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Seeking FDA approval of assays that quantify HBsAg from patient blood

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This involves bringing individuals from multiple organizations together

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(we, ourselves have motivation, but not the means, to accomplish this)

- Academics with clinical and scientific expertise
- Commercial scientists who possess the specimen and study information
- US FDA experts



Introduction

- Over-all Aims
 - Bring a q HBs into US FDA approval
- Objectives
 - Provide an assay, currently available for use in the management of CHB, to US patients, since it has shown to be clinically useful as positive and negative predictors of treatment outcome, and is likely to be a critical analyte in evaluation efficacy during mono and combination therapy (*Liaw, 2012; Mocaui, 2009; Rickborst, 2010*)
 - In vitro experiments show HBsAg suppresses the function of monocytes, dendritic cells (DCs) and natural killer (NK) cells by direct interaction



Activities

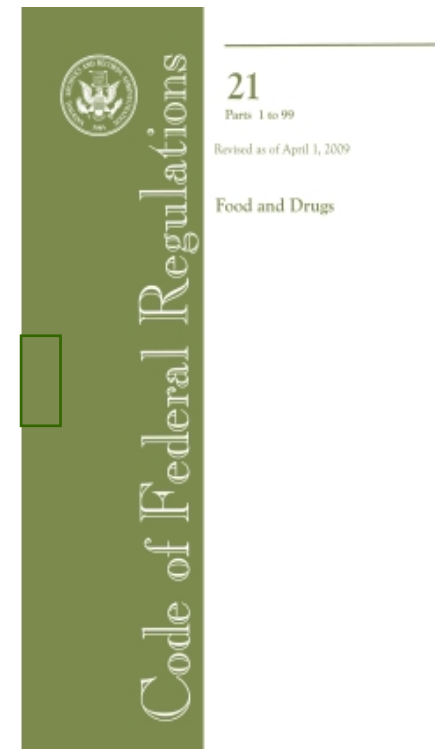
- Task 1: Convene working group of representative of expert academic, non profit, federal (FDA and NIH) and commercial stake holders
 - Conf. Call: October, 2016, with sub set of talent identified who have critical resources (specimen matched with outcome).
- Task 2: Dr. Subramanian and Wright, working with Drs Lok and Gish, will determine which specimen is still viable and which HBsAg indications it “proves” or supports, for an FDA filing.
 - Activity: Drs. Lok and others have been in communication since th conf call to urge location of the information.
- Task 3:
 - Letter sent from HBF, signed by others, explaining the process. This was received with welcome.
 - Follow up call scheduled for December 2016



Regulatory Authority established for FDA

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- Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act
 - Established regulatory controls for Medical Devices (May 28, 1976)
- Code of Federal Regulations, Title 21, Part 800





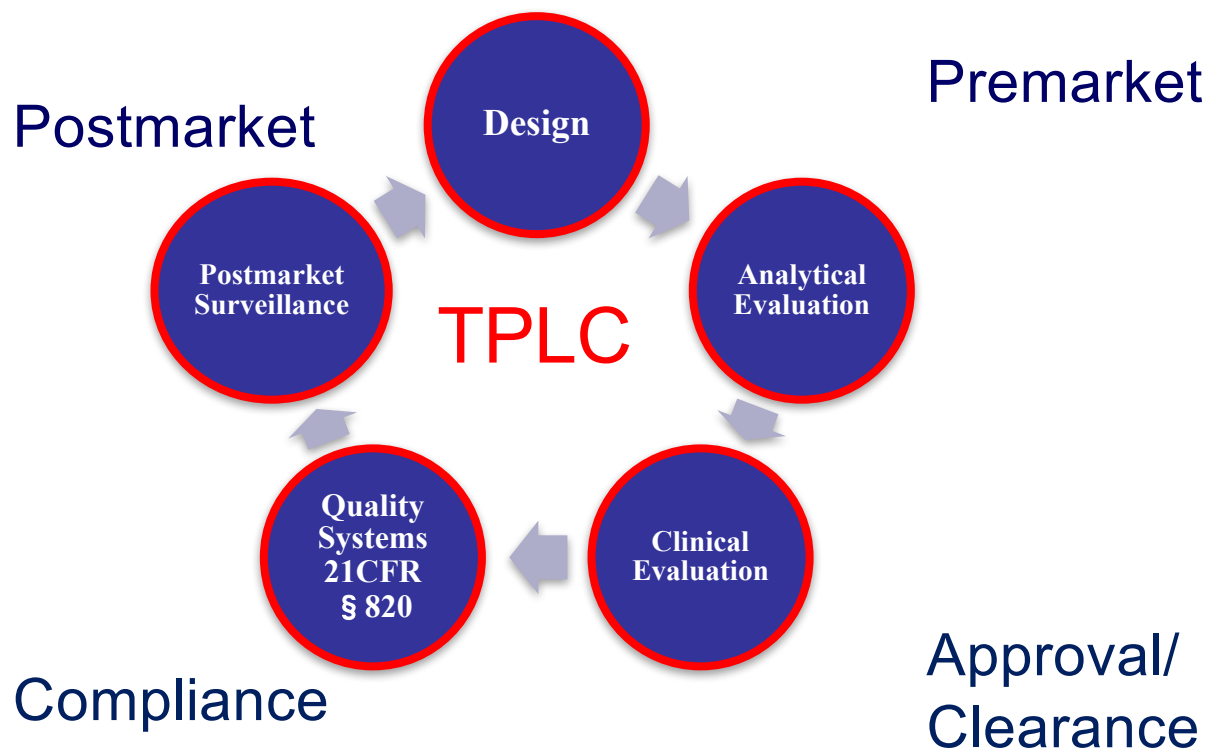
FDA Human Subject Protection Regulations

