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**BIOANALYTICAL  
SOLUTIONS FOR  
BIOTHERAPEUTICS AND  
SMALL MOLECULE  
THERAPEUTICS**

**A TIERED APPROACH TO BIOANALYSIS  
SUPPORTING PRECLINICAL AND  
TOXICOLOGY STUDIES: BALANCING  
BUDGET, REGULATIONS AND NEEDS**

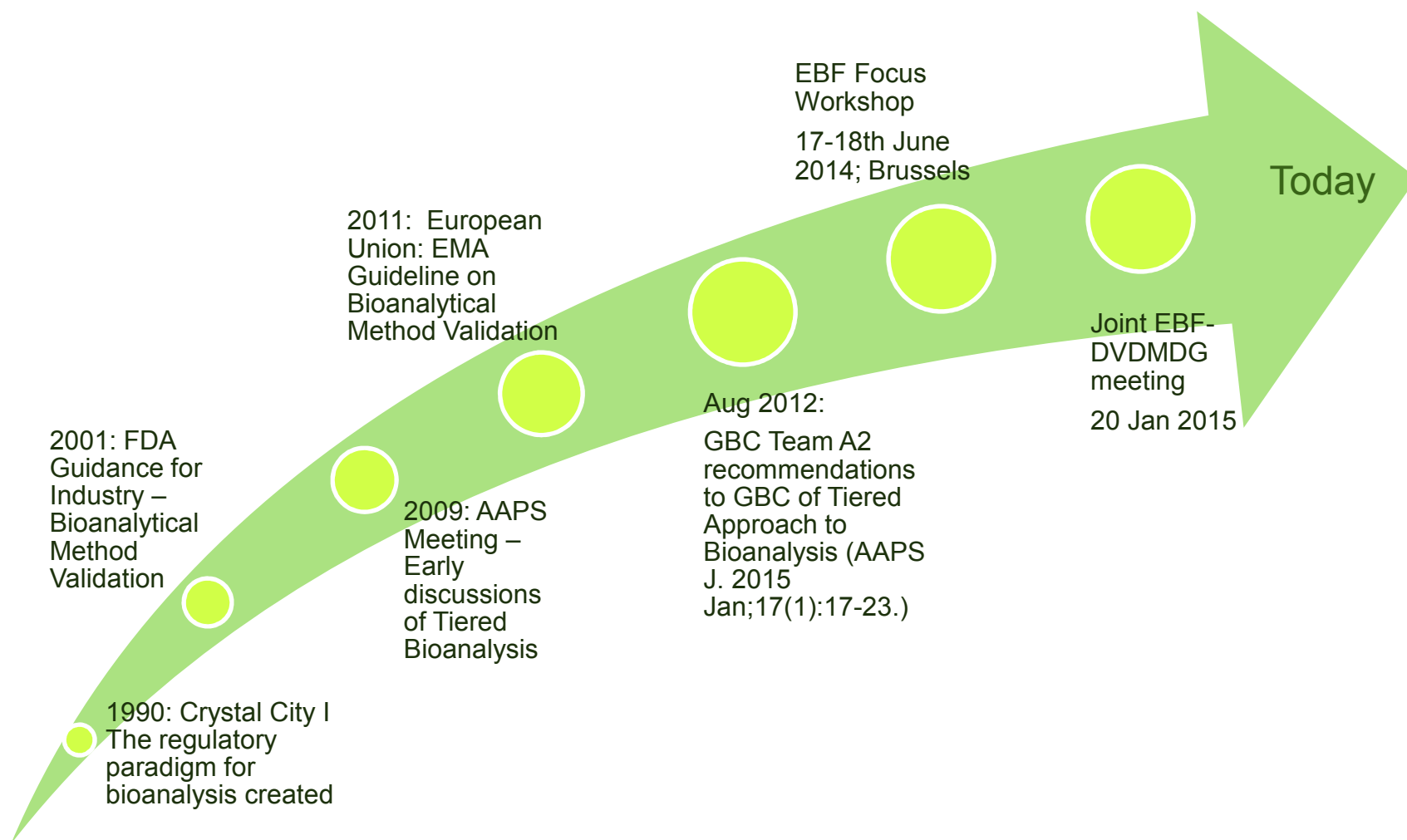
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## PRESENTATION OUTLINE

