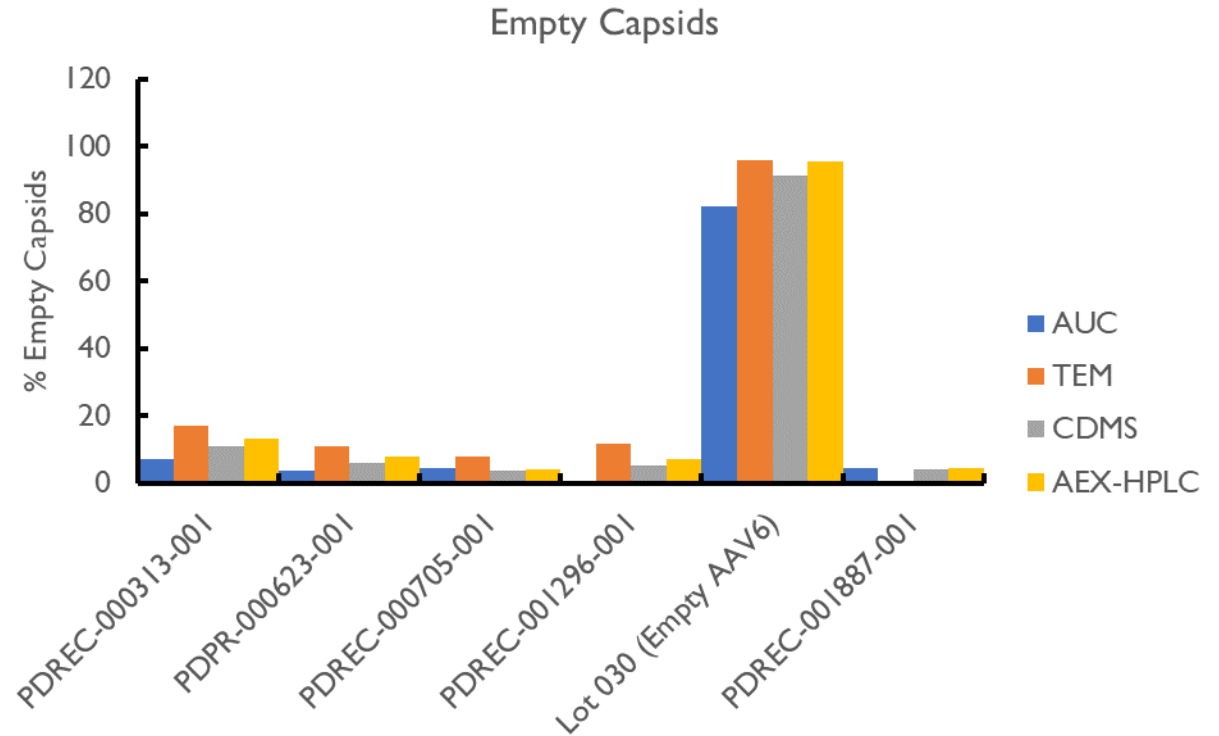
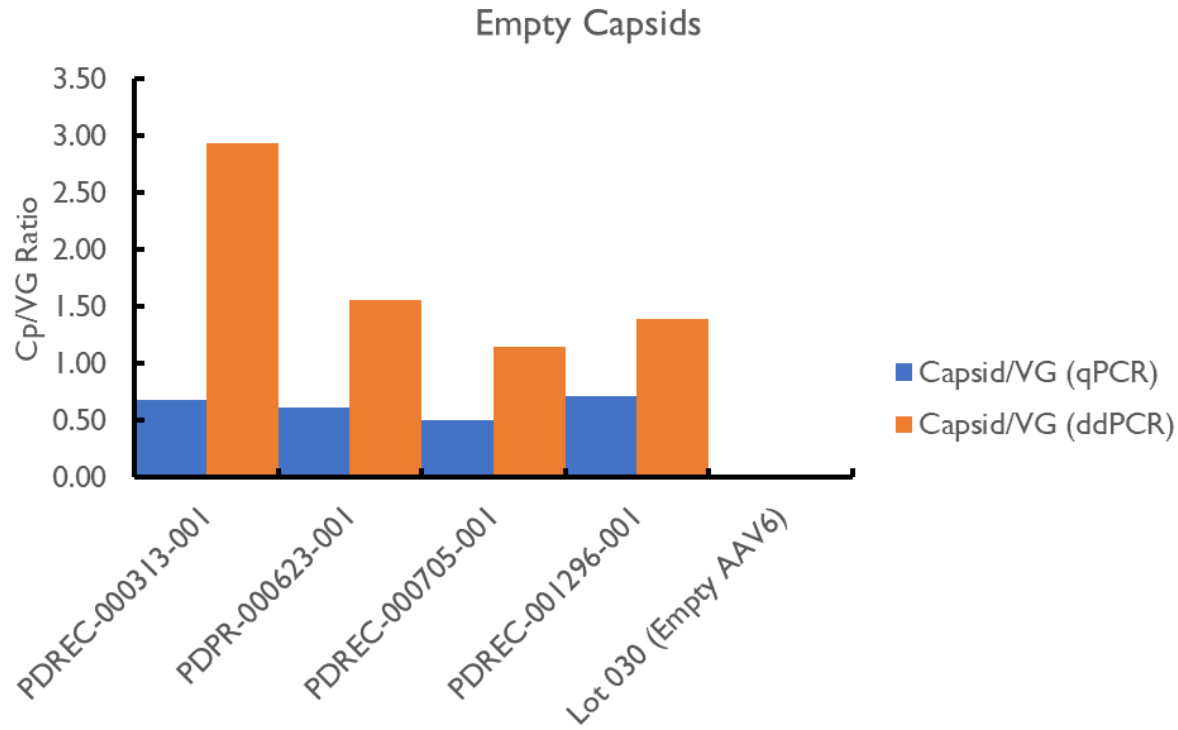


1. Modular/Adaptable Discontinuous Gradient Approach – Isocratic Hold and Two linear gradients
2. High resolution for empty from full capsids ( $\gg 2.0$ )
3. Low Peak Tailing for both empty capsids ( $< 2.0$ )
4. Retention times  $< 2\% \text{ CV}$

$R_s$  = USP Resolution  
 $T_f$  = Tailing Factor

# Empty Capsids as CQA

- 5 development lots for same product along with an empty AAV lot used with multiple methods
- Each lot manufactured with a process change



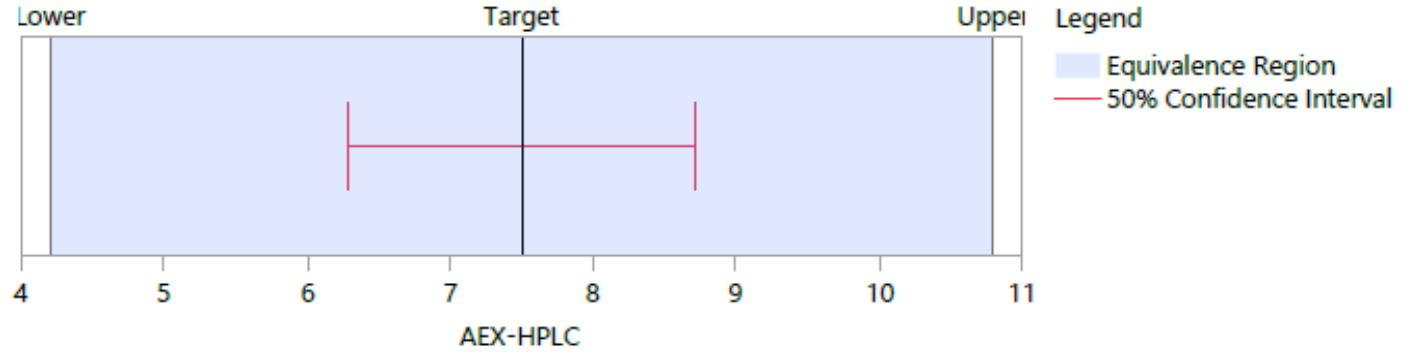
# Are methods and lots comparable enough to monitor the CQA?

