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European perspective on ATMPs

International Regulatory Forum of Human Cell and Gene Therapy Products

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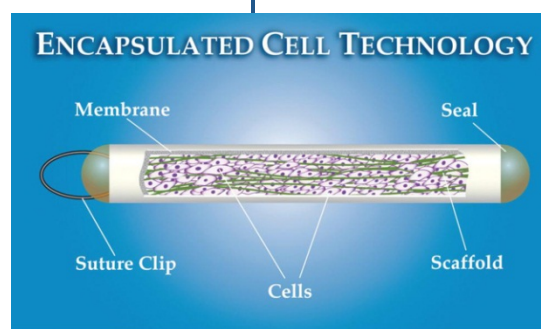
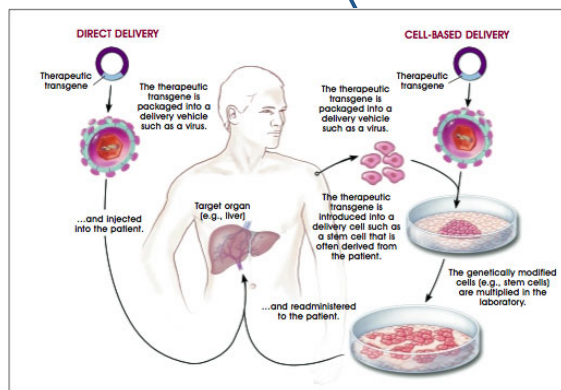


Gene Therapy
Medicinal Products

Somatic Cell Therapy
Medicinal Products

Tissue Engineering
Products

Genetically modified cells



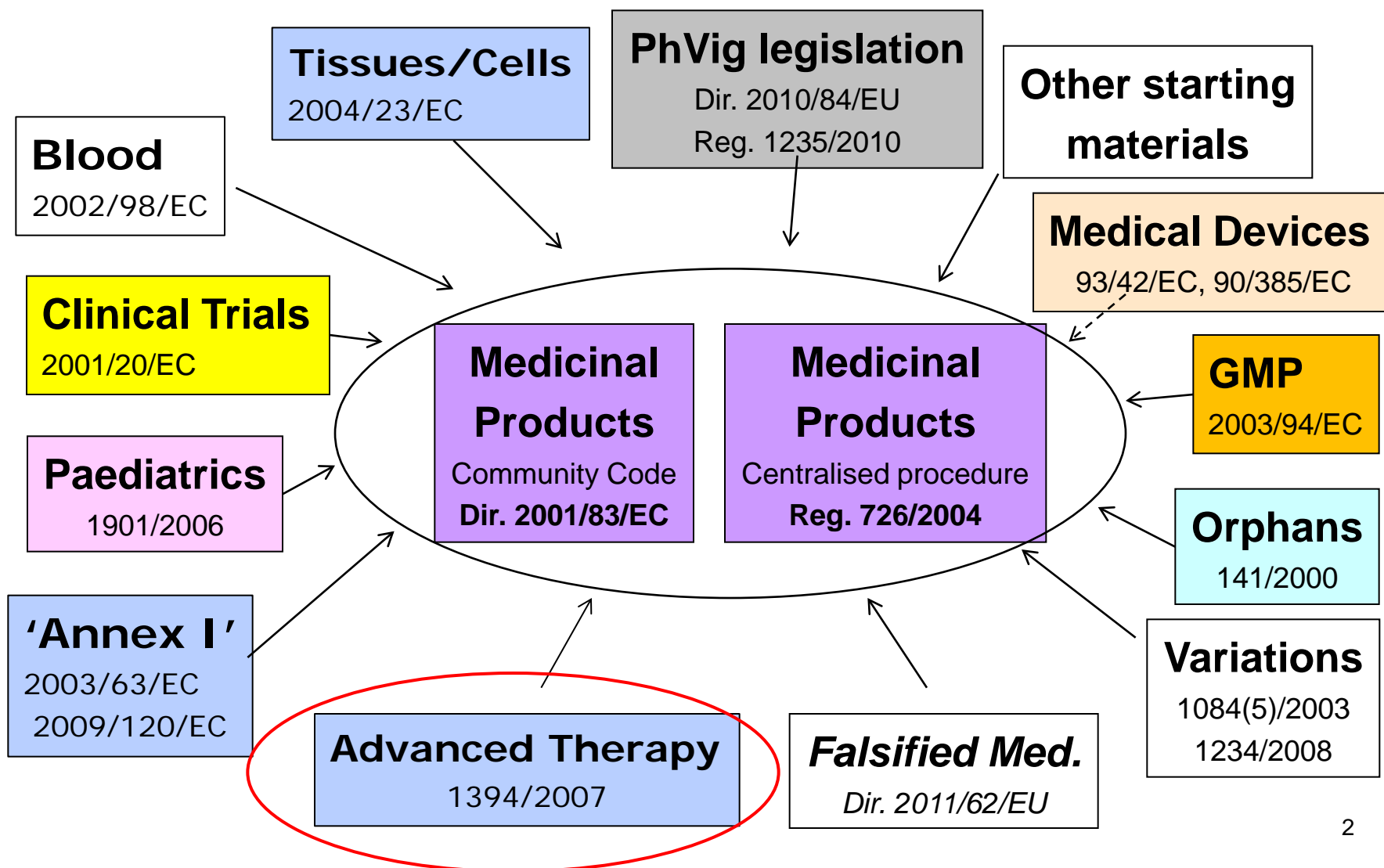
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medical device + ATMP → combined ATMP