- WHAT IS A TIERED APPROACH TO BIOANALYSIS?
  - Historical Discussion And Recommendations
- HOW AIT BIOSCIENCE HAS IMPLEMENTED A TIERED APPROACH
  - Execution In An All ELN Environment
  - Successes
    - CASE STUDY 1: A screening level approach to evaluate drug candidates
    - CASE STUDY 2: A research level surrogate matrix approach to understanding tissue PK
    - CASE STUDY 3: A qualified approach to secondary analyte analysis in a GLP-tox program
  - And Challenges

# WHAT IS A TIERED APPROACH TO BIOANALYSIS?

## HISTORICAL DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS



# WHAT IS A TIERED APPROACH TO BIOANALYSIS?

## RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE GBC A2 TEAM

- Differentiates four tiers of method characterization:
  - Validated method
  - Qualified method
  - Research method
  - Screening method
- Embraces a fit-for-purpose (FFP) principle and supplements the currently accepted single tier of a validated method
- All tiers are developed with the end objective in mind and each undergo limited characterization
- All tiers are proposed as an integral part of regulated bioanalysis, i.e. as appropriate for the intended use
- Appropriate to the phase of drug development

# WHAT IS A TIERED APPROACH TO BIOANALYSIS?

## RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE GBC A2 TEAM

Requirements	Screening	Research	Qualified	Validated
Analyte Concentration obtained	Relative	Estimated	Yes	
Reference standard *	Not required	Comparator	Authenticated Reference Standard	Yes with COA, as per regulatory guidance and SOP
Method development	Yes, but limited			Yes
Pre-study method performance assessment **	No - Rely on method development & in-study data		Preferred	Yes (pre-study validation) as per regulatory guidance and SOP
Calibration curve for pre-study and in-study runs	Not applicable	Yes, but fewer calibration standards allowed (> 3)		Yes, as per regulatory guidance and SOP
Matrix of cal stds and QCs identical to study samples	Not applicable	Preferred		
Independent QCs via second weighing	Not applicable		Preferred	
Acceptance criteria (AC) for calibration curves and QCs for pre-study and in-study runs	Not applicable	Yes; AC can be broader than $\pm 15/20\%$ ; required FFP AC may be set a-posteriori instead a-priori		

# WHAT IS A TIERED APPROACH TO BIOANALYSIS?

## RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE EBF TEAM

### ASSAY APPROPRIATE SCIENTIFIC VALIDATIONS

- Urine Analysis at all development stages
- Tissue Homogenate Analysis at all development stages
- Quantitation of Metabolites in plasma

### STAGE APPROPRIATE SCIENTIFIC VALIDATIONS

- Clinical: SAD/MAD Studies
  - Not conducting a full regulatory validation until key criteria such as basic PK behavior, metabolite profile and method range are established
- Preclinical: Dose range finding, Early Toleration Studies, even 28-day Tox
  - Inviting discussion on where the most appropriate application of the Guidance should begin

# WHAT IS A TIERED APPROACH TO BIOANALYSIS?

## RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE EBF TEAM

### REGULATORY VALIDATION

- pre-study validation
- Min. 3 P&A runs
- 15% P&A (20% at LLOQ)
- Matrix Effect, Recovery, Co-administered medications
- Dilution integrity
- Multi Lot Selectivity to include hemolyzed & lipemic
- Stability: LTS, Bench Top, Freeze-Thaw

### SCIENTIFIC VALIDATION

- Single run pre-study validation when it makes sense to do so
- Consider in-study validation for certain elements (e.g. stability, dilution integrity)
- Combine stability experiments to simplify
- Wider P&A criteria may be appropriate for the end point decision (e.g. 20%/25%)

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So, where do things stand today?





# AIT BIOSCIENCE APPROACH TO TIERED BIOANALYSIS

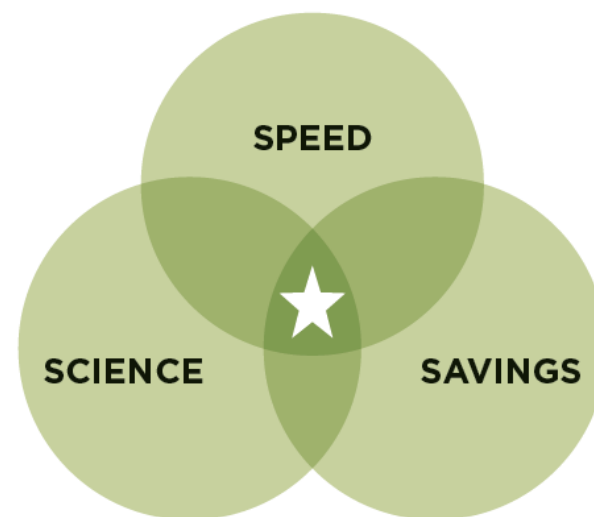
## AIT BIOSCIENCE 4-LEVEL MODEL

	<b>Price</b>	<b>Precision and Accuracy</b>	<b>Robustness Assessment</b>
Screening	\$	Good	None
Research	\$\$	Better	Minimal
Qualified	\$\$\$	Best	Good
Validated	\$\$\$\$	Best	Best