## • Example Criteria:

*Difference that is practically zero = 50% near LOQ (Based on SME input)*

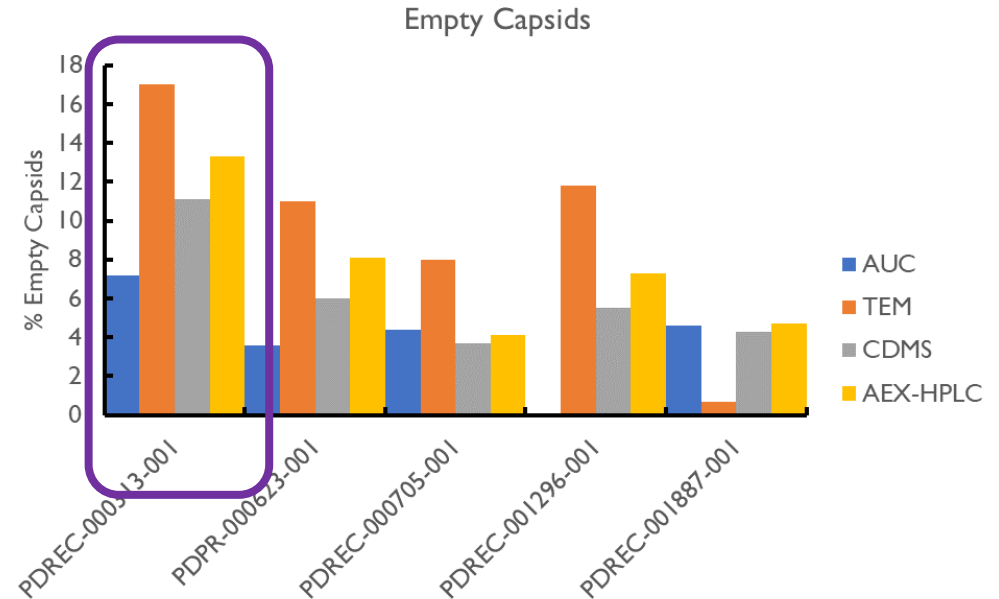
$\alpha = 0.25$ ; Confidence level =  $1 - \alpha = 0.75$

### Test Equivalence



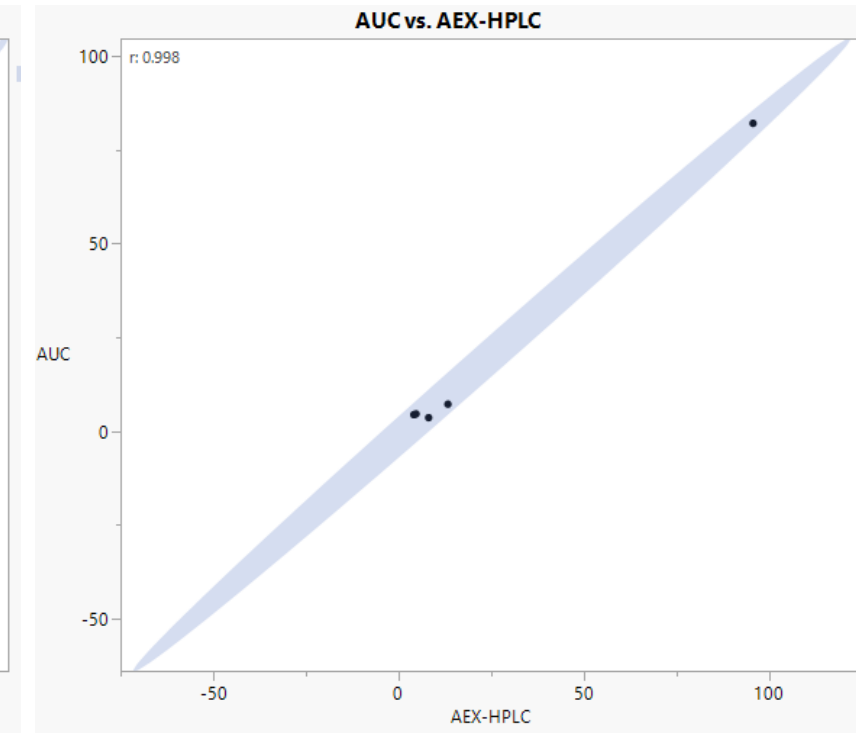
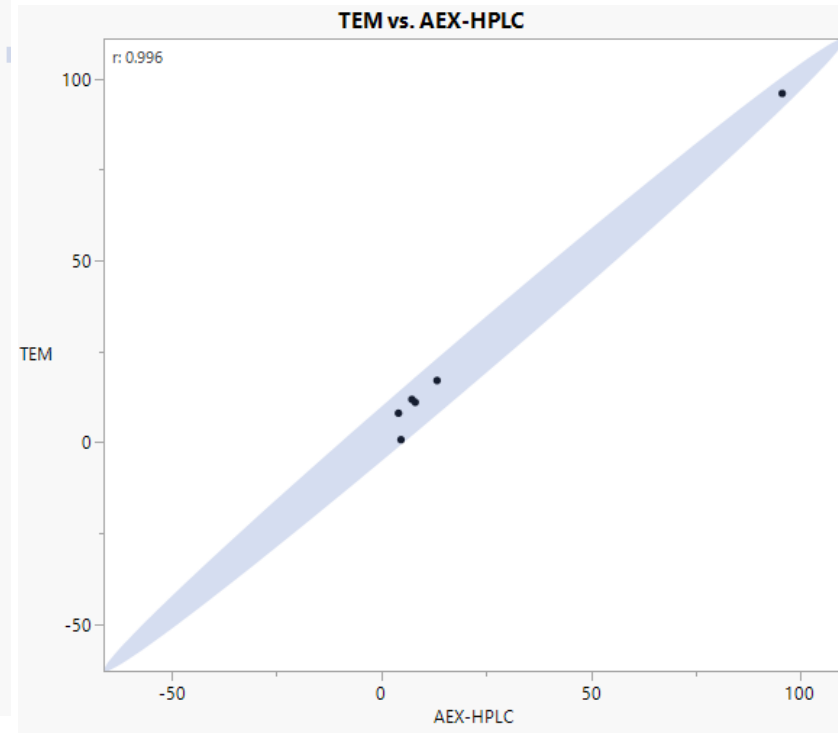
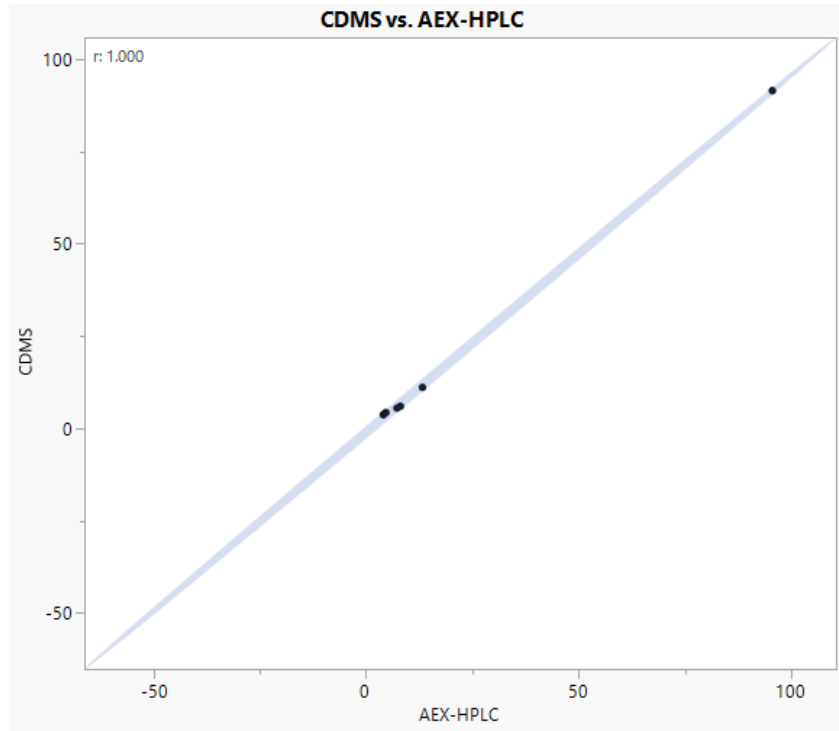
Mean	Lower Bound	Upper Bound	Lower 50%	Upper 50%
7.5	4.2	10.8	6.289238	8.710762