- **21 CFR Part 50:** Informed consent and limited emergency exceptions
 - **21 CFR Part 56:** IRB review
 - **21CFR 812:** Disqualification of an Investigator (812.119)
- Apply to all FDA clinical investigations



CDRH Total Product Life Cycle Regulatory Approach

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<http://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/cdrh/cfdocs/cfTPLC/tplc.cfm>



FDA Regulated Uses of In Vitro Diagnostics (IVD)

- **Diagnosis** – Diagnose disease, identify pathogens, confirm, or rule out infection in symptomatic patients
- **Screening** - Intended use population includes individuals **without** signs or symptoms of disease, infection
- **Epidemiology/Surveillance** - To detect and monitor incidence or prevalence of infection for targeting and evaluating health programs
- **Monitoring, prognosis, prediction**



Basis of Pre-Market Device Approval: Risk - Safety and Effectiveness

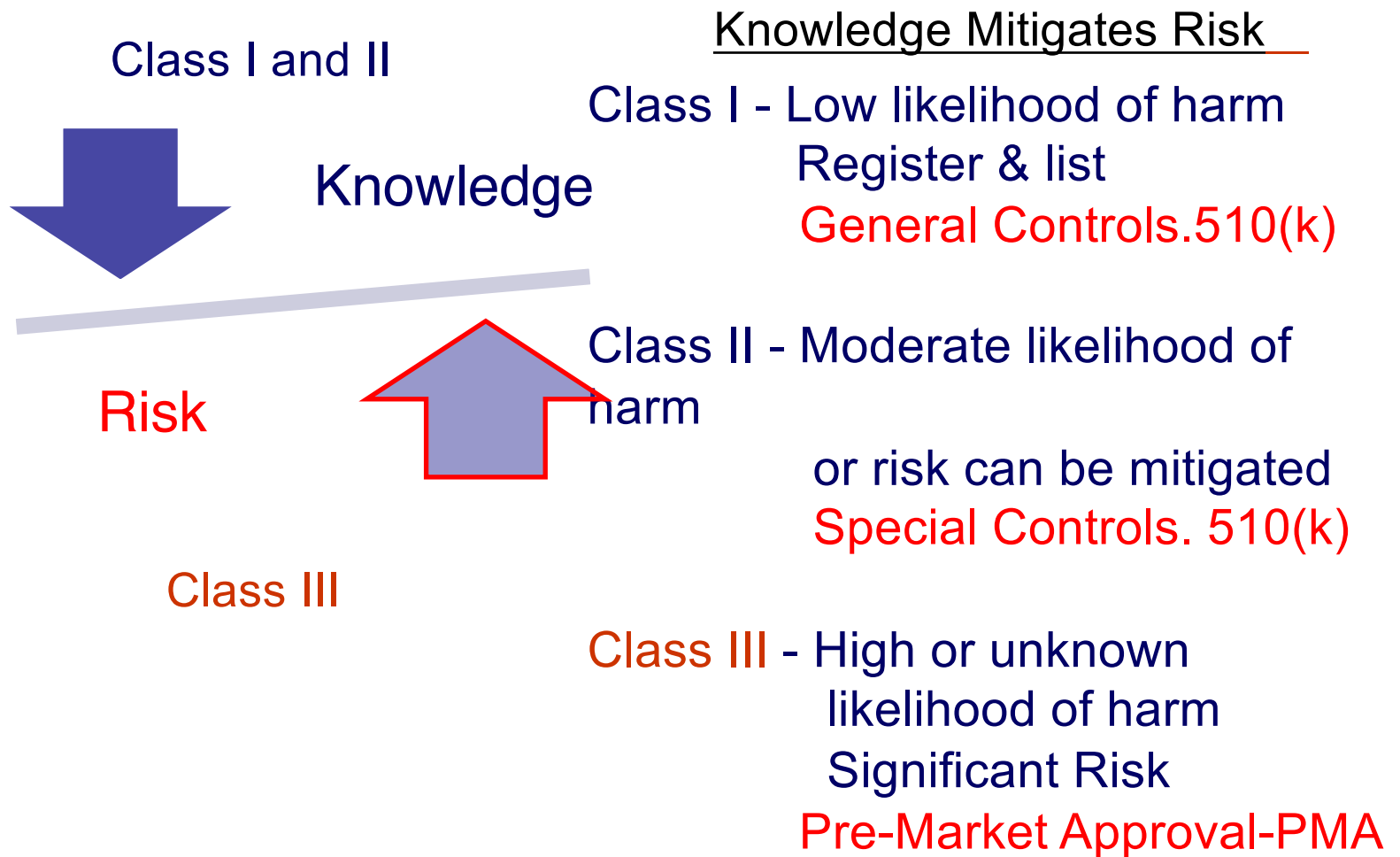
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- **Safety**
 - *Are there reasonable assurances, based on **valid scientific evidence** that probable benefits to health from use of the device outweigh any probable risks?*
[860.7(d)(1)]
- **Effectiveness**
 - *Is there reasonable assurance based on **valid scientific evidence** that the use of the device in the target population **will provide clinically significant results**?*
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Pre-Market Risk Based Classification

