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# Dal *Quality by Design* alla *Process Validation* nel processo di sviluppo di un medicinale

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# NEW DRUG PRODUCT

- **Development**

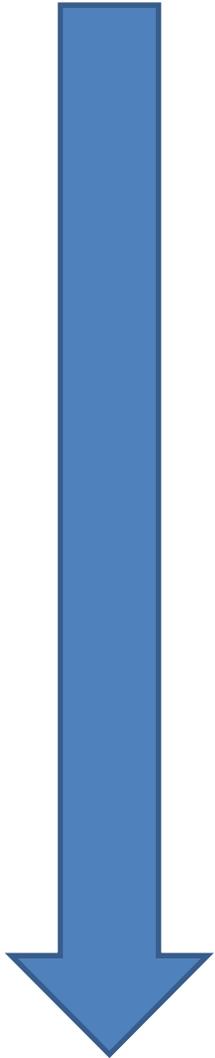
- Quality Target Product Profile
- Preformulation
- Formulation
- Manufacturing Process

- **Validation**

(Process Performance Qualification)

- **Commercial manufacturing process**

(Continued Process Verification)



## References:

- **ICH PHARMACEUTICAL DEVELOPMENT Q8(R2)**  
Current Step 4 version dated August 2009
- **ICH QUALITY RISK MANAGEMENT Q9**  
Current Step 4 version dated November 2005
- **ICH SPECIFICATIONS: Test Procedures and Acceptance Criteria for new Drug Substances and new Drug Products: CHEMICAL SUBSTANCES Q6A**  
Current Step 4 version dated October 1999
- **ICH PHARMACEUTICAL QUALITY SYSTEM Q10**  
Current Step 4 version dated June 2008
- **FDA Guidance for Industry**  
**Process Validation: General Principles and Practices**  
January 2011 CGMP - Revision 1
- **EMA Guidelines for GMP for Medicinal Products**  
for Human and Veterinary Use  
**Annex 15: Qualification and Validation** March 2015
- **FDA PHARMACEUTICAL CGMPs FOR THE 21ST CENTURY**  
**A RISK-BASED APPROACH** September 2004
- **FDA Guidance for Industry PAT**  
A Framework for Innovative Pharmaceutical Development,  
Manufacturing, and Quality Assurance U.S. September 2004

# **The aim of pharmaceutical development is:**

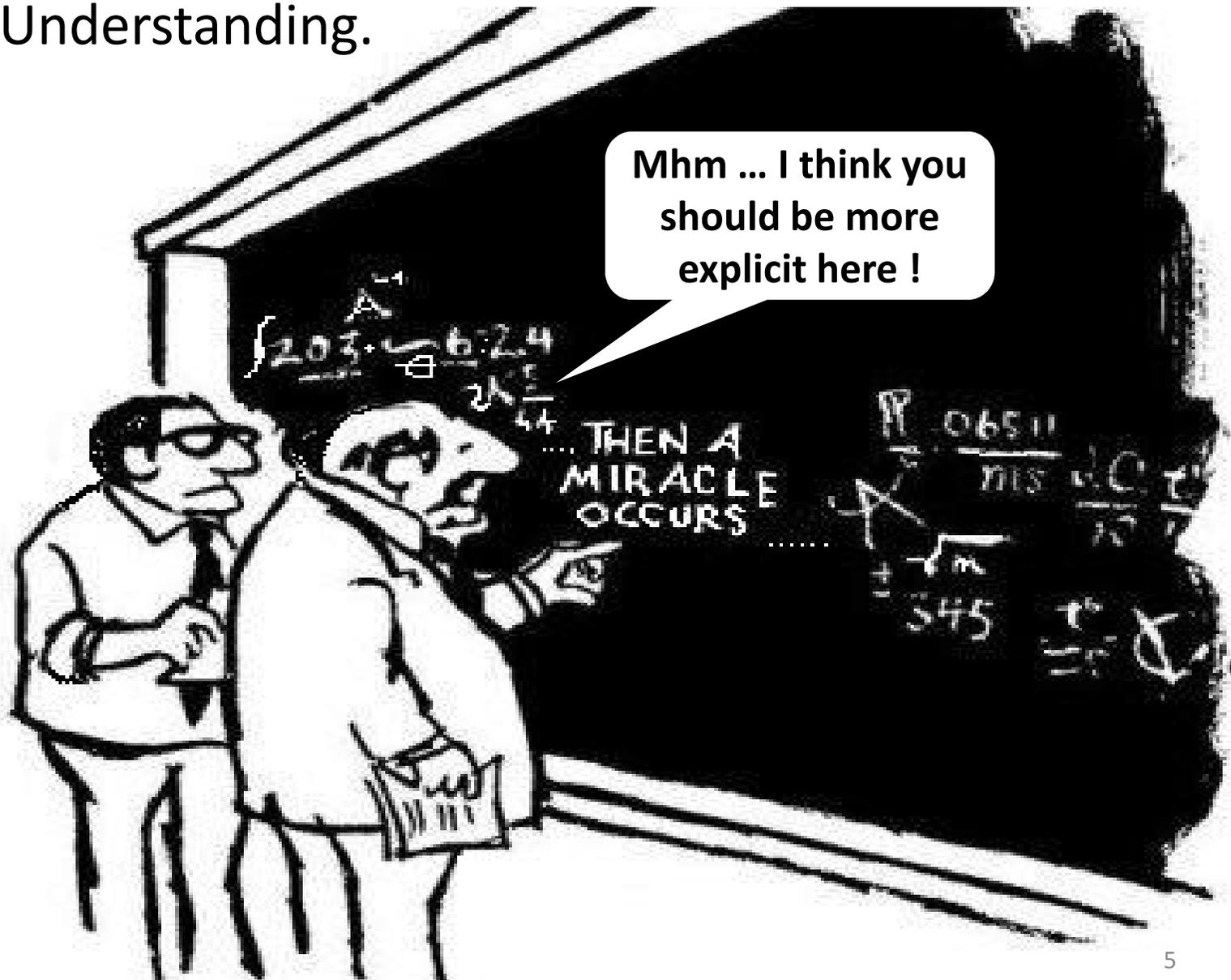
**to design a quality product and its manufacturing process to consistently deliver the intended performance of the product.**

The information and **knowledge gained from pharmaceutical development** studies and manufacturing experience **provide scientific understanding** to support the establishment of the design space, specifications, and manufacturing controls.

**It is important to recognize that  
Quality cannot be tested into products.**



- Process Knowledge
- Process Understanding.



**Pharmaceutical development should include the following elements:**

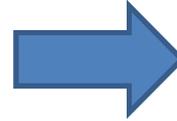
- **Quality Target Product Profile (QTPP)** : it relates to quality, safety and efficacy, considering e.g., the route of administration, dosage form, bioavailability, strength, and stability; drug product quality criteria.
- Identifying potential **Critical Quality Attributes (CQAs)** of the **drug product**, so that those product characteristics having an impact on product quality can be studied and controlled.
- Determining the **Critical Quality Attributes** of the **drug substance**, excipients etc., and selecting the type and amount of excipients to deliver drug product of the desired quality;
- Link **Material Attributes** and **Process Parameters** of the appropriate manufacturing process, to Drug Product CQAs by using **Risk Assessment** that is a valuable science-based process.
- Defining a **Control Strategy** to ensure that a product of required quality will be produced consistently.

Quality Target Product Profile		Justification
Dosage form	Tablet	Pharmaceutical equivalence requirement: same dosage form
Dosage design	Immediate release tablet without a score or coating	Immediate release design needed to meet label claims
Route of administration	Oral	Pharmaceutical equivalence requirement: same route of administration
Dosage strength	20 mg	Pharmaceutical equivalence requirement: same strength
Pharmacokinetics	Immediate release enabling $T_{max}$ in 2.5 hours or less; Bioequivalent to RLD	Bioequivalence requirement Needed to ensure rapid onset and efficacy
Stability	At least 24-month shelf-life at room temperature	Equivalent to or better than RLD shelf-life
Drug product quality attributes	Physical Attributes	Pharmaceutical equivalence requirement: Must meet the same compendial or other applicable (quality) standards (i.e., identity, assay, purity, and quality).
	Identification	
	Assay	
	Content Uniformity	
	Dissolution	
	Degradation Products	
	Residual Solvents	
	Water Content	
Microbial Limits		
Container closure system	Container closure system qualified as suitable for this drug product	Needed to achieve the target shelf-life and to ensure tablet integrity during shipping
Administration/Concurrence with labeling	Similar food effect as RLD	RLD labeling indicates that a high fat meal increases the AUC and $C_{max}$ by 8-12%. The product can be taken without regard to food.
Alternative methods of administration	None	None are listed in the RLD label.