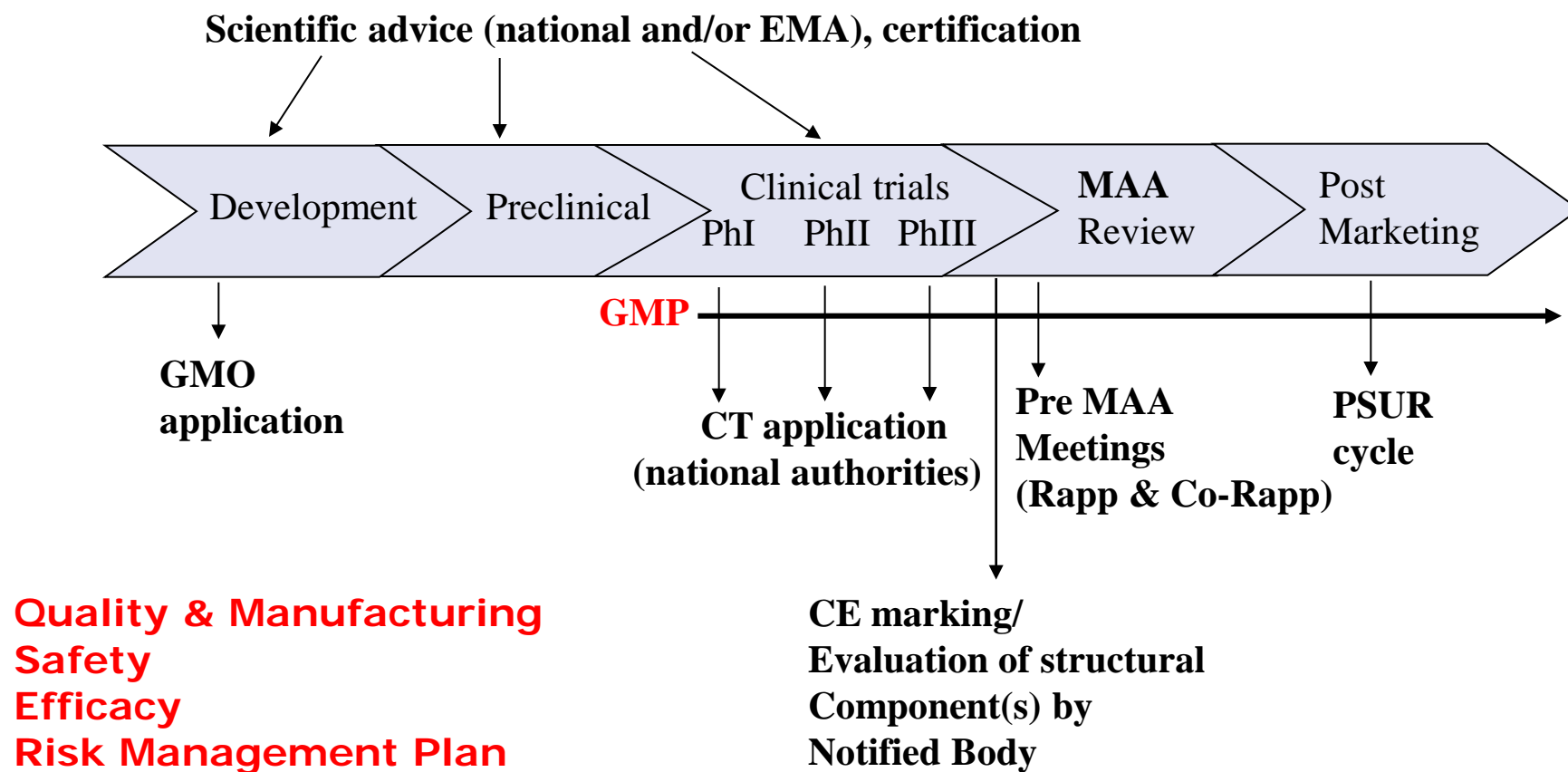


The EU legal / regulatory framework



→ A new class of medicinal products with a dedicated regulation

Centralized Marketing Authorisation obligatory for ATMPs



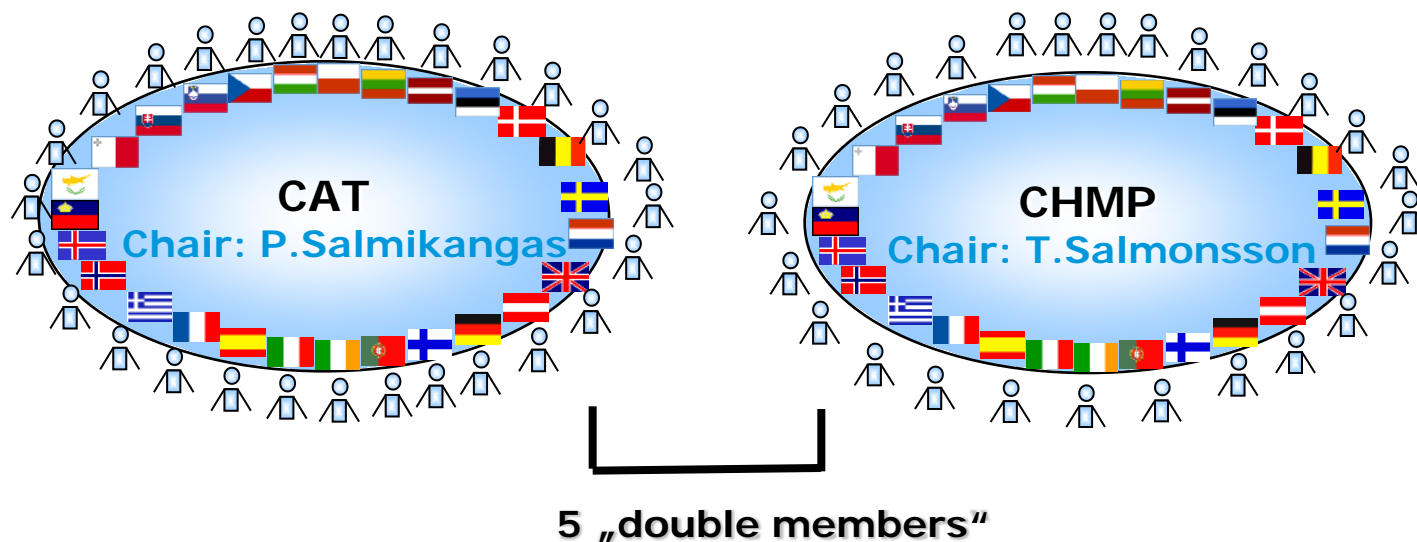


Supervision and authorisation of medicinal products

- National Medicines Agencies, European Medicines Agency (EMA), European Commission
- **For Marketing Authorisation** data on Quality, Safety and Efficacy of the **Product** in the intended indication is required, as well as information on the manufacturing process, risk management, GMP production..., **Full evaluation by CAT/EMA**
