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# FDA and EMA: Regulatory Situation of NBCDs

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GaBI Educational Workshops in collaboration with the NBCD Working Group

# The Generic Paradigm $\rightarrow$ Sameness

- Pharmaceutical equivalence (identical API...)
- Bioequivalence in healthy subjects: comparable PK
- Known mode of action (PK ≈ PD)

 Generics:

 Sameness

No clinical efficacy and safety studies required



# **Classes of products**

#### Generic paradigm



### NBCD / Nanosimilars



Small molecules drugs (m.w. <500) e.g. ASA Fully characterized Complex (non-biological) drugs (m.range 43[IS]-150kDa) e.g. polynuclear ferric hydroxide carbohydrate complexes Not fully characterized

#### Biosimilar approach



Complex (biological) drugs (m.range 5-150kDa)*e.g. EPO* Not fully characterized





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# **Todays Regulatory Pathways**





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Long and the long

# Scientific discussions initiated 6 years ago..

## Bioequivalence of Complex Drugs

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"the Leiden Paper"

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## ...and in publications by us and others...

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# Follow the Similarity Approach.





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# EMA and FDA issued proposals for nano colloidal iv products





# FDA aware of complexity of products

- Quality
  - Iron release influenced by size morphology and surface properties (quality, toxicity)
  - Carbohydrate coating properties (kinetics, hypersensitivity, safety, impurities)
  - Labile iron release under physiological conditions
- Pharmaceutical comparability
  - Chemical composition and physicochemical characteristics
  - Manufacturing controls
- Clinical
  - Bioequivalence







# **GDUFA Regulatory Science Priorities 2016**

- Post-market evaluation of generic drugs
- Equivalence of complex products
- Equivalence of locally-acting products
- Therapeutic equivalence evaluation and standards
- Computational and analytical tools

FDA and NIH initiated a research program to link FDA's equivalence standards to in vivo performance including clinical trials









# NBCDs Approval Process Under Scrutiny by US Congress Representatives

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December 10, 2015

The Honorable Gene L. Dodaro Comptroller General of the United States U.S Government Accountability Office 441 G St, N.W. Washington, DC 20548

Dear Comptroller General Dodaro,

We are writing to request that the Government Accountability Office (GAO) conduct a study to assess the Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) regulatory pathway for reviewing generic versions of nonbiologic complex drugs (NBCDs).



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# **EMA considerations on Nanosimilars**

#### Quality

- Iron release influenced by size morphology and surface properties (quality, toxicity)
- Carbohydrate coating properties (kinetics, hypersensitivity, safety, impurities)
- Pharmaceutical comparability
  - Chemical composition and physicochemical characteristics (stress tests)
  - Manufacturing controls
- Non-clinical
  - Blood/plasma, RES, and tissue concentration comparisons
  - Biodisposition in animal model incl. "toxicological" target tissues
- Clinical
  - PK
  - Efficacy and short-time safety (only if minor differences observed)
- PV