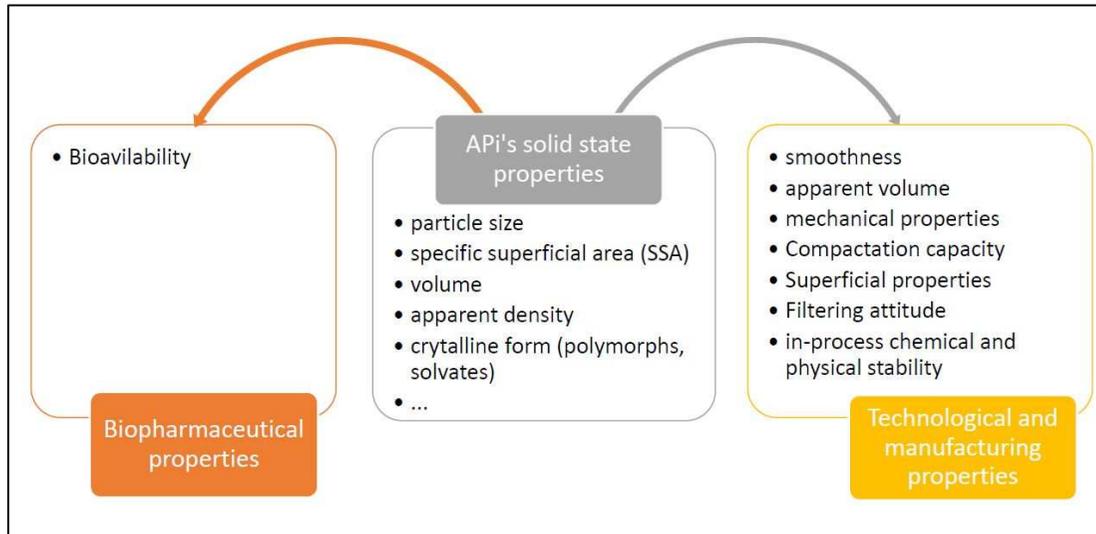


# PHARMACEUTICAL DEVELOPMENT

- Components of the Drug Product
  - **Drug Substance**
  - Excipients
- Drug Product
  - Formulation Development
  - Manufacturing Process Development



The physicochemical and biological properties of the drug substance can influence the **performance** and **manufacturability** of the drug product



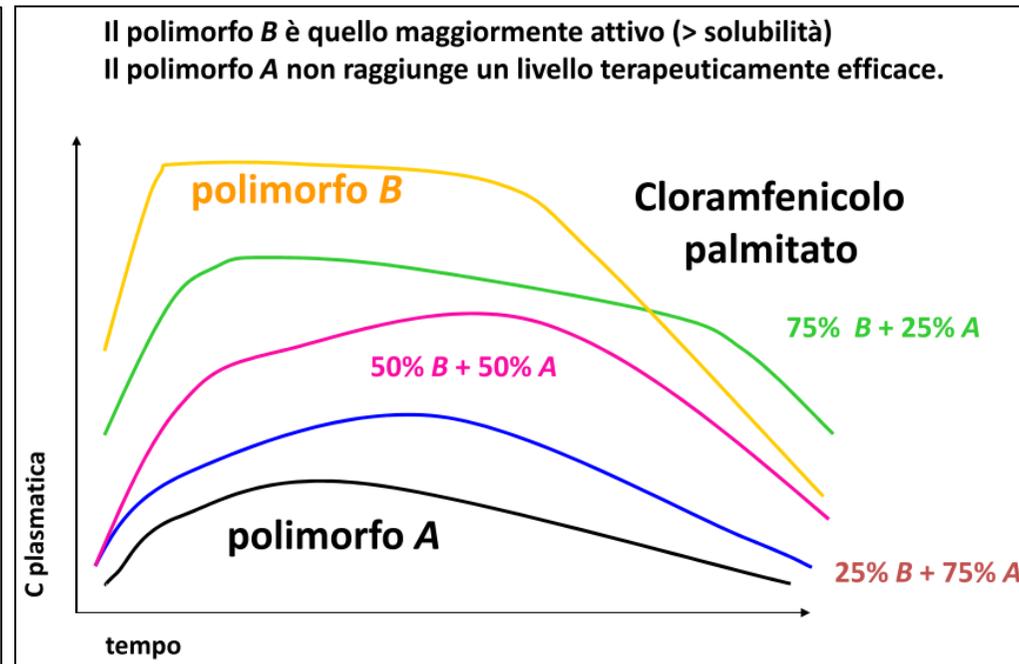
Solid state's properties (Fonte: Aschimfarma, adapted from A. Gazzaniga)

- **Polymorphism**
  - Stability
  - Dissolution
  - Compaction (high amount)
- **Particle size**
  - Distribution (CU)
  - Dissolution
- **Particle shape**
  - Compaction
  - Segregation (CU)

The potential effect of drug substance properties on drug product can be used to justify the drug substance specification.

*EXAMPLES FROM THE SCIENTIFIC LITERATURE ,DESCRIBING NON-EQUIVALENCE OF THE FORMULATIONS DUE TO A **DIFFERENT PHYSICAL FORM OF THE ACTIVE INGREDIENT** (AMORFOUS FORMS, POLYMORPHISM, SOLVATES)*

- Novobiocin (1960)
- CAF palmitate (1967, 1980)
- Ampicillin (1968, 1981)
- Chlortetracycline (1974)
- Amobarbital (1981)
- 6-mercaptopurine (1981)
- Phenylbutazone (1984)
- Indomethacin (1987)
- Cimetidine (1987)
- Carbamazepine (1992, 2000, 2003)
- Oxytetracycline chlorhydrate (1999)



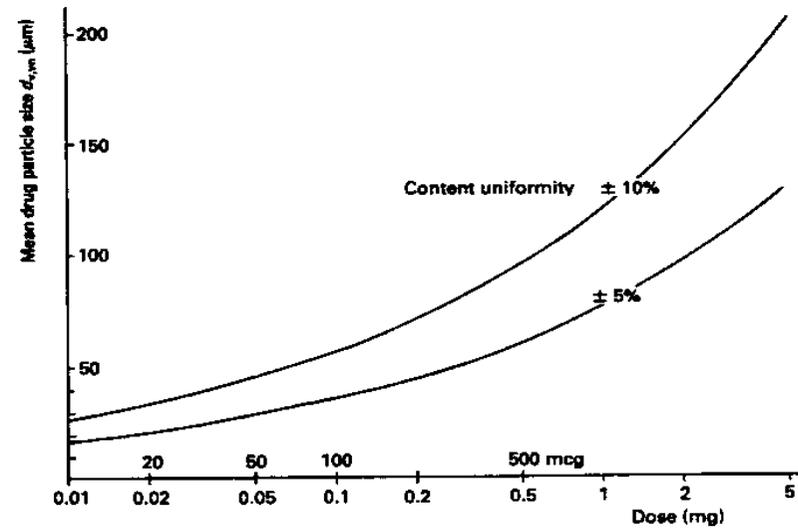
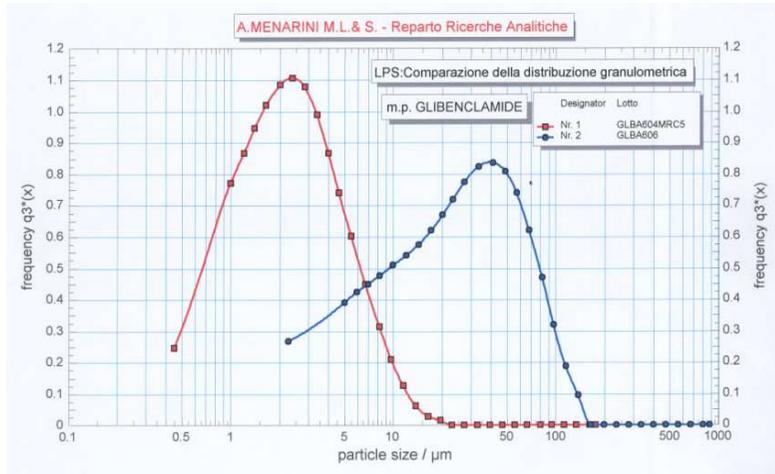
## Particle Size

For the drug substance, the International Conference on Harmonization (ICH) guideline Q6A provides guidance (decision tree #3) on when a particle size specification should be considered [5].

A particle size specification of the drug substance is required if it is critical for drug product performance (i.e., **dissolution**, solubility, bioavailability, **content uniformity**, stability, or product appearance) or manufacturability (i.e. **processability**, **flowability**, **blend uniformity**, and **compactibility**, etc.).