- Final opinion always depending on **Benefit/Risk balance**, level/quality of information, effect size, safety and remaining risks and their mitigation
- **For clinical trials** (exploratory and pivotal), authority's main focus in patient safety; evaluation of quality and manufacturing aspects, pre-clinical safety studies and feasibility of the study design, inspection of the GMP premises before licence is given,

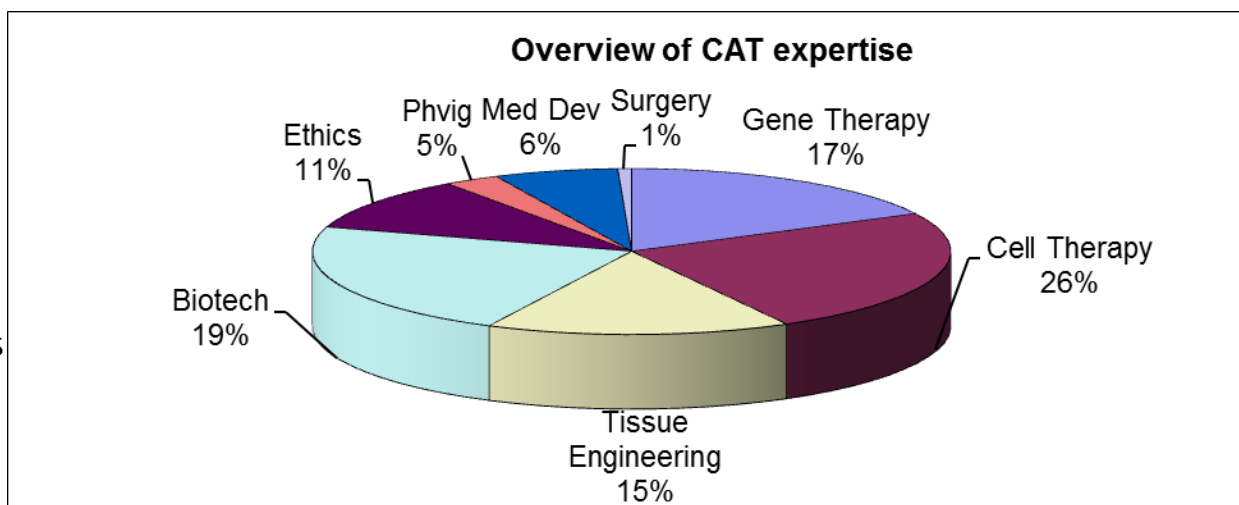


EMA Committees for ATMPs



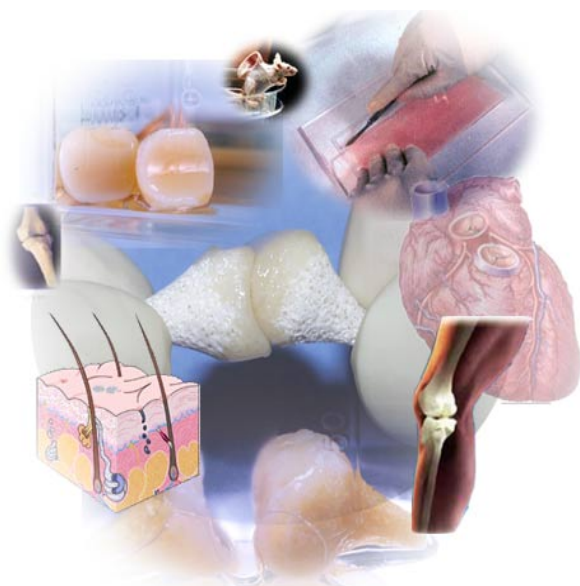
- 18 quality experts
- 12 non-clinical experts
- 21 clinical experts
(including 4 members representing physicians)
- 1 inspector
- 4 patient representatives
- 8 other (scientists, heads of departments etc.)