Technology	Lower Bound	Upper Bound	Outlier Lots
AUC	2.5	7.5	PDREC-000313-001
TEM	4.8	14.6	PDREC-000313-001
CDMS	3.0	9.2	PDREC-000313-001
AEX-HPLC	4.2	10.8	PDREC-000313-001



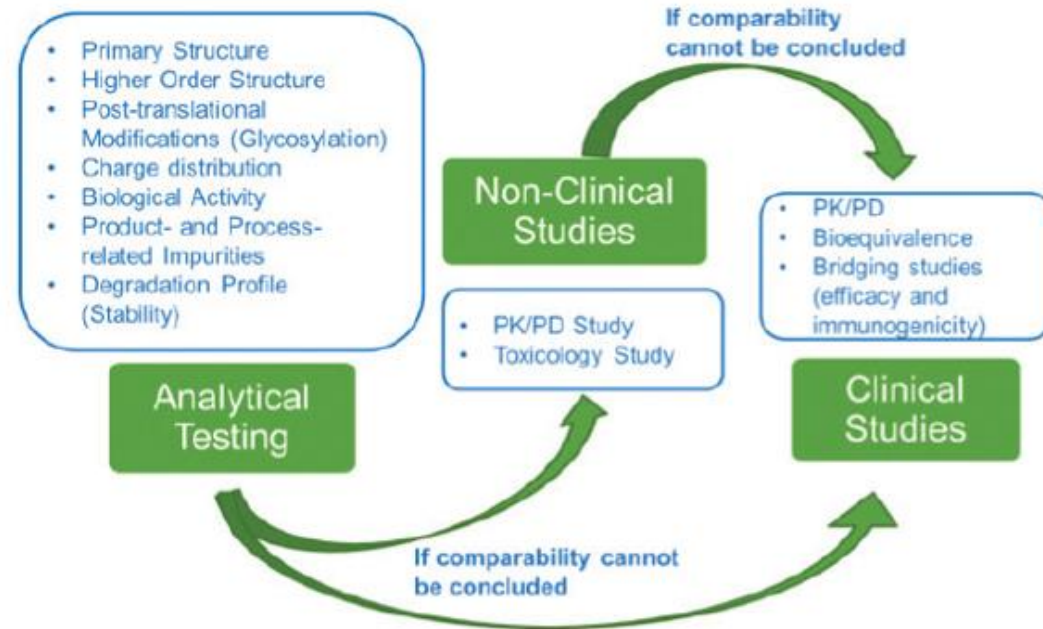


# Orthogonal Characterization of Empty Capsids - Bivariate fit analysis



**Strong correlation ( $r > 0.99$ ) for AEX-HPLC vs all orthogonal assays with strongest correlation against CDMS**

# Case Study 2: Control Strategy for Process Change Leveraging Analytical Comparability



# Comparability Study

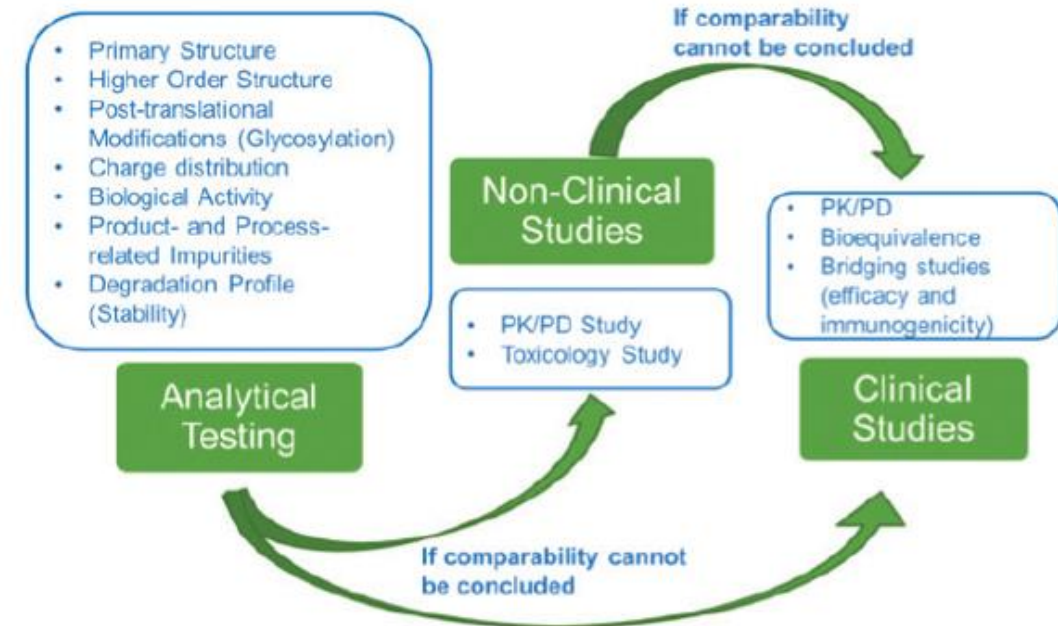
- **What?** – Impact assessment of changes in manufacturing processes for any therapeutic modality (i.e., FDA = Major Change, EMA = Type II variation)
- **Why?** - Demonstrate pre- vs post-change materials are comparable
- **How?** - Design varies with the stage of product development (Early, Late, Post approval, and potential impact of changes)
- **Product Comparability is a sequential process -**
  - **Analytical Comparability** – Comparison of Quality attributes
  - **Non-clinical Comparability** – In vitro and In vivo tests, PK/PD
  - **Clinical Comparability** – Clinical bridging