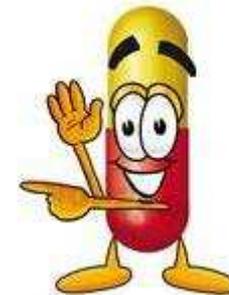
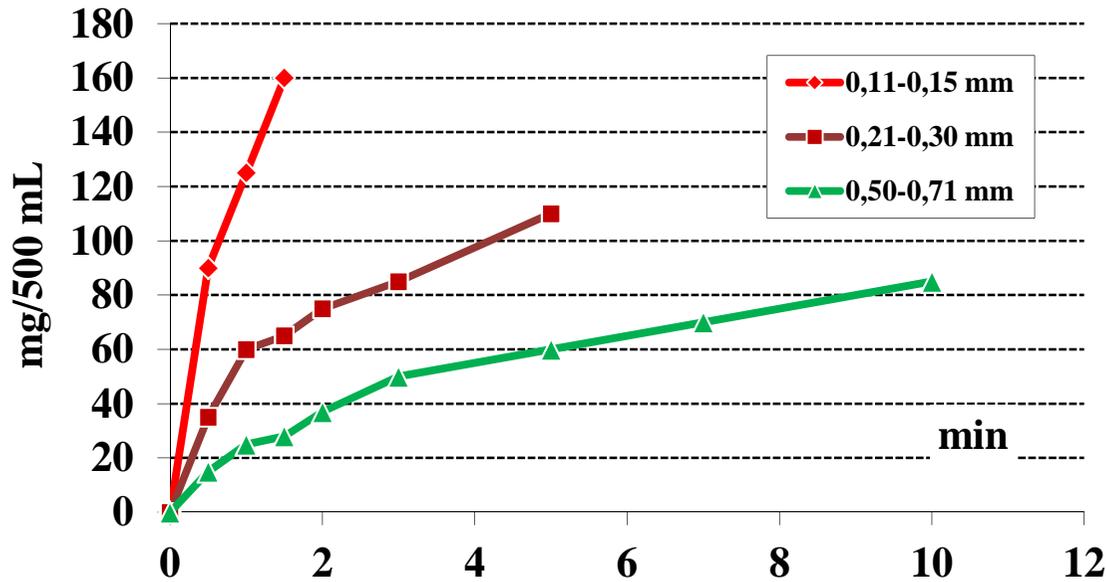
Direct compression is a process by which the tablets are compressed directly from powder blends of the active pharmaceutical ingredient (API) and suitable excipients,.

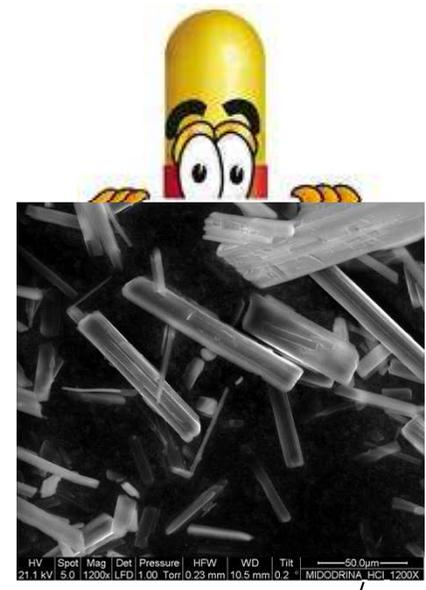
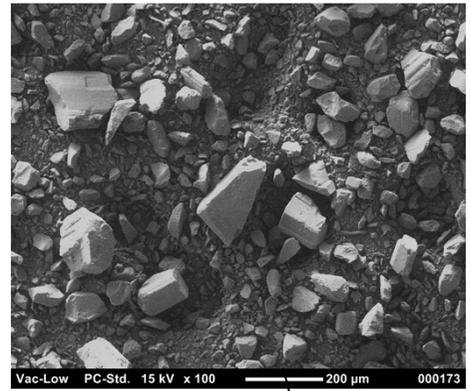
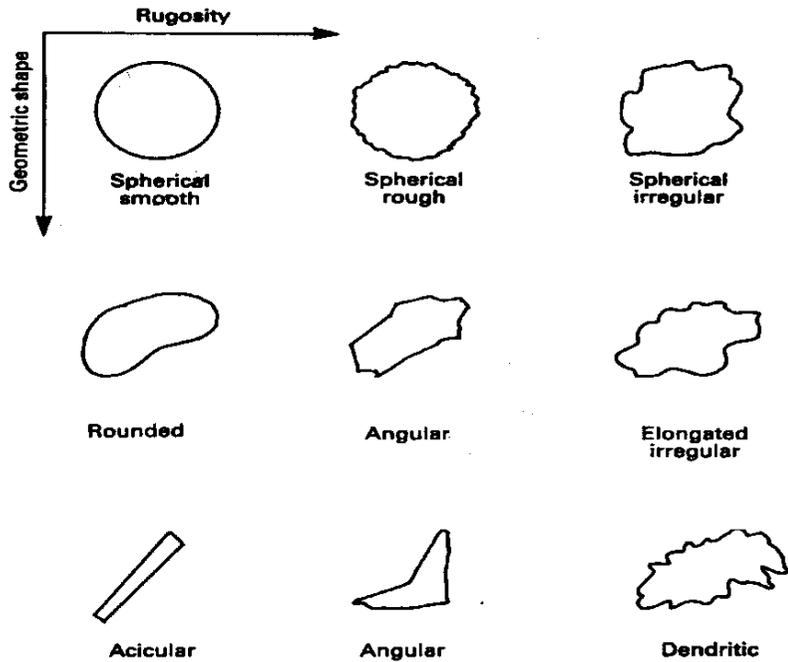
For these different components (e.g., API, fillers, disintegrants, lubricants, etc.), if the differences in the **particle size**, **shape**, or **density** are significant, the powder blend (i.e., the mixture) may have a tendency to segregate, which will result in failure of **blend uniformity**.



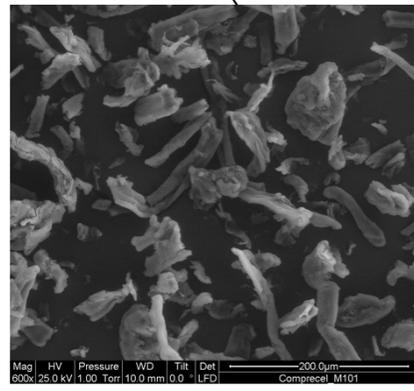
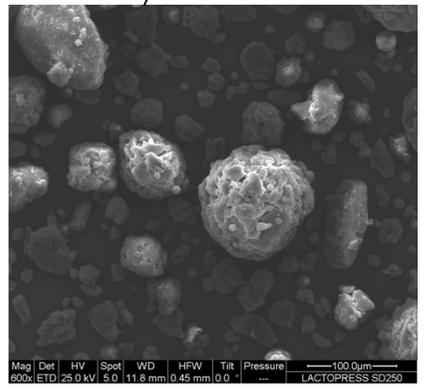
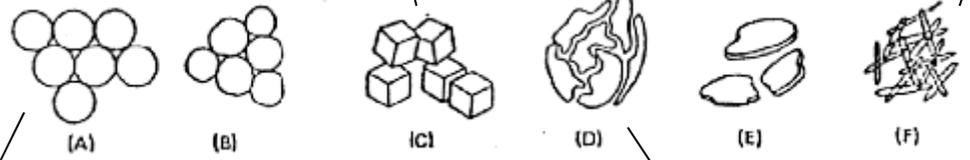
Limiting particle sizes consistent with content uniformity and increasing drug doses (0.01-5 mg).

## Dissoluzione Fenacetina

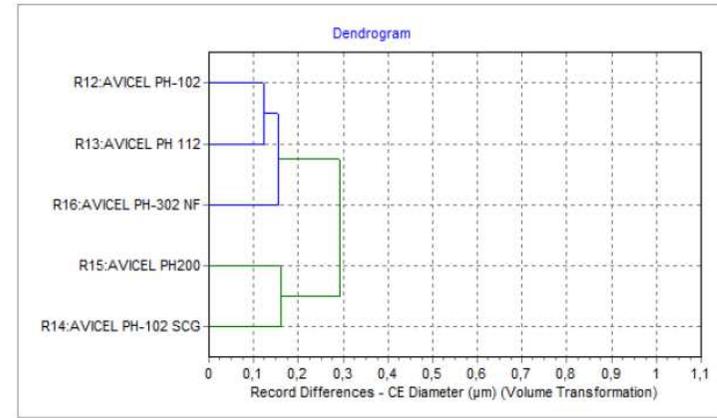
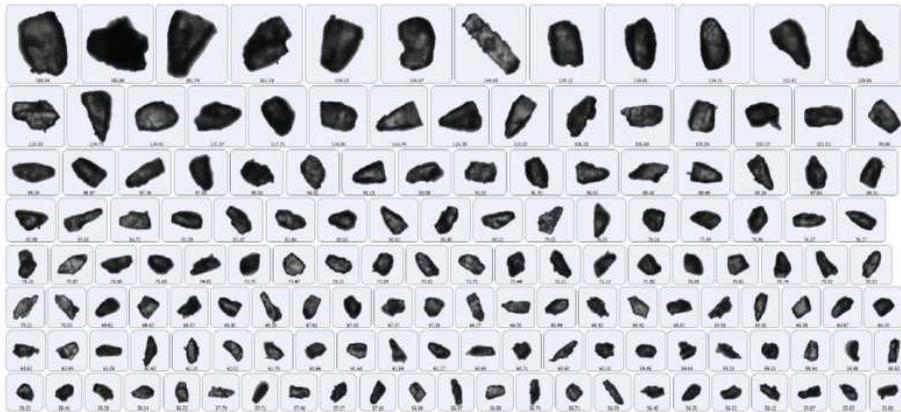




Characteristic particle shapes related to geometric shape and surface irregularity

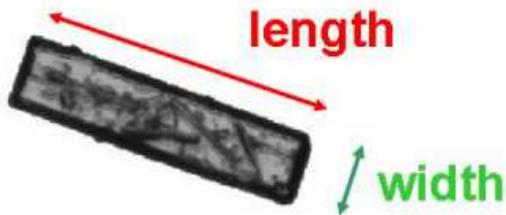


**Particle shape** information may be required if it have significant influence on mixing and flow properties of final powder blends.