Total **68** experts





Tasks of the CAT



EVALUATION

CERTIFICATION

CLASSIFICATION

**Scientific
Advice**

**Support to
PDCO**

**Support to
CHMP / COMP**

**Interaction
with
stakeholders**

**Publications,
Guidelines**

**TASKS DEFINED PER
LEGISLATION**



Marketing authorization applications / CAT 2009-2016 (January)

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Total	Approved
Submitted	3	1	2	3	2	2	1		14	6
GTMP	2	1				2	1		6	2
SCTMP				1					1	1
TEP	1		2	2	1	1			7	3
Variations	0	0	1	1	9	4	3	3	21	

Approved: **ChondroCelect** for cartilage repair, 2009

MACI for cartilage repair, 2012 *(closure of EU manufacturing site 09/2014)

Glybera for treatment of LPL deficiency, 2013

Provenge for treatment of advanced prostate cancer, 2013 *(withdrawn 05/2015)

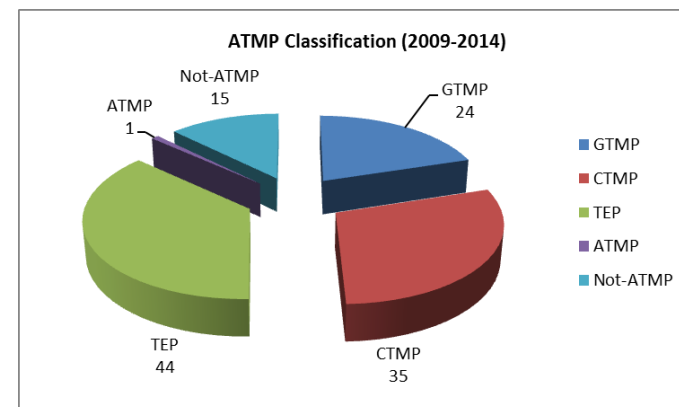
Holoclar for treatment of limbal stem cell deficiency, 2015

Imlygic for treatment of advanced melanoma, 2015

✓ 3 ATMPs under evaluation, 1 GTMP, 1 CTMP, 1 TEP



Other CAT procedures (Feb 2016)



Scientific recommendation on advanced therapy classification									
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Total
Submitted	22	19	12	22	20	28	61	15	199
Adopted	12	27	12	16	23	29	31	33	183

- **185** scientific advice procedures for ATMPs
- **44** PIPs
- Over **300** ATMPs have been studied in clinical trials during 2011-2015 (~200 CTs during 2004-2010)
- first classification of gene edited cells, CAR-Ts in clinical studies in EU (6)



Introduced changes during the revision EMA/CAT/600280/2010

Reflection paper on classification of advanced therapy medicinal products

Draft Agreed by CAT	June 2014
Adoption by CAT for release for consultation	20 June 2014
Start of public consultation	30 June 2014
End of consultation (deadline for comments)	31 October 2014
Draft Agreed by CAT	
Adoption by CAT	

- ▶ Substantial manipulation
Enzymatic digestion
- ▶ Same essential function(s) in the recipient and the donor
Homologous vs non-homologous use
- ▶ Additional changes to clarify the existing concepts
e.g. the boundary between vaccines against infectious diseases and gene therapy medicinal products and criteria for combined ATMPs



Sound scientific rationale + good product
= successful outcome

Why do products fail?



Due to

➤ Quality issues?

hardly, but if product is poorly standardised and controlled, it may have impact on product safety and efficacy, difficulties to get into clinical trials

➤ Non-clinical issues?

perhaps not, but without proper safety data it will be difficult to get into the clinical trials

➤ Clinical issues?