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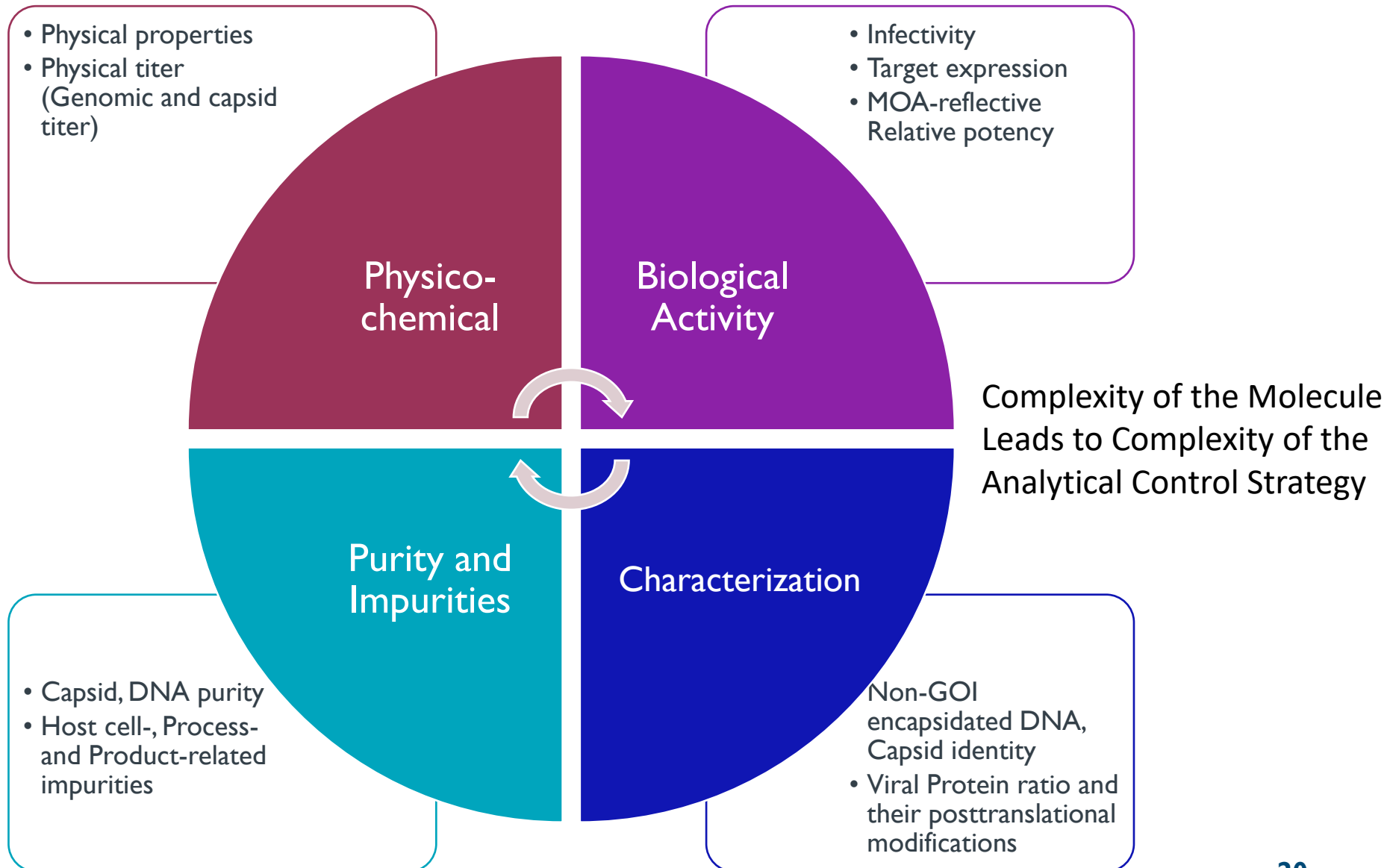
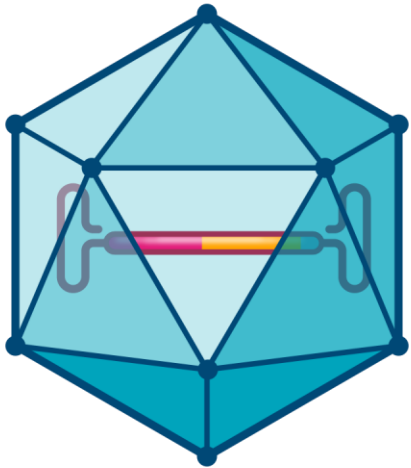
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# Adeno-associated Virus - Potential Critical Quality Attributes (pCQAs)