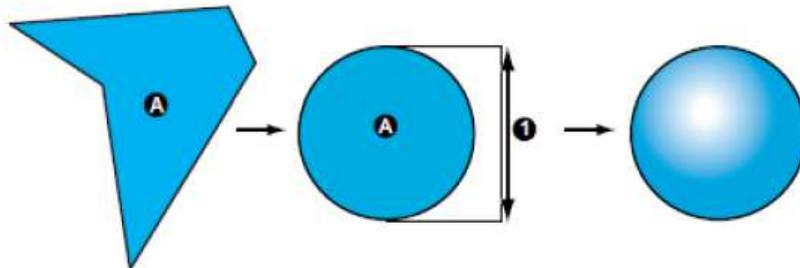
$$\text{Aspect ratio} = \frac{\text{Larghezza}}{\text{lunghezza}}$$

$$\text{Elongation} = 1 - \frac{\text{Larghezza}}{\text{lunghezza}}$$



$$\text{Circularity} = \frac{2 \times \sqrt{\pi \times \text{Area}}}{\text{Perimeter}}$$

$$\text{Convexity} = \frac{\text{Perimeter di A} + B}{\text{Perimeter di A}}$$



$$\text{Volume} = \frac{\pi \times \text{Diametro CE}^2}{6}$$

CE Diameter [Diametro del cerchio equivalente] - il diametro **d** di un cerchio con la stessa area (A) di quella dell'immagine della particella, come mostrato di seguito:

## **POLVERI**

La possibilità di misurare alcune proprietà consente di ottenere informazioni complete e definitive su ingredienti farmaceutici e di migliorare la conoscenza e l'efficienza dei processi produttivi.



### Granulometria :

Granulometria a diffrazione Laser: USP 429, EP 2.9.31, JP 10, ISO 13320.

### Morfologia

Analisi automatizzata di immagine: USP 776, EP 2.9.37, JP 3.04, ISO 13322

Microscopia Elettronica a Scansione SEM: USP 1181.

### Area superficiale BET

Area Superficiale Specifica BET: USP 846.

### Densità

Densità reale di solidi e polveri – picnometria a gas: USP 699.

### Porosità

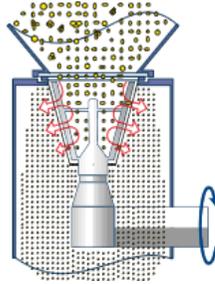
Porosimetria ad intrusione di Mercurio: USP 267

### Assorbimento di acqua

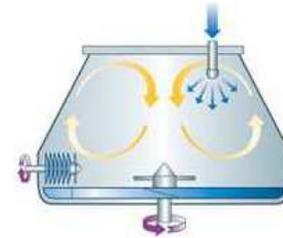
Dynamic Vapor Sorption DVS: USP 1241

# Manufacturing phases

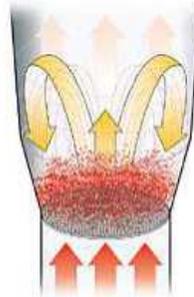
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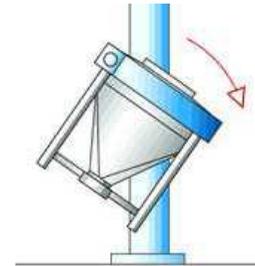
Granulation (Wet/Dry)



Drying



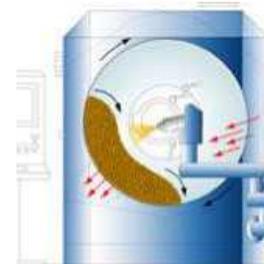
Blending



Tabletting/Filling



Coating





**Process Validation is:**  
*the documented evidence that the process,  
operated within established parameters,  
can perform effectively and reproducibly to produce a medicinal product  
meeting its predetermined specifications and quality attributes.  
(ICH Q7 - EMA)*

**Process Validation is:**  
*the collection and evaluation of data, from the process design stage throughout  
production, which establishes scientific evidence that a process is capable  
of consistently delivering quality product  
(FDA)*





FDA Guidance for Industry  
Process Validation: General Principles and Practices  
January 2011 Current Good Manufacturing Practices (CGMP)- Revision 1

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**FDA encourages the use of modern pharmaceutical development concepts, quality risk management, and quality systems at all stages of the manufacturing process lifecycle.**

## Stage 1 – Process Design:

The commercial manufacturing process is defined during this stage based on knowledge **gained through development** and scale-up activities.



A successful validation program depends upon information and knowledge from product and process development.

This knowledge and understanding is the basis for establishing an approach to control of the manufacturing process that results in products with the desired quality attributes. Manufacturers should:

- **Understand the sources of variation**
- **Detect the presence and degree of variation**
- **Understand the impact of variation on the process and on product attributes**
- **Control the variation in a manner commensurate with the risk**

**Product development activities provide key inputs to the process design stage, such as the intended dosage form, the quality attributes, and a general manufacturing pathway.**

**Stage 2 \_ Process qualification:** Confirming that the manufacturing process as designed is capable of reproducible commercial manufacturing.

5.21. A **process validation** should be **defines the critical process parameters (CPP), critical quality attributes (CQA)** and the associated **acceptance criteria which should be based on development data or documented process knowledge.**

a robust product development process  
is in place to enable successful process validation.