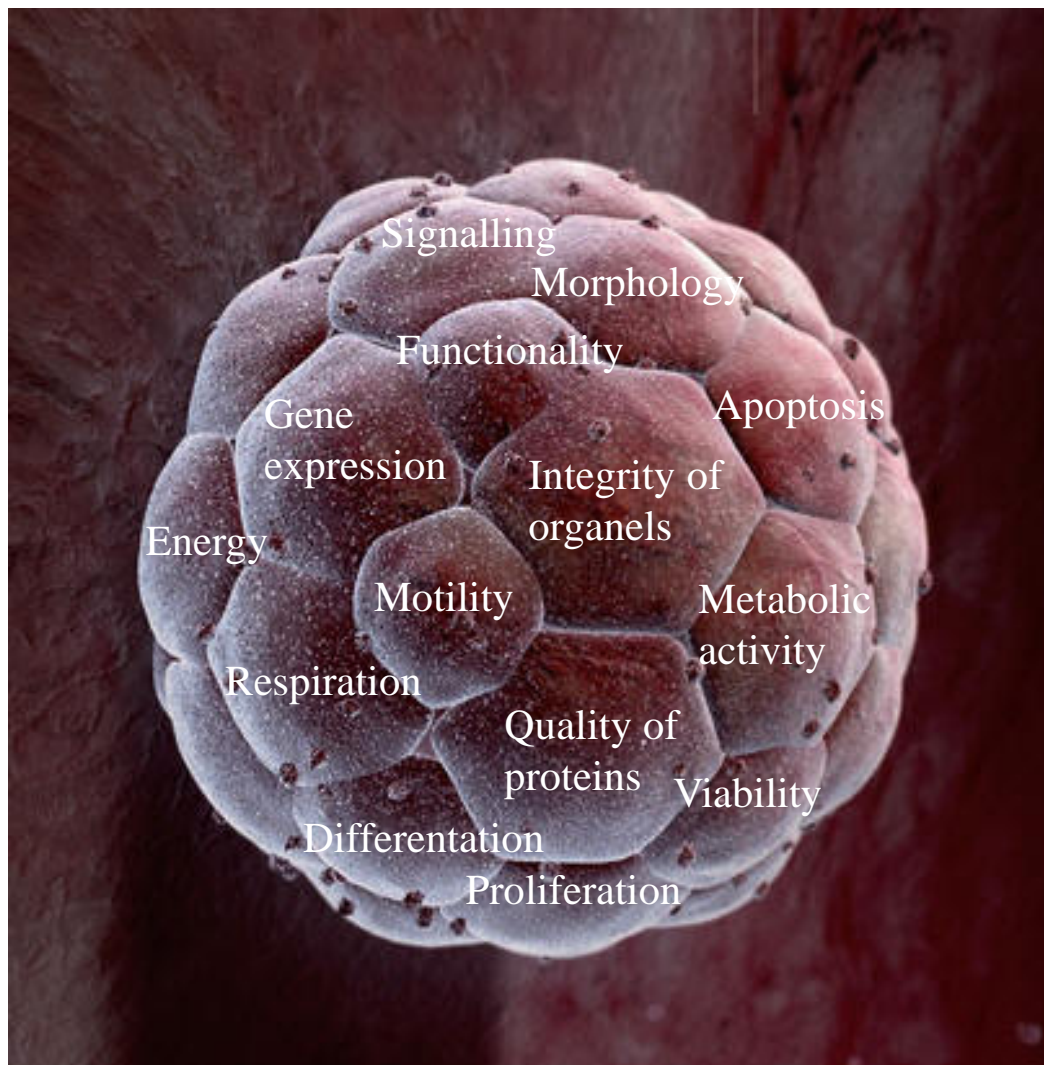
YES, **efficacy, efficacy, efficacy**, and sometimes safety

➤ Risk-management issues?

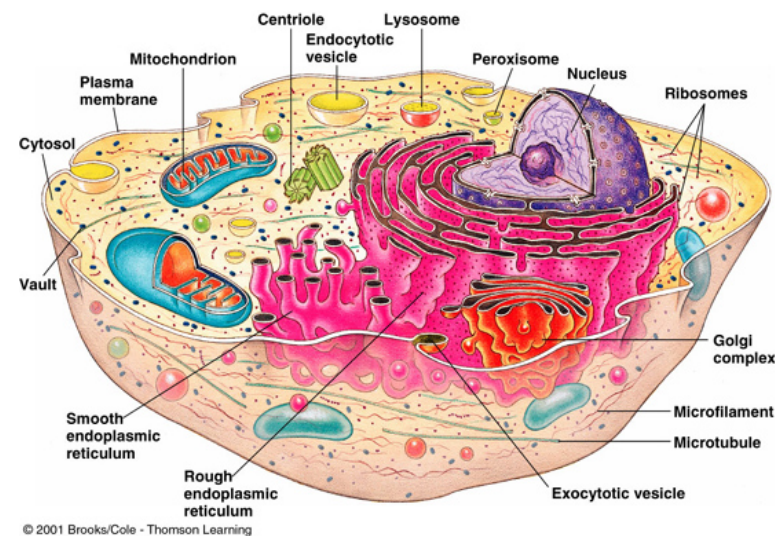
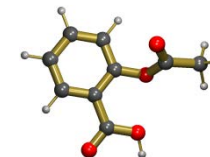
will not block the licensing, but needs to be handled properly



Cells/Genes as pharmaceuticals?



Aspirin



Eucaryotic cell



Special issues for ATMPs

ATMPs are complex pharmaceuticals

- gene therapy: transgene, type of vector, genetically modified cells
- cell therapy: autologous, allogeneic, complex process, combination products
- development requires expertise from several areas e.g. cell and molecular biology, biotechnology, surgery, risk management, medical devices, ethics...

and on REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS

- ATMPs are in the **frontline of fast evolving science** → a product maybe already "old", when reaching the markets
- Manipulation of cells and use of recombinant nucleic acids may bear **unknown risks**, which may not be solvable through standardisation or quality control
- The product and its' safety and efficacy profile need to be carefully **prospectively** planned and the key data should be based on findings that are **robust and reliable**