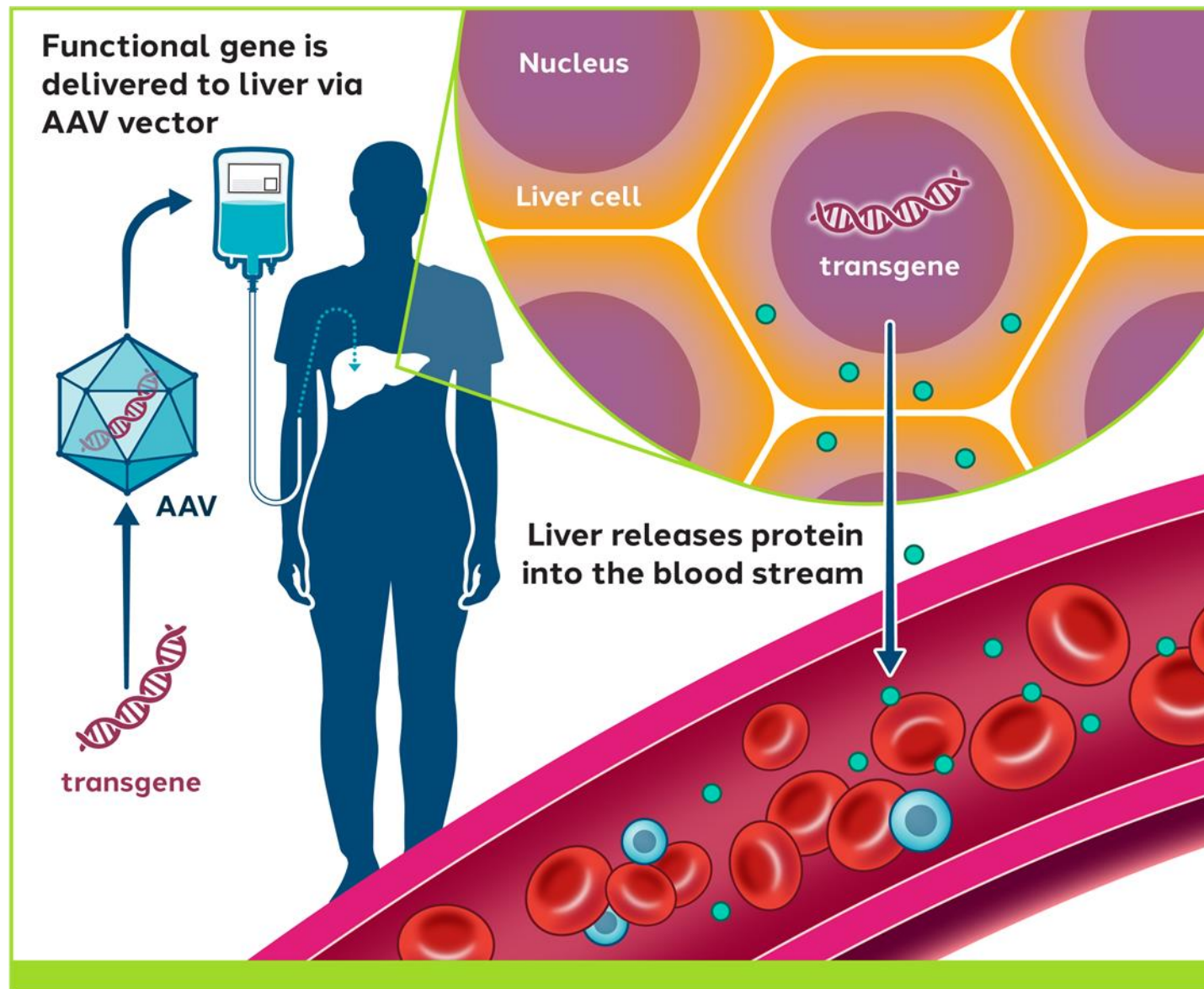


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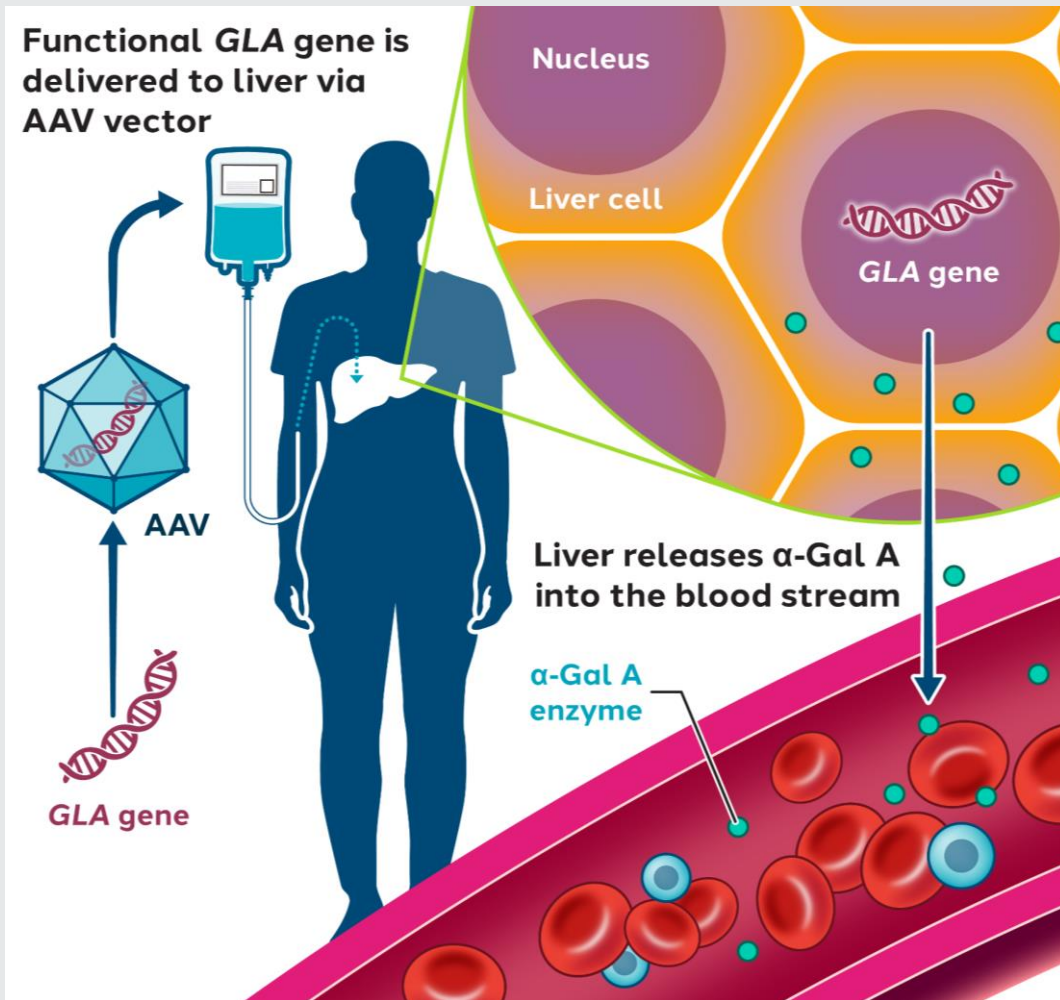
# Case Study for Late-Stage Product

Systemic delivery of AAV vectors allows *in vivo* correction of monogenic disease



# Fabry Disease: isargalgagene civaparvovec (ST-920)

*Abbreviated clinical pathway supports efforts to secure a collaboration partner*



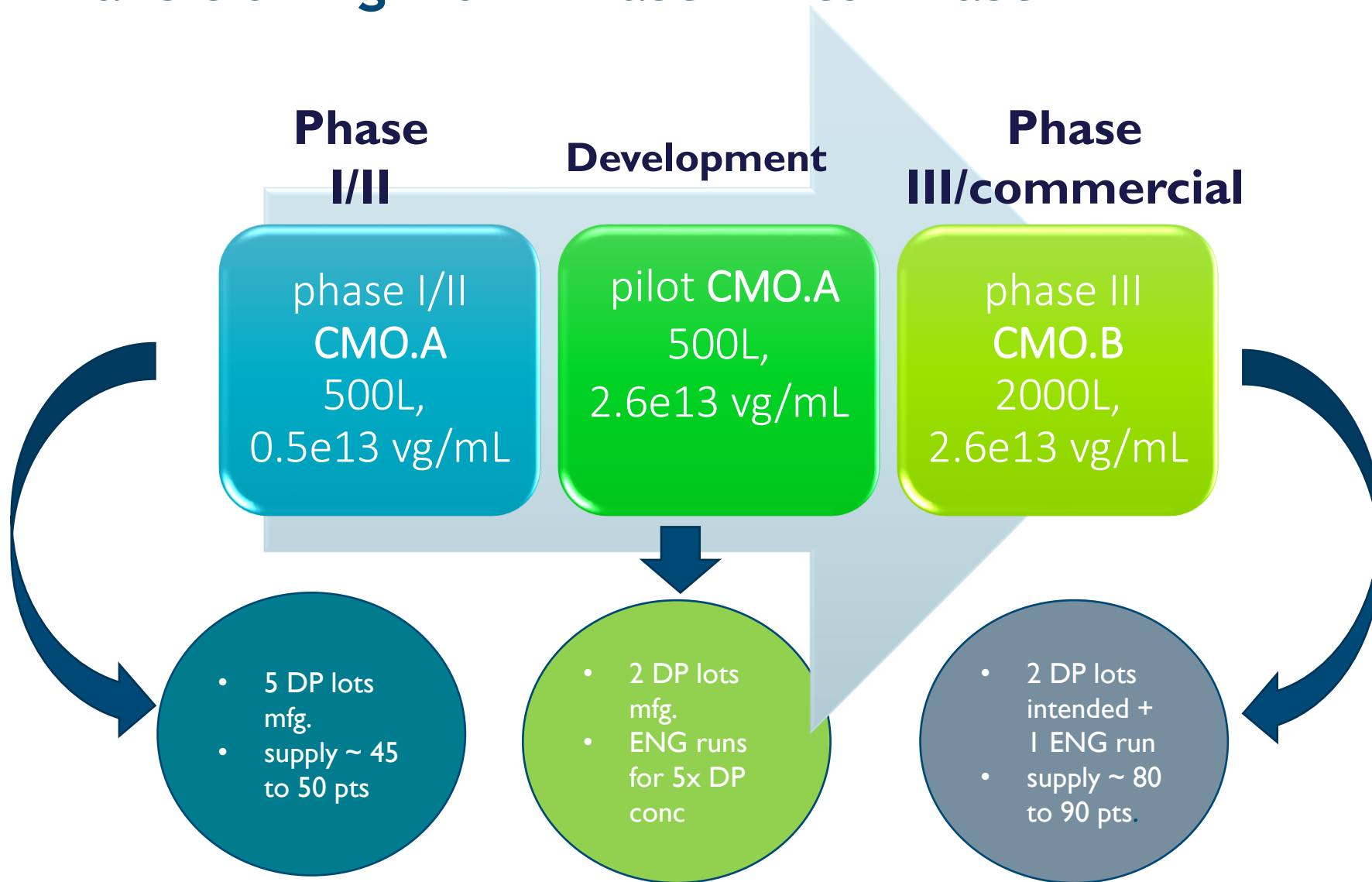
- Largest gene therapy program in Fabry disease
  - Enrollment, screening and dosing complete in Phase 1/2 STAAR study – 33 patients total
  - 17 of 18 patients off Enzyme Replacement Therapy (ERT)\*
- Compelling clinical data
  - Continue to amass encouraging clinical data, including evidence of improvements in kidney function.
  - In 18 patients treated >1yr, observed a statistically significant rise in both mean and median eGFR levels.
  - Updated clinical data expected in the coming months.
- FDA alignment on abbreviated regulatory pathway
  - Aligned on a single-arm study with up to 25 patients, alongside confirmatory evidence, as an acceptable pathway to BLA
- Held productive meeting with EMA on regulatory pathway
- Received EMA PRIME eligibility and UK MHRA ILAP status