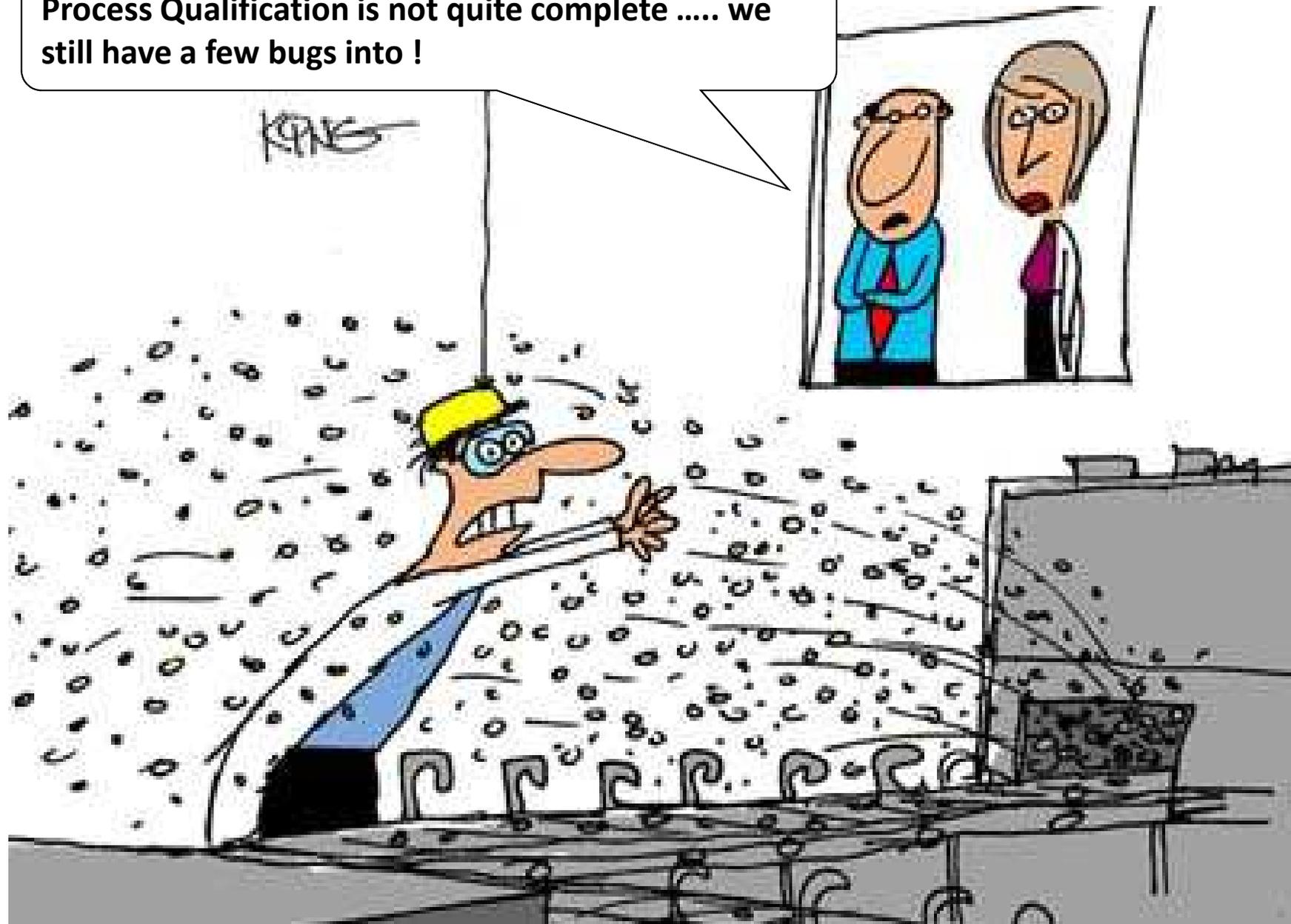
### **The sampling plan.**

The number of samples should be adequate to provide sufficient statistical confidence of quality both within a batch and between batches. The confidence level selected can be based on risk analysis as it relates to the particular attribute under examination.

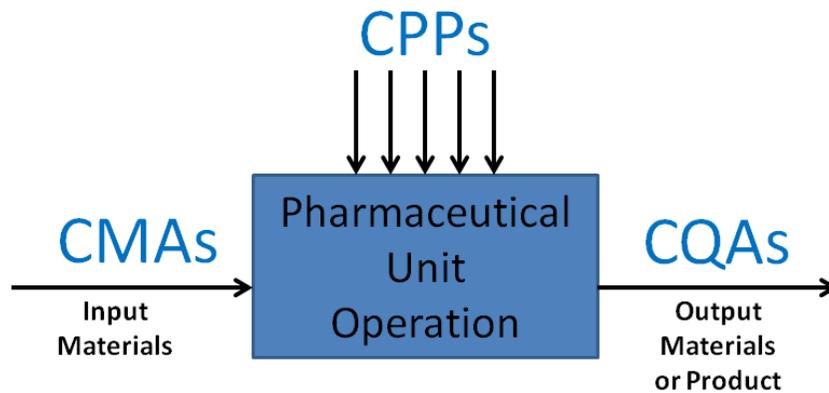
Criteria and **process performance indicators** that allow for a science- and risk-based decision about the ability of the process to consistently produce quality products.

A description of the **statistical methods to be used in analyzing all collected data** (e.g., statistical metrics defining both intra-batch and inter-batch variability).

Process Qualification is not quite complete ..... we still have a few bugs into !



## Critical process parameters (CPP) and Critical quality attributes (CQA)

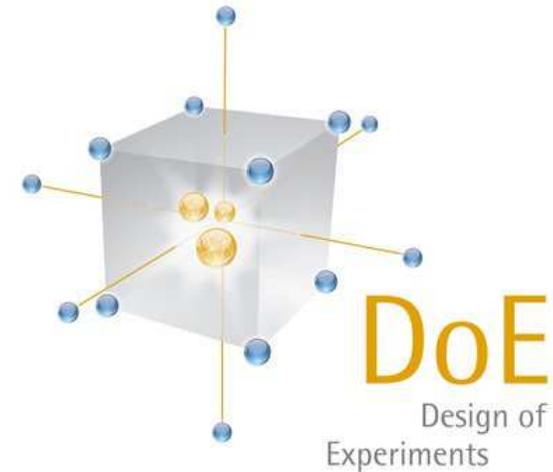
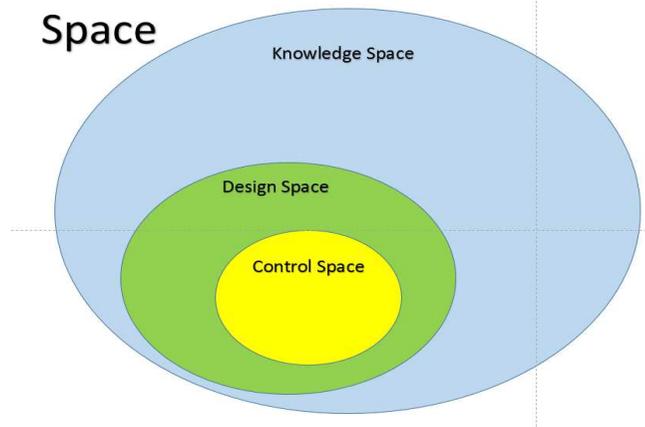


### Design Of Experiments (DOE)

is a structured, organized method for determining the relationship between factors affecting a process and the output of that process

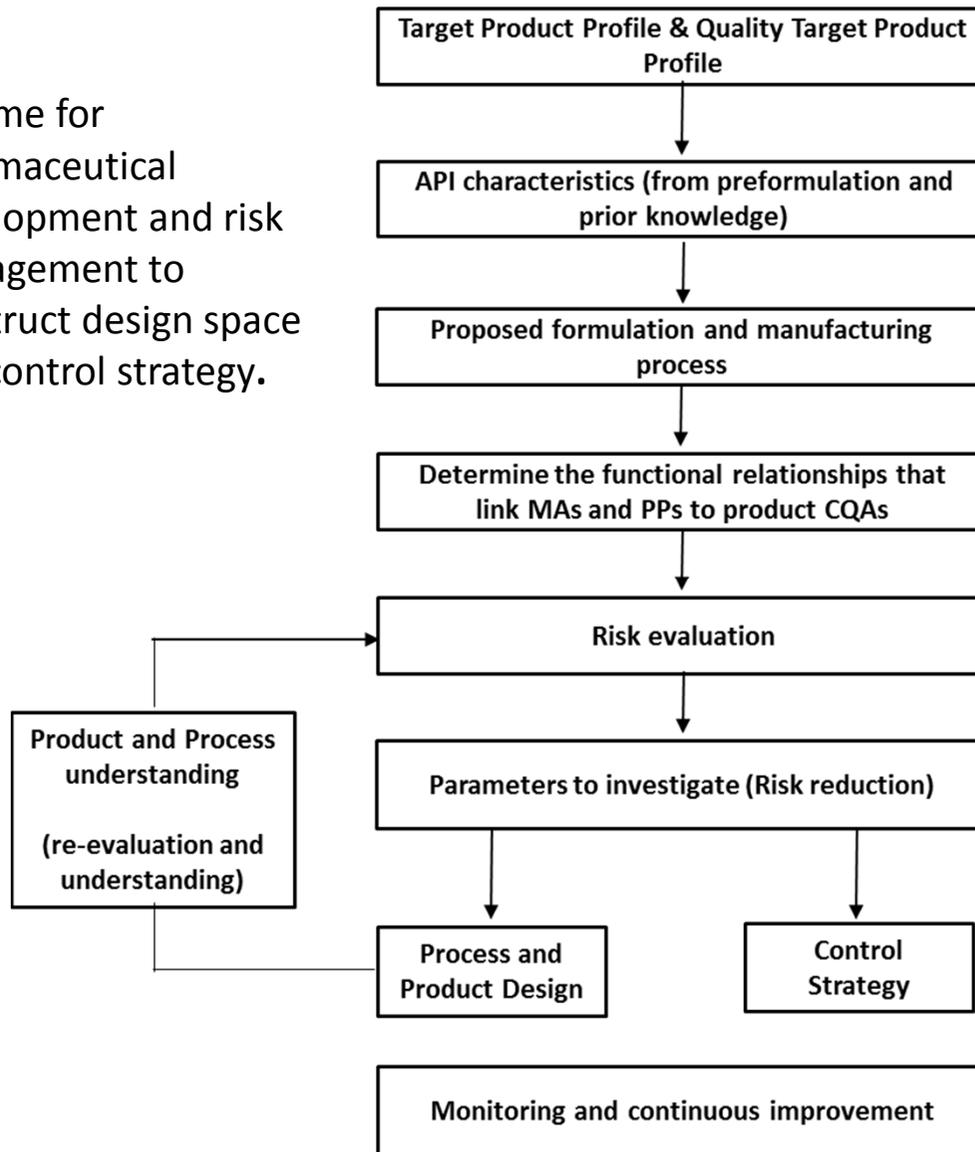
$$CQAs = f(CPP_1, CPP_2, CPP_3 \dots CMA_1, CMA_2, CMA_3 \dots)$$

Definition Space

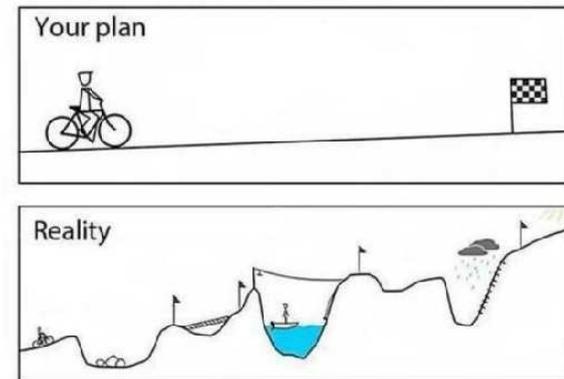


**Design Space:** The multidimensional combination and interaction of input variables (e.g., material attributes) and process parameters that have been demonstrated to provide assurance of quality.