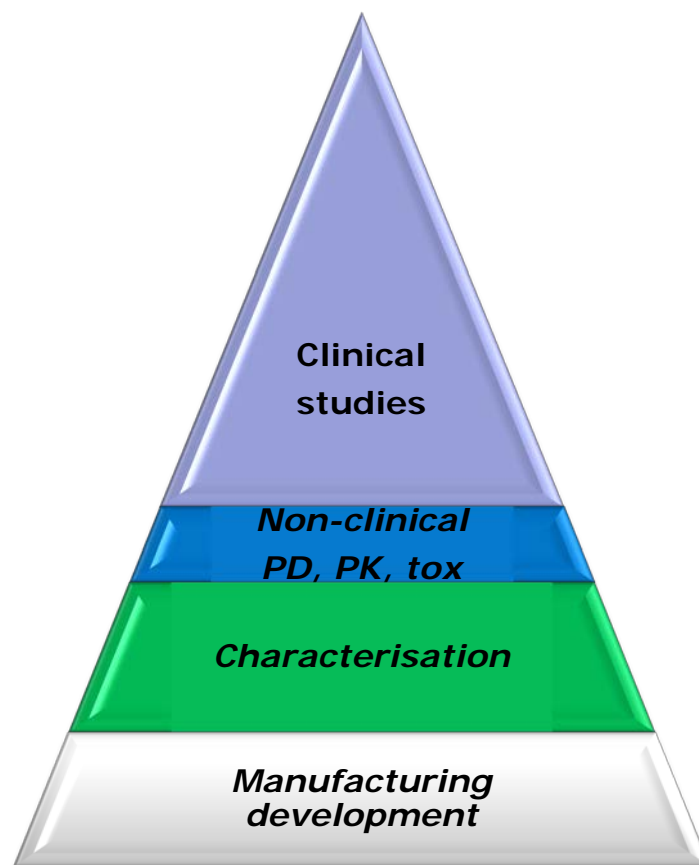


Further specificities to consider

- material supply, manufacturing constraints/upscale → comparability issues
- mode of action: treatment of disease or repair/regeneration, multiple MoAs?
- availability of relevant animal models
- dose finding and biodistribution
- specific safety issues (e.g. integrational mutagenesis of GTMPs, biodistribution/ectopic tissue formation of cell-based MPs)
- nature of disease: monogenetic vs multifactorial
- possibilities for blinding, availability of comparators
- specific administration of certain ATMPs (catheters, surgery etc.), concomitant medication



Building the evidence





Organisation of The Common Technical Document

**ORGANISATION OF THE COMMON TECHNICAL DOCUMENT FOR THE
REGISTRATION OF PHARMACEUTICALS FOR HUMAN USE**

Module 1: Administrative Information and Prescribing Information

- 1.1 Table of Contents of the Submission Including Module 1
- 1.2 Documents Specific to Each Region (for example, application forms, prescribing information)

Module 2: Common Technical Document Summaries

- 2.1 Common Technical Document Table of Contents (Modules 2-5)
- 2.2 CTD Introduction
- 2.3 Quality Overall Summary
- 2.4 Nonclinical Overview
- 2.5 Clinical Overview
- 2.6 Nonclinical Written and Tabulated Summaries
 - Pharmacology
 - Pharmacokinetics
 - Toxicology
- 2.7 Clinical Summary
 - Biopharmaceutical Studies and Associated Analytical Methods
 - Clinical Pharmacology Studies
 - Clinical Efficacy
 - Clinical Safety
 - Literature References
 - Synopses of Individual Studies

Module 3: Quality

- 3.1 Table of Contents of Module 3
- 3.2 Body of Data
- 3.3 Literature References

Module 4: Nonclinical Study Reports

- 4.1 Table of Contents of Module 4
- 4.2 Study Reports
- 4.3 Literature References

Module 5: Clinical Study Reports

- 5.1 Table of Contents of Module 5
- 5.2 Tabular Listing of All Clinical Studies
- 5.3 Clinical Study Reports
- 5.4 Literature References

Directive 2001/83/EC
For general MA requirements

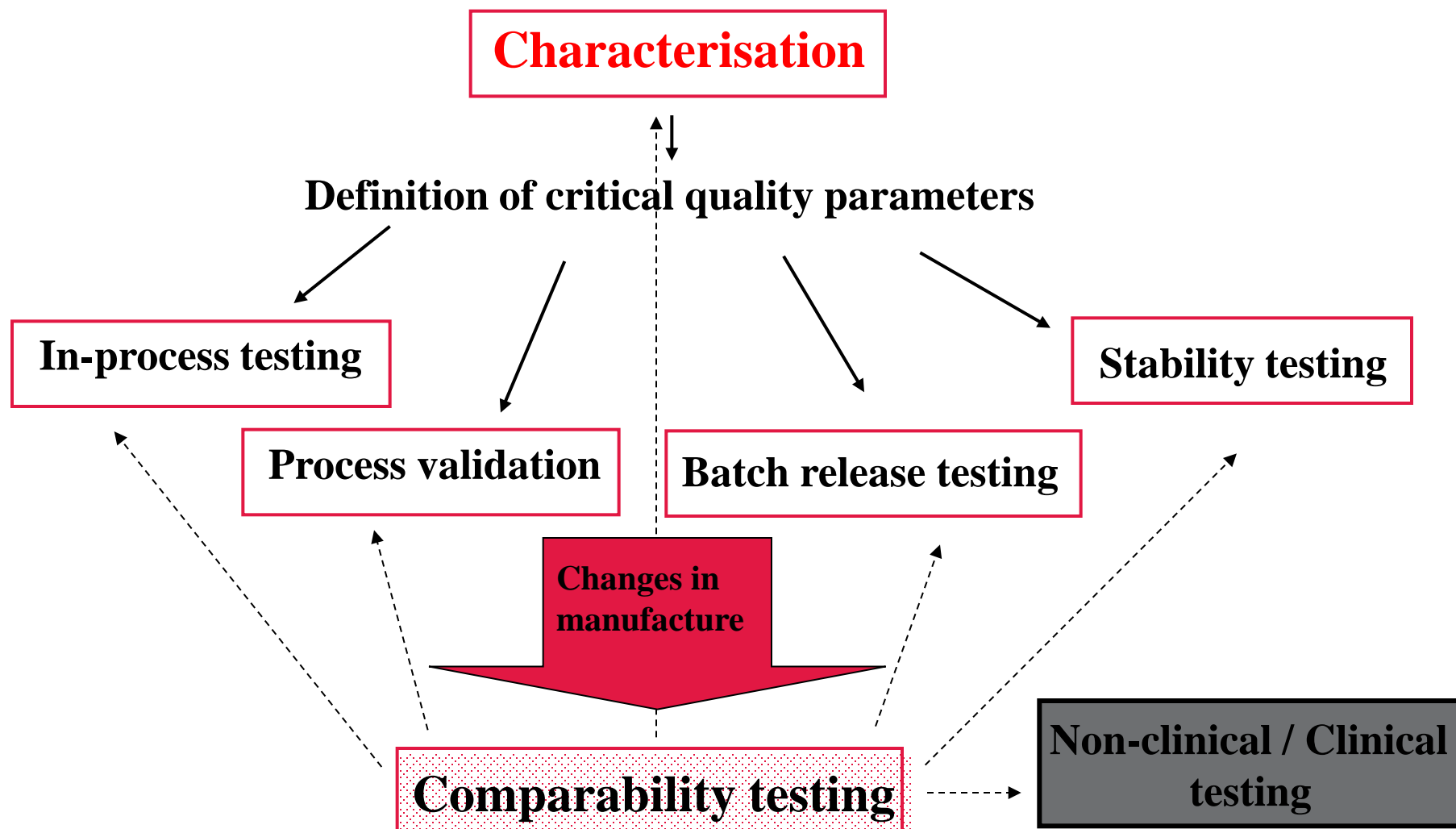
Regulation 1394/2007
For specific ATMP provisions