# Challenges in CMC Development

## Understanding the Target Product Profile

<b>Value proposition</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>e.g. what differentiates the therapeutic from current Standard of Care?</li> </ul>
<b>Indication</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Disease or condition to be addressed</li> </ul>
<b>Studied populations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Male and female</li> <li>Adults or adolescents</li> <li>Prior therapy or orphan indication</li> </ul>
<b>Efficacy: primary</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clinical end-points</li> </ul>
<b>Efficacy: secondary</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clinical end-points</li> </ul>
<b>Safety &amp; Tolerability</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adverse events, infusion reactions</li> </ul>
<b>Dose, ROA, Regimen</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Target dose X E13 vg/kg</li> <li>Administered by IV infusion in outpatient hospital setting</li> </ul>
<b>Storage &amp; Handling</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shipped and stored at <math>\leq -65^{\circ}\text{C}</math></li> <li>Vials thawed at RT or at <math>4^{\circ}\text{C}</math> for duration</li> <li><math>\leq</math> # of vials per patient dose</li> </ul>

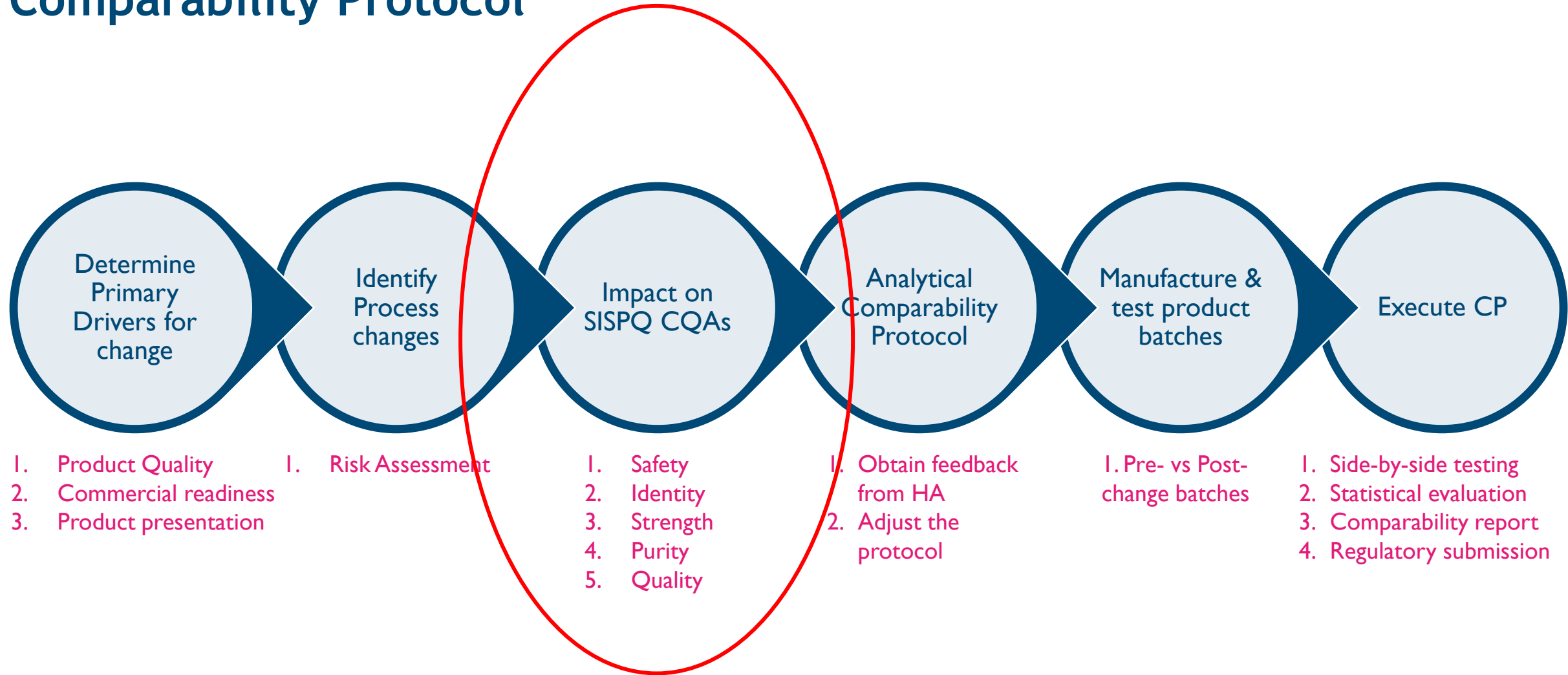
# Transitioning from Phase I/II to Phase III



- 5x increase in DP conc.
- Formulation change
- Scale increase from a 500 L to 1700 L bioreactor to meet phase III/commercial needs
- Site-change from CMO.A to CMO.B

*successful type C meeting on comparability and phase III plans with the FDA; clear guidance was obtained*

