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Presentation Overview	
 EDQM Biological Standardisation Programme Scope Why Focus on Biologicals? and Standardisation Standardisation What Do We need? Goals of the EDQM BSP How Does the EDQM BSP Help? What EDQM BSP Does Not Do Organisation Method of Work – Overview Special Considerations Focus on Step 3: The Collaborative Study Phases 	 Dissemination of Results Pharmeuropa Bio & Scientific Notes Accessibility of BRPs and Leaflets Examples of BSP Projects Past and Present Uses of BSP References in the Ph. Eur. Leaflet Designed For Purpose A Few Words About Method Development For 3Rs Recent Example of a Succesful Study How to Participate in a BSP Project Conclusion Thanks
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...and Standardisation?

Interest of standardisation

- Reliable, relatable results for manufacturers batch to batch
- Supports independent control by authorities and comparison of results
- Supports exchange and mutual recognition of control results
- Provides confidence in values for clinical use

Context

- Licencing decisions e.g. centrally authorised products
- Investigations e.g. adverse events, suspect adulterated or counterfeit product, ...
- Exchange of products in global markets
 - Access e.g. stock shortages (due to production issues, emergencies: natural disasters or outbreaks,...)

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- continuity of treatments (for travellers, for use of related products...)

→ need for comparison & trust in results obtained by different laboratories

 \rightarrow global exchange of data and medicines in the interest of public health

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Organisation	
Steering Committee	
 Includes: Chairs of Ph. Eur. biological groups (6, 6B, 15, 15V) Interested parties' representatives European Medicines Agency (EMA); BWP, IWP EU Commission Co-opted experts (human and vet) EDQM Director Observer from World Health Organisation (WHO) 	
 Project Leaders Nominated technical experts for a given study, bound by confidentiality agreements 	
EDQM DBO:Technical secretariat; coordination & management of projects	
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Accessibility of BRPs and Leaflets	
BRPs/BRRs/CRS are available via the EDQM catalogue and can be searched for on-line	
https://crs.edqm.eu/	
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 If you select "contains", all entries containing your search term will be returned. For example, if you enter "toco", both "tocopherol" and "ketoconazole" will be returned. If you select "is exactly", the entry that matches exactly your search term will be returned if it exis 	
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Uses of BSP References in the Ph. Eur. (1)		
Physico-chemical tests > CRS/ BRP • content in mg/vial • chromatogram(s)/spectrum		
Identification Tests liquid chromatography (2.2.29.) Erythropoietin for physicochemical tests CRS Molecular size distribution Zone electrophoresis (2.2.31) Erythropoietin for SEC system suitability CRS Begin assay for protein Deptide mapping (2.2.55.) Somatropin CRS Molecular size distribution PAGE (2.2.31.) Somatropin/desamidosomatropin resolution mix SEC (2.2.30.) CRS Human immunoglobulin for electrophoresis BRP Human albumin for electrophoresis BRP Human albumin for electrophoresis BRP A as reference solution for comparison of profile, mobility,		
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Uses of BSP References in the Ph. Eur. (2)			
\rightarrow Examples for system suitability/limits/evaluating level of contaminants			
Measles, mumps, rubella, varicella (0162, 0213, 0538, 0648, 1057, 2442) BRP established with viral units (PFU)/vial	Viral titration assay	Method performance monitored for consistency with independent reference Validity criteria in monograph	
Mycoplasma – 5 reference strains (2.6.7) Low passage reference strains for culture method BRP established with CFU/mL	 Suitability of culture media Inhibitory substances Positive control 	Qualifies the test reagents and conditions to ensure method performance and representative Results Validity criteria in monograph	
NAT assays (HAV, HCV, HEV RNA, B19 DNA) (1646) BRP calibrated in IU against IS	- Positive control	Acceptable level and validity criteria in monograph	
anti-D, antiA/antiB, PKA in albumin, Endotoxin(2.6.26, 2.6.20, 2.6.15, 2.6.14)	 Positive/negative control System calibrators 	Acceptable level and validity criteria in monograph	
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Leaflet (2)		
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 <u>Safety</u> Biological preparation for lab safety and laboratory practic 	boratory use only. Handle in accordance with good occupational hygiene, es and take precautions to avoid exposure.	
 <u>Shipping conditions</u> Please chack shipping conditi <u>Additional information</u> Ferguson J, Burns C, Regour BRP batch S, <i>Pharmeur Bio</i> S Pharmeuropa Bio & Sci Notes (www.edgm.eu). 	tions on the EDQM website (Reference Standards Database). rd E, Costanzo A. Collaborative study for the calibration of erythropoietin <i>Sci Notes</i> , 2019:27-33. s is an open-access publication that is freely available on the EDQM website	 <u>publication</u> of the BSP study report (open access)
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Recent Example of a Successful Study (1)
 BSP130 - Clostridium septicum - in vitro replacement of in vivo methods co-sponsored with EPAA (European Partnership for Alternative Approaches to Animal Testing) BSP Project Leaders: Keith Redhead (formerly at MSD-AH), Lukas Brukner (formerly at IVI), Botand Siklodi (Ceva)
Clostridial vaccines – major group of veterinary vaccines sold world wide for farm animals - Compromise less than 5% of veterinary vaccines but responsible for over 40% of animal use for QC testing
Antigen Clostridium septicum, a common component of veterinary vaccines – Proof of Concept for other strainsTT,AGrow organism \rightarrow Remove cells \rightarrow Active toxin \rightarrow Inactive toxoid \rightarrow Formulated vaccine
QC tests Minimal lethal dose (MLD) for toxicity (T) testing Total combining power (TCP) for antigenicity (A) testing
Traditional MLD, TCP differ in set up and objective but both use mice as final read-out for toxicity Goal: > replace mice with cell culture (vero cell assay) for read out
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Recent Example of a Successful Study (2)		
Pre-BSP: Method development – MSDAH validated method accepted by regulators 2013 - dedicated EPAA workshop brings together interested parties and sets 'critical mass' in motion		
BSP-SC endorses project start in June 2013 → 3 study phases over 6 years		
Phase 1	Preliminary protocols developed Study samples collected and prequalified in vivo and in vitro	• Lab work carried out in 1 lab (PL:K.R.)
Phase 2	Collaborative validation of <i>in vitro</i> MLD and TCP Concordance with <i>in vivo</i> tests established	 11 labs from 7 countries participate 6 batches of toxin and 6 of toxoid tested Common antitoxin and toxin provided Rationalised design to minimise animal use
Phase 3	Optimisation of <i>in vitro</i> protocols Qualification of new samples (PL: B.S.) TCP and MLD refined/adapted (MLD \rightarrow <i>TNE+</i>) New samples collected and pre-qualified New collaborative study – <i>in vitro</i> only	 14 labs from 11 countries participate 6 batches of toxin and 6 of toxoid tested Common antitoxin and toxin provided
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