Directive 2009/120/EC
For technical ATMP requirements





Quality development





Quality

Safety

- Microbiological purity
- Cellular impurities
- Process-related impurities
- Cell transformation / malignancies
- Immunogenicity
- Genomic instability *in vivo*
- Ectopic engraftment to non-target tissues

Efficacy

- Dedifferentiation / loss of function of cells
- Cellular impurities
- Cell transformation



Pivotal factors for successful outcome

- Standardised and properly controlled product
- Justified dose and posology
- Correct target group
- Well-established safety profile
- Robust design of clinical studies
- Control of concomitant diseases and medications
- Proper Risk Management Plan
- **Long-term follow-up of patients**
- Early contacts with regulatory authorities
ITF, Scientific advice (both national and EMA)



Adaptive pathways, PRIME, conditional approval?

- **AP:** Prospectively planned approach for MA with conditions, based on existing procedures (conditional MA, MA with exceptional circumstances, **joint EMA/HTA SA...**), Pilot phase with multiple ATMPs ongoing
- **PRIME:** early, proactive and enhanced support to medicine developers to optimise the generation of robust data on a medicine's benefits and risks and enable accelerated assessment of medicine applications, launched 7.3.2016 (EMA website)
- Guidance for conditional approval and for accelerated assessment updated (no major changes for ATMPs)
 - **Important to understand the impact of conditional MA**
 - post-marketing obligations
 - impact on reimbursement / HTA expectations



Risk-based approach

- Prospectively planned strategy to justify the need for data in the MAA, **proportionate requirements based on risks**
- Does **not provide a rigid classification system** of different risks of a product as whole (e.g. high-risk product vs. low-risk product)
- Is intended to provide **flexibility** to regulation of ATMPs
- Should help developers to overcome challenges due to the specific nature of the ATMPs
- How to do the risk/risk factor profiling?
 - GL on risk-based approach (EMA/CAT/CPWP/686637/2011)
 - Q/A document on RBA under preparation
 - scientific advice



Available EU guidance for CBMPs



Guideline on cell-based medicinal products (2008)

Potency testing of cell-based immunotherapy MPs for treatment of cancer (2007)

Reflection paper on stem-cell based MPs

Reflection paper on Chondrocyte containing MPs for cartilage repair (2009)

Clinical aspects related to tissue engineered products

Guideline on Xenogeneic CBMPs (2009)

