Nanotechnology: Regulatory Challenges

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Definition of Nanotechnologies

- Size
 - o ≤ 100nm
- Differential performance
 - Components organized on a nanometer-scale have significantly better/different performance than on a larger-scale



Diversity of Nanotechnologies

- MEMS/NEMS
- Nanocrystals
 - API milling
 - Quantum Dots (CdSe)
- Nanotubes/Buckyballs (C_x)
- Nanowires
- Nanoparticles (metal, protein, etc.)
- Nanodroplets (micelles, PFC emulsions, etc.)

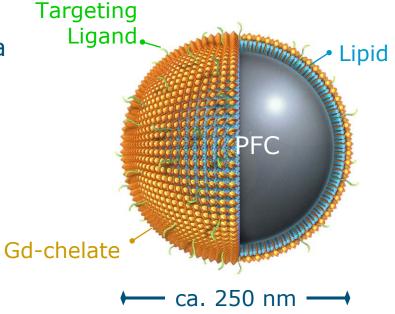


Nanotech Safety Framework

- Non-nanotech composition
 - Safety, distribution of constituents in bulk
 - Existing drug/device guidance
- Nano-structure impact
 - Novel activity/reactivity
 - Biodistribution
 - Bioavailability

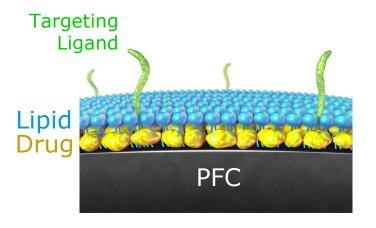


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 - "Oil-in-water" emulsions
 - Specific
 - + Ligand "targets" the disease
 - + Delivers payload to specific area
 - MRI: paramagnetic ion chelate
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- Non-nanotech composition
 - Safety, distribution of constituents in bulk
 - Liquid perfluorocarbon
 - Well-understood human safety as parenteral at higher doses
 - Paclitaxel
 - Extensive human safety experience, etc. as parenteral at higher doses
 - Gadolinium chelate
 - + Several approved agents at much higher doses
 - Targeting ligand
 - + NCE, small molecule RGD peptidomimetic



- Non-nanotech composition
 - Existing drug/device guidance
 - + Liposome guidance
 - + Imaging guidance (3) (MRI agent)
 - + Other guidance (therapeutic)
 - Non-clinical
 - Combination products



- Nano-structure impact
 - Novel activity/reactivity
 - Biodistribution
 - Impact of targeting on PFOB and "payload" distribution
 - Differential clearance of Gd-chelate or paclitaxel vs. non-LTE
 - Bioavailability



Conclusions

- Nanotechnology broad umbrella
 - More useful as a word than as a classification
 - Argues against one-size-fits-all approach
- Safety considerations should be based on
 - Non-nanotech composition
 - + Safety/toxicity of components
 - + Appropriate existing drug/device guidance
 - Changes due to nanostructure