# Key Steps in Generating and Executing an Analytical Comparability Protocol



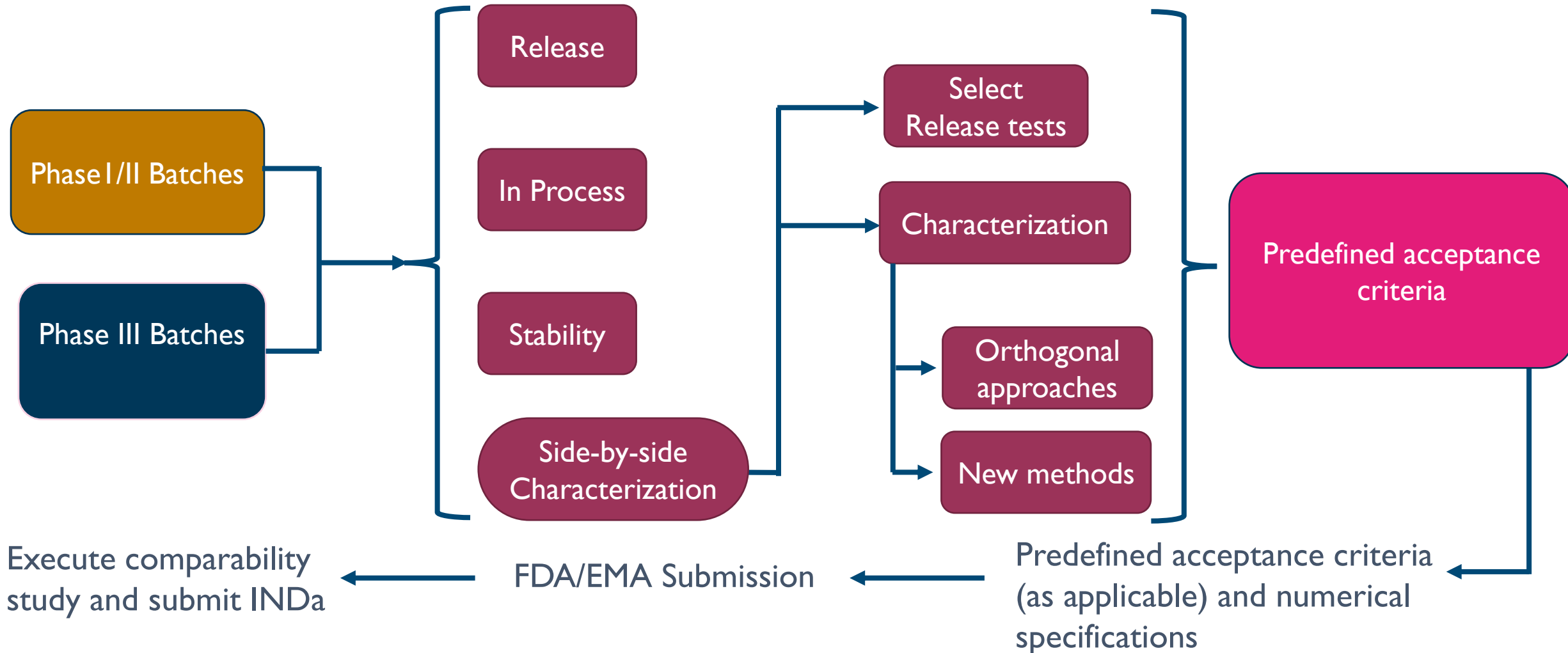
SISPQ – Safety, Identity, Strength, Purity, Quality