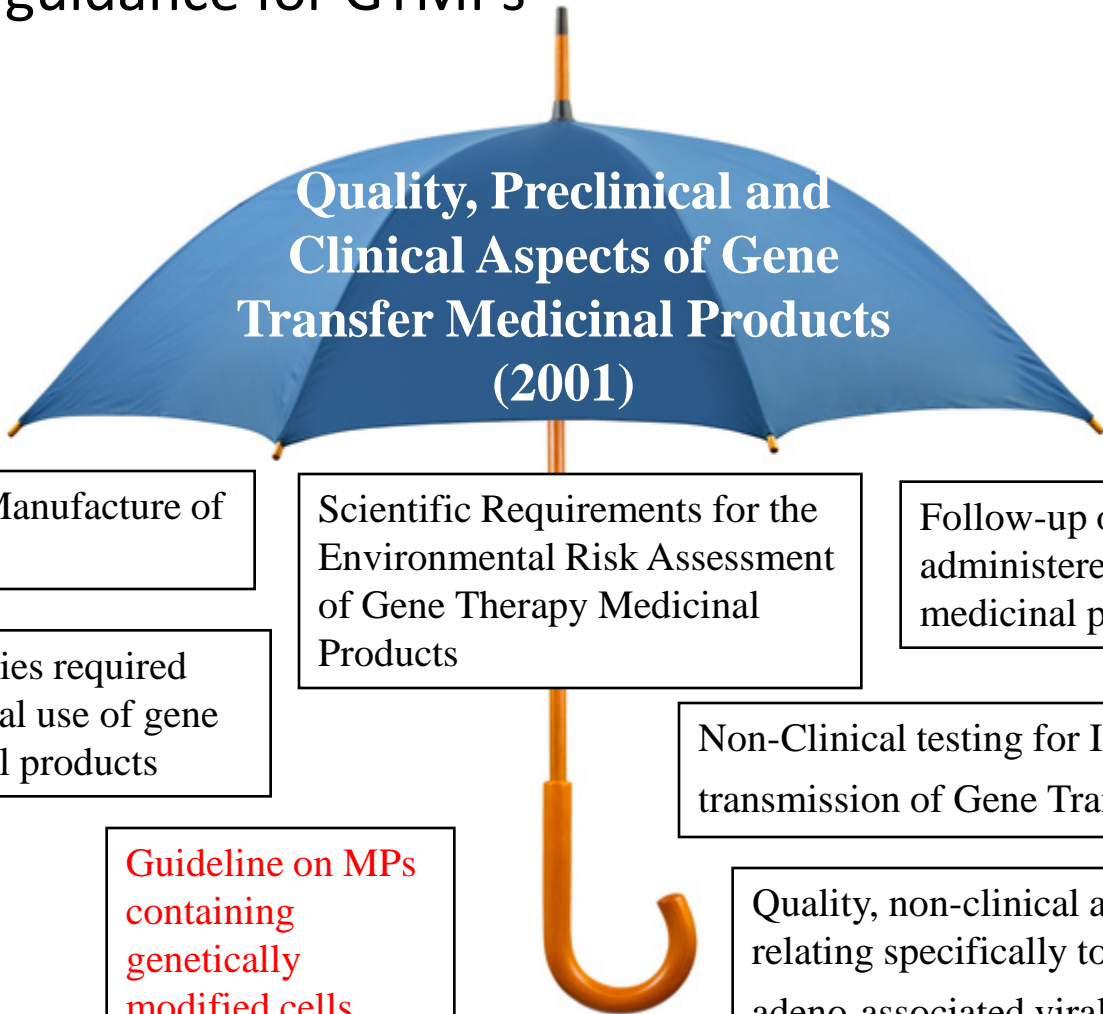
Guideline on MPs containing genetically modified cells

Guideline on the Risk-based approach (2013)

http://www.ema.europa.eu/ema/index.jsp?curl=pages/regulation/general/general_content_000405.jsp&mid=WC0b01ac058002958a



Available guidance for GTMPs



Quality, Preclinical and Clinical Aspects of Gene Transfer Medicinal Products (2001)

Development and Manufacture of Lentiviral Vectors

Non-clinical studies required before first clinical use of gene therapy medicinal products

Guideline on MPs containing genetically modified cells

Scientific Requirements for the Environmental Risk Assessment of Gene Therapy Medicinal Products

Follow-up of patients administered with gene therapy medicinal products

Non-Clinical testing for Inadvertent Germline transmission of Gene Transfer Vectors

Quality, non-clinical and clinical issues relating specifically to recombinant adeno-associated viral vectors



Other applicable EU guidance



GMP Guideline

**Guideline on Safety
and Efficacy Follow-
up – Risk
Management of
ATMPs**

**Available disease
specific guidance**

**Ph.Eur.
monographs**

**EMA / ICH guidelines
Q, S, E**

**traceability
guidance**

**GCP
guidance**

<http://www.ema.europa.eu/htms/human/humanguidelines/biologicals.htm>



CAT work plan

2015-2016 – adopted by the Committee on 14 November 2014

In addition to normal Committee work (MAA evaluation, classifications, scientific advice etc.)

CAT participates to joint cross-committee objectives

- adaptive pathways (3 ATMPs in the pilot), PRIME
- benefit/risk project
- patient registries,

CAT specific objectives

- finalise the GL on GTMPs
- **draft a guideline for investigational ATMPs (EC task);** - CAT/IP meeting in relation to the GL on investigational ATMPs
- **support EC in developing GMP guideline for ATMPs**
- **support EC in developing ATMP specific guideline on GCP**
- **CAT workshop with experts on cancer immunotherapy (October 2016)**
- **new survey of clinical trials and developers (2010-2015), publication**



Manufacturing, characterization and control of cell-based medicinal products: challenging paradigms toward commercial use

During the past decade, a large number of cell-based medicinal products have been tested in clinical trials for the treatment of various diseases and tissue defects. However, licensed products and those approaching marketing authorization are still few. One major area of challenge is the manufacturing and quality development of these complex products, for which significant manipulation of cells might be required. While the paradigms of quality, safety and efficacy must apply also to these innovative products, their demonstration may be demanding. Demonstration of comparability between production processes and batches may be difficult for cell-based medicinal products. Thus, the development should be built around a well-controlled manufacturing process and a qualified product to guarantee reproducible data from nonclinical and clinical studies.

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CELL & GENE THERAPY INSIGHTS

NAVIGATING THE GLOBAL ATMP
REGULATORY LANDSCAPE

REGULATORY REVIEW

Regulatory viewpoints on the development of advanced stem cell-based medicinal products in light of the first EU-approved stem cell product

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SPOTLIGHT

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