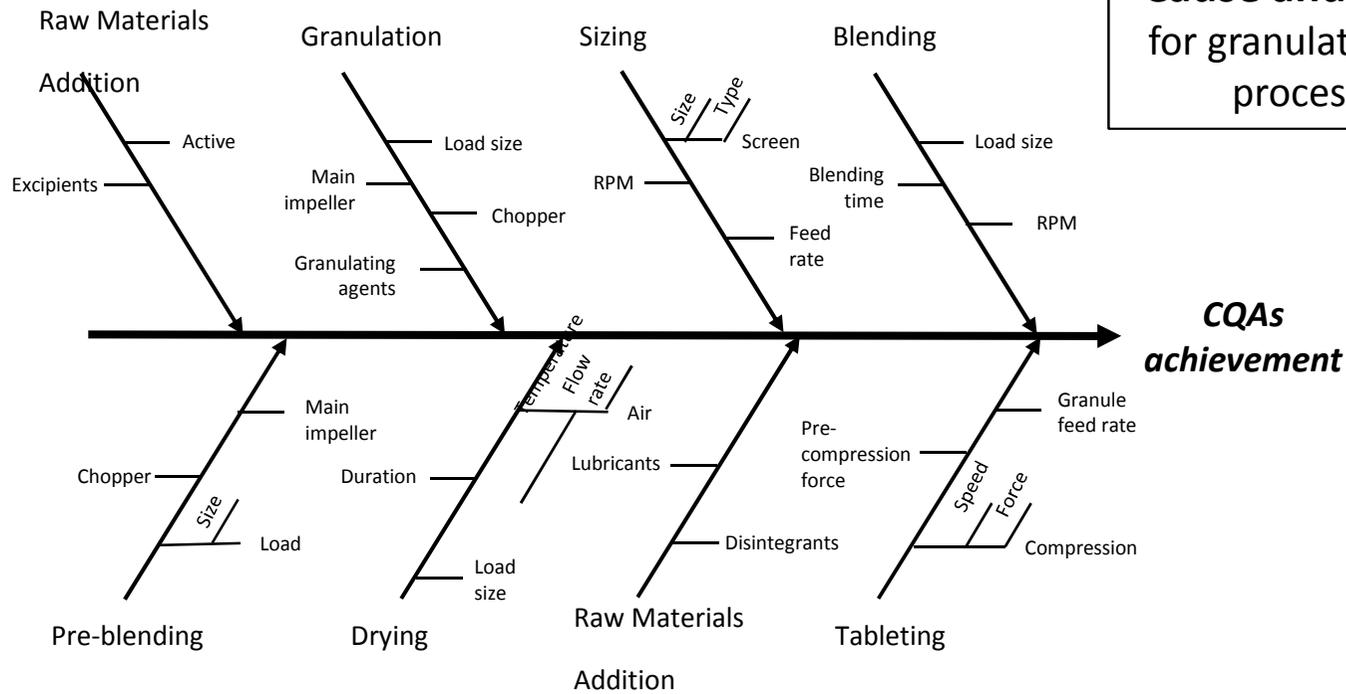
Scheme for pharmaceutical development and risk management to construct design space and control strategy.



## RISK ASSESSMENT

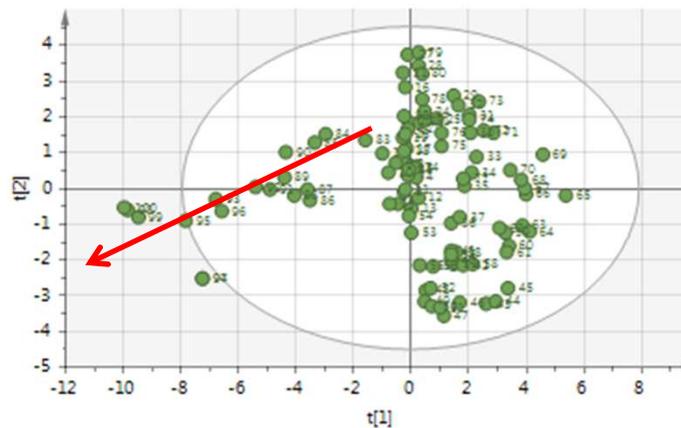


**Cause and Effect Diagram for granulation and tableting process (Ishigawa)**



**Multivariate Analysis**

**PCA Score plot. Warning limit (the ellipse) is displayed. The arrow shows the process drift direction**



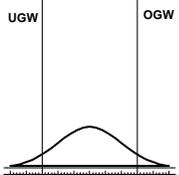
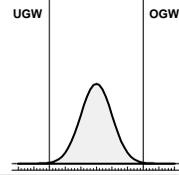
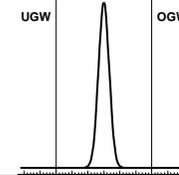
## Stage 3 — Continued Process Verification (Ongoing Process Verification)

Documented evidence that the process remains in a **state of control** during commercial manufacture.

**State of control.** A condition in which the set of controls consistently provides assurance of acceptable process performance and product quality.

Good process design and development should anticipate significant sources of variability and establish appropriate detection, control, and/or mitigation strategies, as well as appropriate alert and action limits.

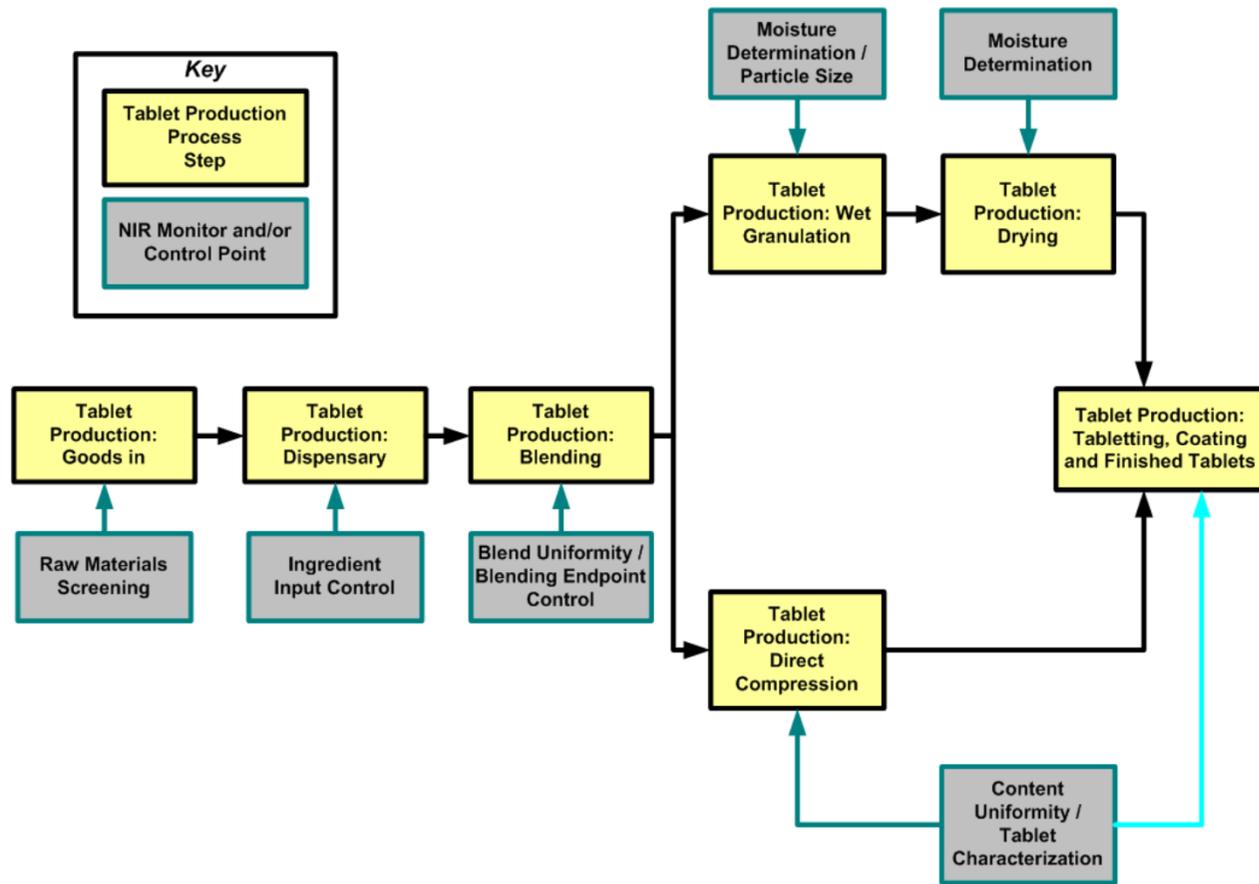
**Process Capability Analysis**  
Estimate the potential percent of defective product