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Pre-Market Risk Based Regulation

- Risk (and subsequently classification and submission type) is inherently tied to **Intended Use** of a device
- Can any potential risks to a patient be mitigated by special controls such as labeling, analysis of benefit/risk etc.



Intended Use of the IVD

“Intended Use”-driving force of the scientific review

- **Understanding :**
Integration of disease(s)/condition(s).
Integration of patient clinical management and public health (surveillance)
 - **Who** will be tested, where and when: outpatients, inpatients, pediatrics, adults, acutely ill, etc.
 - **What** are the appropriate specimens: timing, handling
 - **How** result(s) may be used: patient management



When is a Device Class III?

- Class III devices are those:
 - a) that cannot be classified as class II because insufficient information exists to determine that special controls would provide reasonable assurance of its safety and effectiveness;
 - a) that cannot be classified as class I because "insufficient information exists to determine that the application of general controls [is] sufficient to provide reasonable assurance of safety and effectiveness of the device";
AND...



When is a Device Class III? *cont...*

- c) and that "(I) is purported or represented to be for a use in supporting or sustaining human life or **for a use which is of substantial importance in preventing impairment of human health,**
- d) or (II) **presents a potential unreasonable risk of illness or injury.**" Section 513(a)(1)(C) (21 U.S.C. 360c(a)(1)(C)).



2012 meeting with FDA: Roche Question: HBsAg Q Pre-IDE 2011

- Tumor Markers are Class II devices when used for therapy monitoring and Class III when used for diagnosis. Why not HBsAg Q?
- **FDA Response:** The intended use for a HBsAg Q assay is for assessing sustained response to treatment and for predicting treatment outcome and not for assessing response to drug therapy.



Jump to 2016

- qHBsAg possible uses
 - Stage liver disease
 - Prognosis /risk of progression to HCC or cirrhosis
 - Decide who is candidate for therapy
 - Nucs
 - INF
 - Clinical trials
 - Early on treatment response (NPV)
 - Late on treatment response
 - SVR: newest and best endpoint = “functional cure”



Downclassification of Class III Devices

- Class III devices can be downclassified to Class II when sufficient information becomes available to establish **special controls** that reasonably assure safety and effectiveness. Process is slow and complicated by recent Congressional Legislation (7/12)



Downclassification of Existing Class III Devices

- **Example:** Hepatitis A infection diagnostic devices. **Reassessment of level of risk**
- Hepatitis B and C infection diagnostic devices remain as Class III
 - {by regulation but not by reality (RGG) }



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Scientific / Clinical Evidence for Safety and Effectiveness

Other FDA concerns :

- A lot of papers/abstracts and lots of use of the word “**may**” aid.....
- Lack of endorsement/recommendations by EASL and US. Professional Organizations



Action items

- Current peer review articles need to be more assertive with wording
- FDA needs to lower to Class II (requires an act of Congress) or establish an expedited pathway for viral ancillary testing (proposed)



Scientific Review: Device Performance

- **Analytical** Performance Characteristics
Reliability and accuracy of analyte measurements
- **Clinical** Performance Characteristics
Clinical sensitivity and specificity
Positive and negative predictive values
- **Labeling**
Intended use, device design, directions for use,
warnings/limitations, result interpretation, performance



Demonstrating Evidence for Safety: Analytical Studies

- Likelihood of false positives?
 - Cross-reactivity and other interferences
 - Carryover and contamination
- Likelihood of false negatives?
 - Limits of detection
 - Matrix effects
 - Interference



Demonstrating Evidence for Effectiveness: Clinical Studies

- Well-controlled clinical evaluations:
 - Clinical plan and protocol
 - Defined objective(s) and methods
- A test device with standardized design and performance
- Other evidence: case histories, literature, reproducibility etc. where appropriate



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Outcomes and Products

- Product 1: Abbott
- Product 2: Roche
- Product 3: Others ?



Questions

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