# Comparability Protocol - Overall Roadmap

## Comparability Batches

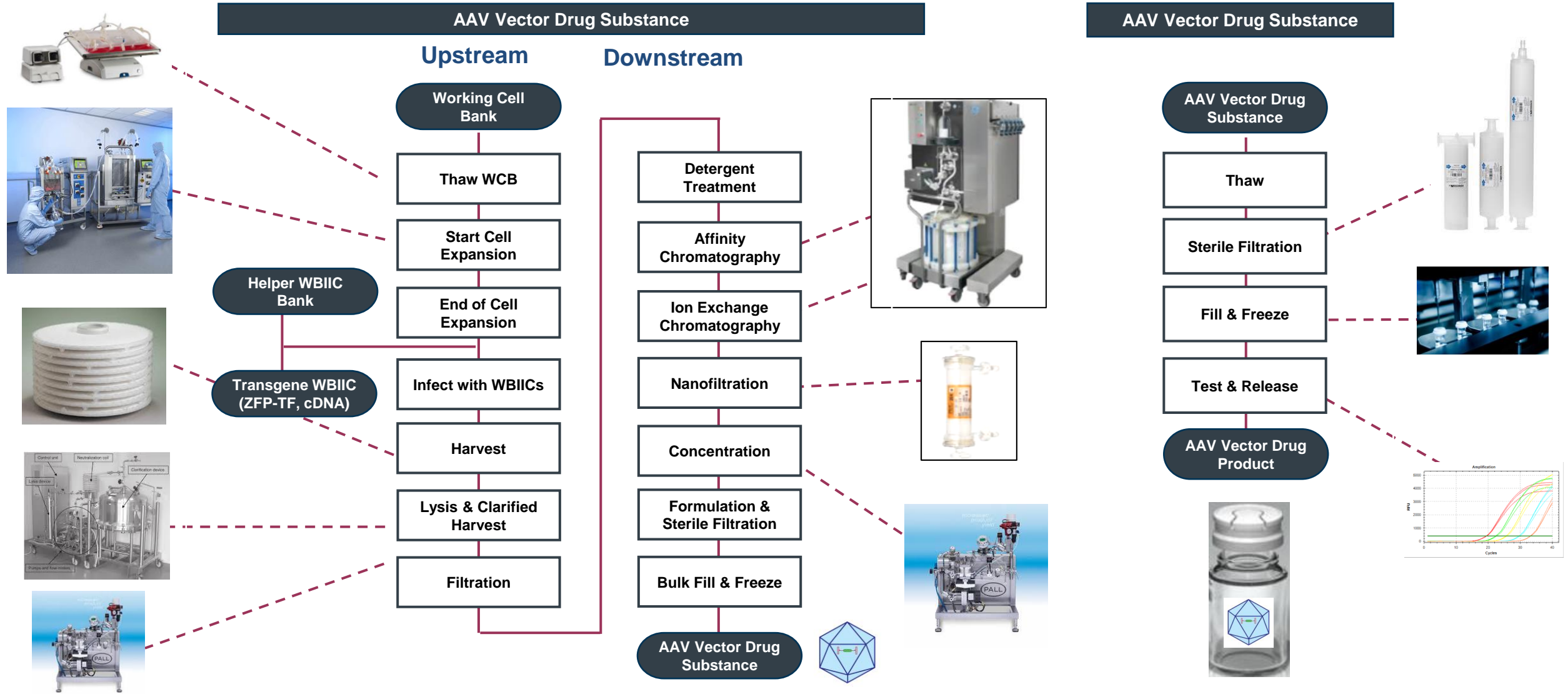
## Comparability Data Packages

## Comparability Protocol



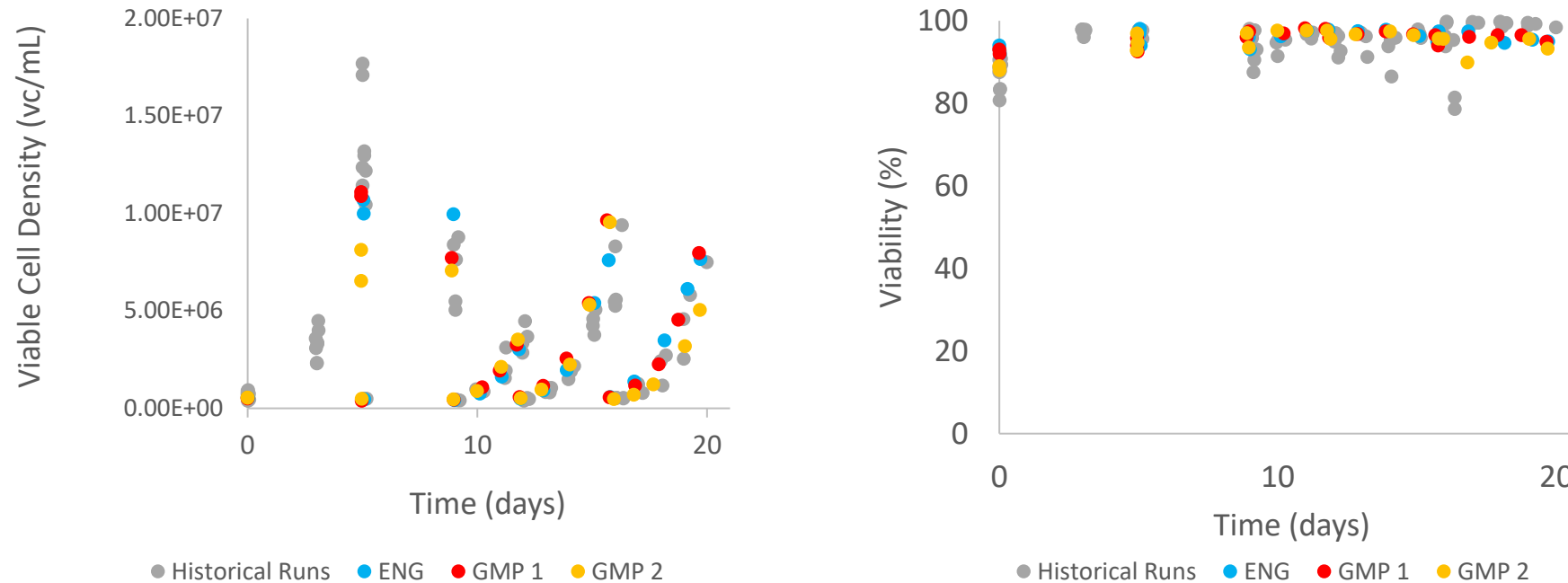


# Sangamo AAV Manufacturing Process Platform via Sf9



# Process Performance Evaluation - Phase I/II vs. Phase III

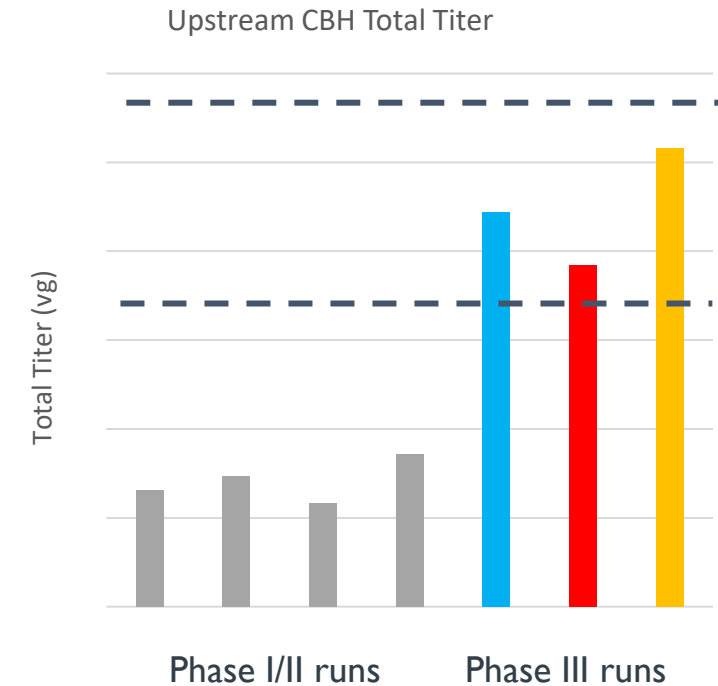
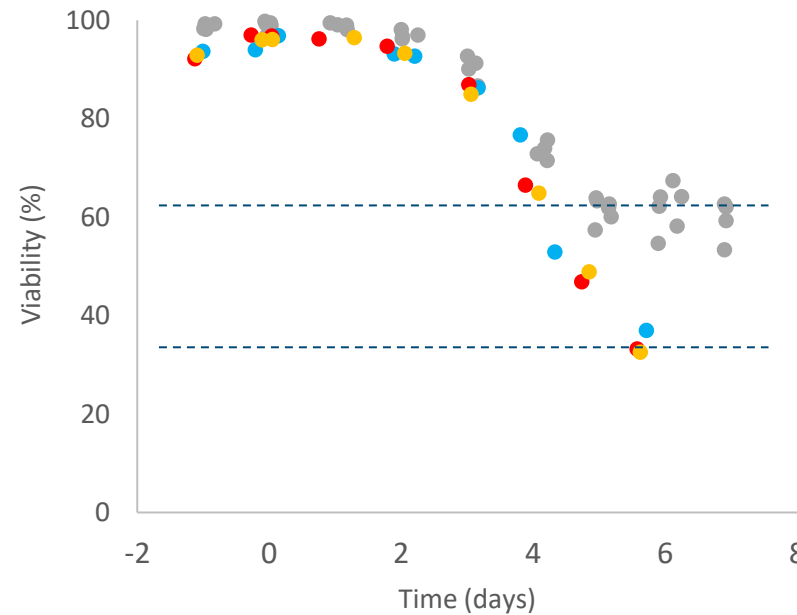
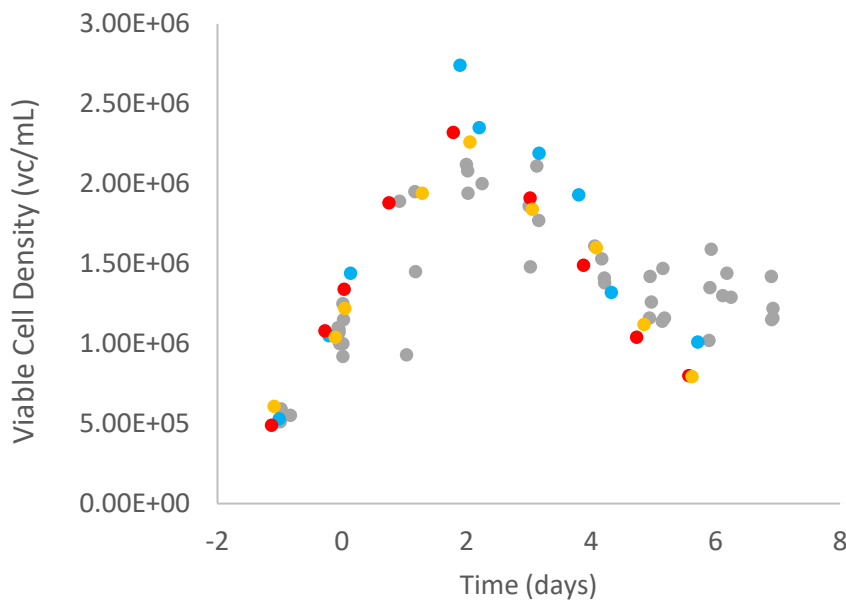
## Seed Train Process Performance



- Process performance across historical phase I/II runs at CMO.A demonstrated process consistency with phase III runs at CMO.B
- VCD and Viability trends in production bioreactor similar between CMO.A and CMO.B

# Process Performance Evaluation - Phase I/II vs. Phase III

## Production Reactor Process Performance



● Historical Runs ● ENG ● GMP 1 ● GMP 2 ● Historical Runs ● ENG ● GMP 1 ● GMP 2

- Cell viability at harvest consistent between CMO.B during Eng., GMP I and 2
- The intended titer increase with phase III development was achieved

## Summary - CQAs enable Method Change and Comparability

- Analytical Methods along with Process should evolve during development.
- Method changes and comparability are integral processes to drug development and are supported by clear CQAs.
- Multiple assays for a single CQA can be necessary.
- Seek help from experts in the field to get it right.
- Consider platform data if available.



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