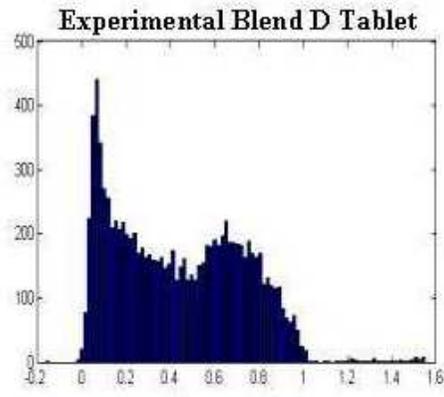
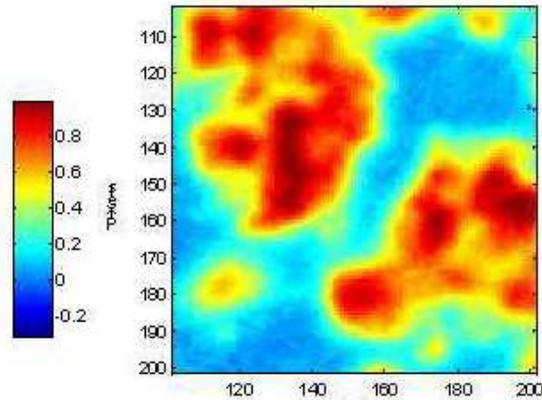
Cp value	cp=0.5	cp=1	cp=3
graphical view of different cp values			
values statistically out of limit	13,58 %	0,27 %	approx. 0
values in the limit	86,42 %	99,73 %	> 99,999999 %
Result:	process statistically out of control	<b>process statistically under control</b>	

More advanced strategies, which may involve the use of **Process Analytical Technology (PAT)**, can include timely analysis and control loops to adjust the processing conditions so that the output remains constant. Manufacturing systems of this type can provide a higher degree of process control than non-PAT systems.

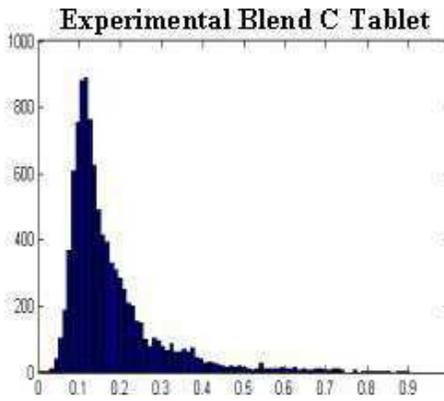
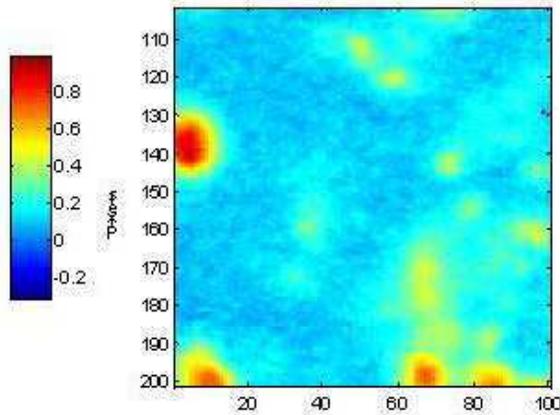
# Process Analytical Technology

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

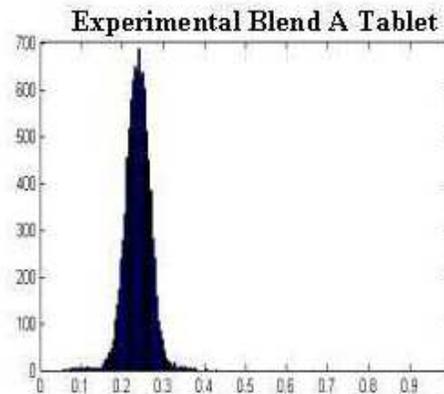
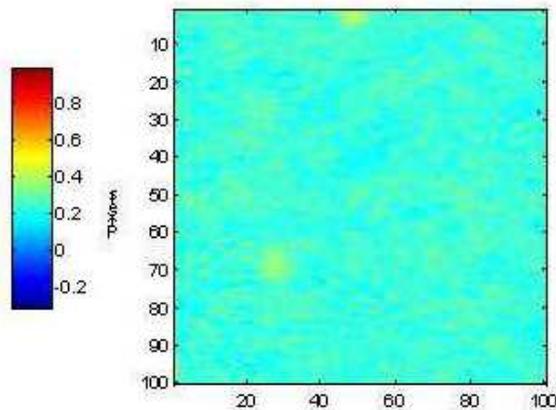




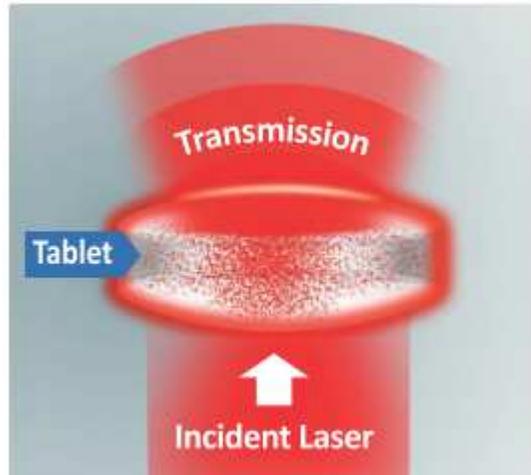
**NIR Spectral Imaging**



Analysis of Tablets to  
Assess Powder Blend  
Homogeneity  
*AAPS PharmSciTech* 2002;  
3 (3) article 17

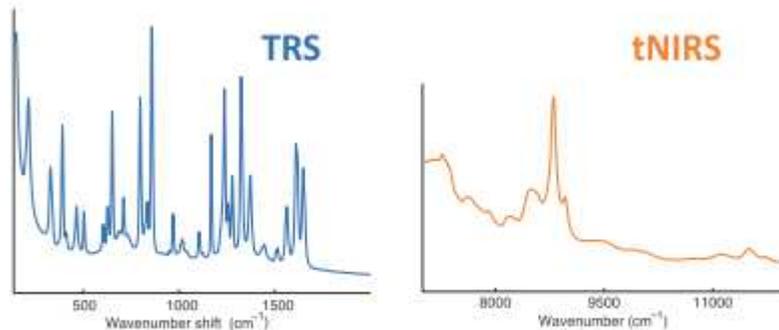


# Transmission Raman Spectroscopy



- ✓ Low or no sensitivity to moisture, particle size and thickness variation
- ✓ Easy-to-interpret sharp spectral features
- ✓ Low LOQ: <1% is often possible
- ✓ Sensitivity to the sample bulk

- HIGH-THROUGHPUT
- NON-DESTRUCTIVE
- NON-INVASIVE
- NO SAMPLE PREPARATION



TRS spectrum with discrete API and excipient features, compared with transmission NIR for the same 3-API product

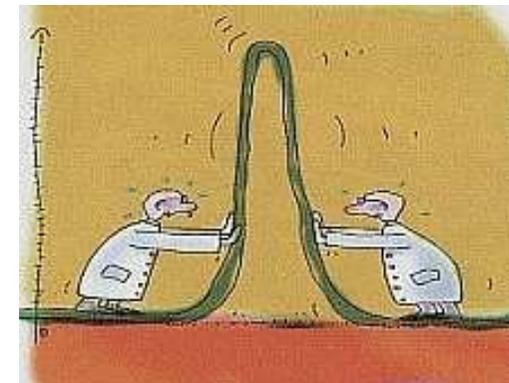
Measuring Low Dose APIs and Polymorph Content

Content Uniformity • Assay • ID • Polymorph Quantification • Formulation Development

# Statistical tools

Statistical tool	Intra Batch		Batch to batch	
	Considerations	Acceptance criteria	Considerations	Acceptance criteria
Descriptive statistic (e.g. mean, median, standard deviation, coefficient of variation, range, etc.)	Basis for evaluation that must be integrated with other tools	Results within specification. Generally, CV% between samples is used to evaluate data	Basis for evaluation that must be integrated with other tools	Results within specification. Generally, CV% between batches is used to evaluate data
Histograms	Possibility to evaluate distribution shape, process centering and process variation (suggested link with capability evaluation). Consider if enough data are available for intra batch evaluation	Output should be normal distributed and centered around the mean of the specification	Possibility to evaluate distribution shape, process centering and process variation (suggested link with capability evaluation). To have sufficient data suggested to group all samples result from all batches	Output should be normal distributed and centered around the mean of the specification
Process capability (Cpk)	Possibility to evaluate ability of a process to provide stable outcome within established limits. Appropriate population and normal distribution must be taken into account. Consider if enough data are available for intra batch evaluation.	Depending on criticality of process different limits can be set, however, if $Cpk \geq 1.33$ , the process is generally considered centered and under control.	Possibility to evaluate ability of a process to provide stable outcome within established limits. Appropriate population (at least 30 data points) and normal distribution must be taken into account. To have sufficient data suggested to group all samples result from all batches	Depending on criticality of process different limits can be set, however, if $Cpk \geq 1.33$ , the process is generally considered centered and under control
Control charts, trends and shifts	Generally, it is not applicable in PPQ (not enough batches)			
ANOVA (Nested Anova)	Generally, it is not applicable intra batch		Possibility to compare means and variance, between batches	Depending on the selected confidence level

Suitable for traditional approach PPQ data analysis.



# Statistical Analysis

## Tolerance Intervals

Proportion	Lower TI	Upper TI	1-Alpha
0,990	9,658432	10,4343	0,950

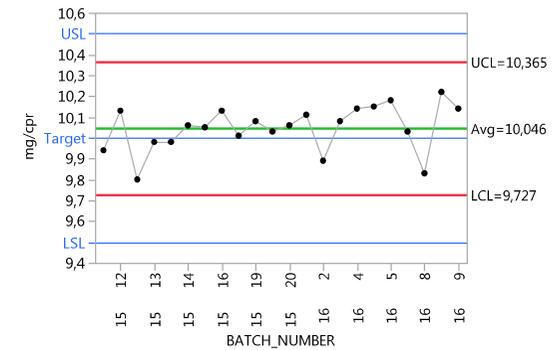
## Dixon Outlier Test

Upper or Lower Outlier

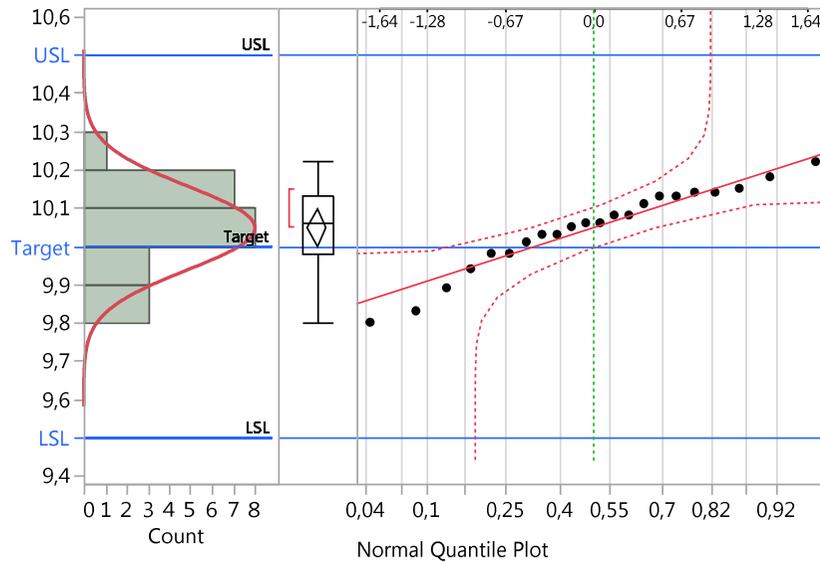
Statistic	Estimate
Q0	0,34
Q	0,09524
$\alpha$	0,05

No outlier detected

## Individual Measurement of mg/cpr



## mg/cpr



## Goodness-of-Fit Test

Shapiro-Wilk W Test

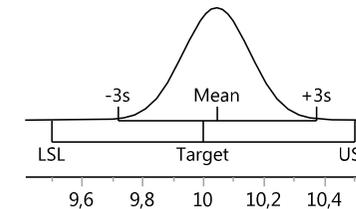
W	Prob<W
0,947759	0,2849

Note: Ho = The data is from the Normal distribution. Small p-values reject Ho.

## Capability Analysis

Specification	Value	Portion	% Actual
Lower Spec Limit	9,5	Below LSL	0,0000
Spec Target	10	Above USL	0,0000
Upper Spec Limit	10,5	Total Outside	0,0000

## Long Term Sigma



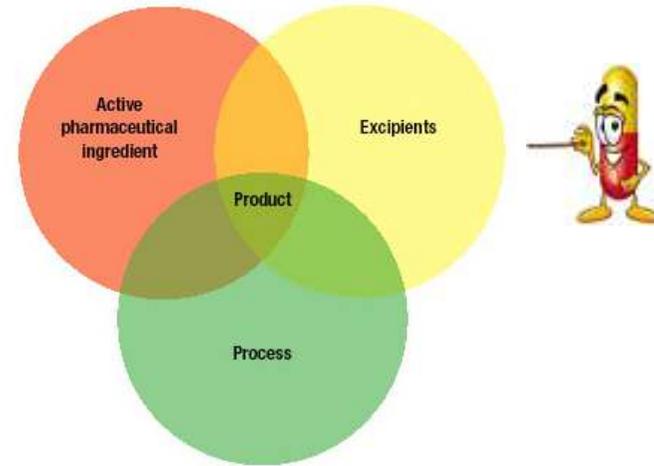
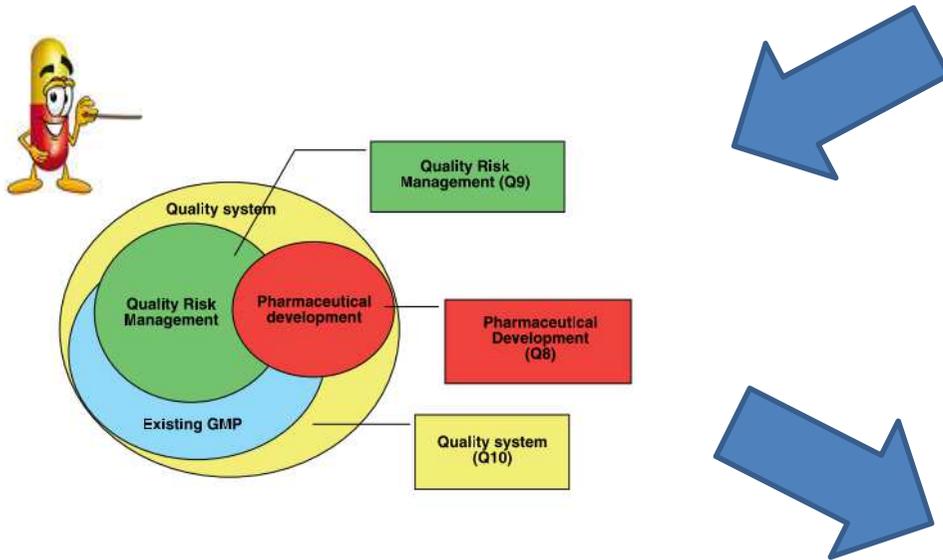
Sigma = 0,10931

Capability	Index	Lower CI	Upper CI
PP	1,525	1,067	1,982
PPK	1,383	0,942	1,824
CPM	1,404	1,016	1,846
PPL	1,666	1,145	2,183
PPU	1,383	0,944	1,819

Portion	Percent	PPM	Sigma Quality
Below LSL	0,0000	0,2890	6,498
Above USL	0,0017	16,6160	5,650
Total Outside	0,0017	16,9050	5,646

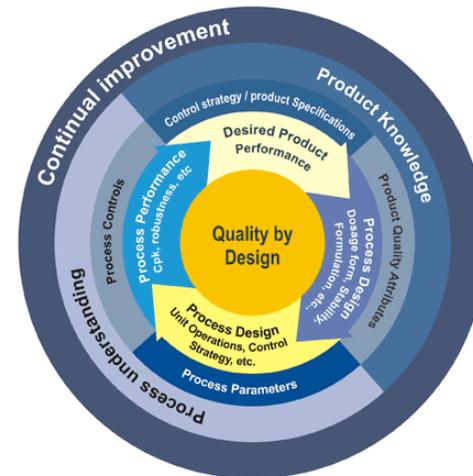
A critical point of the process is the ability to ensure a **productive dialogue** between:

- chemical development
- formulation development
- manufacturing



## Quality By Design

A systematic approach to development that begins with predefined objectives and emphasizes product and process understanding and process control, based on sound science and quality risk management. (ICH Q8)





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