# AIT BIOSCIENCE APPROACH TO TIERED BIOANALYSIS

## SCREENING LEVEL

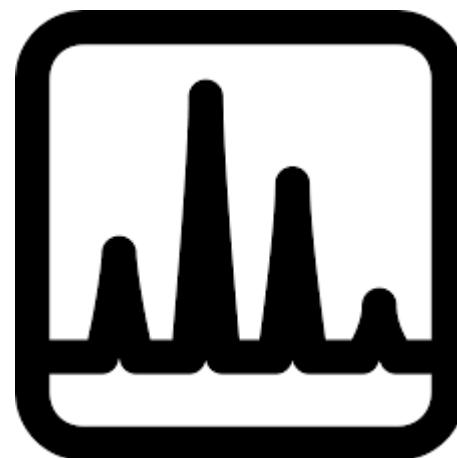
- **Speed *with* science for success**
  - **Speed**
    - 5 day turn around
    - 3 days expedited
    - **Quick answers:** To provide “yes/no” or “go/no-go” data for early discovery and exploratory tox
  - **Science**
    - 30% CV, 40% at LLOQ
    - Use of surrogate internal standard
  - **Savings**
    - Fit-for-purpose pricing balances budgets with intended use of data
    - 1/8<sup>th</sup> of the cost of a validated method



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## RESEARCH LEVEL

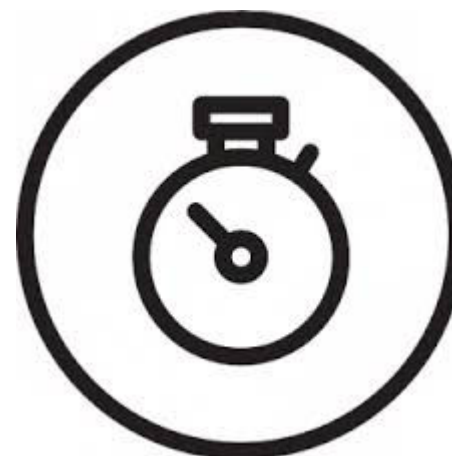
- **When you need to compare data from run to run**
  - **Uses**
    - Dose range finding
    - Formulation evaluation
    - Systemic exposure
    - Bioavailability
  - **Some robustness built in**
    - Typically 1-3 days, cursory chromatography and sample preparation method development
    - Targeted performance 20% CV/Bias (30% LLOQ)
    - Research characterization run
    - Calibrator and QC data provided in Excel spreadsheet
  - **Still a savings**
    - Method characterization ~ 25% of validation



# AIT BIOSCIENCE APPROACH TO TIERED BIOANALYSIS

## QUALIFIED LEVEL

- **Ready to validate when you are**
  - **What it is**
    - Meets FDA, EMEA, and CVM criteria for validation
      - Intra-run Precision and Accuracy +/-15% (20% at LLOQ) for small molecules
      - Intra-run Precision and Accuracy +/-20% (25% at LLOQ) for large molecules
      - Carry-over <20%
    - Stability samples stored but not evaluated
    - Completely documented with report
  - **What it isn't**
    - Regulated or Suitable for regulated work
    - Quick and Cheap
    - Complete
  - **When to use it**
    - For non-regulated studies when continuation to regulated studies is uncertain



# AIT BIOSCIENCE APPROACH TO TIERED BIOANALYSIS

## VALIDATED LEVEL

- **Meets all regulatory guidances and internal SOPs**
  - **What it is**
    - Accurate
      - At least 3 runs demonstrating acceptable precision and accuracy over at least 2 days
    - Rugged
      - Includes stability data to cover entire sample collection and analysis process
    - Complete
      - Fully documented with report
      - Audited by QA
  - **What it isn't**
    - Quick/ Cheap
    - Easy
  - **When to use it**
    - For every analyte and matrix for IND-supporting studies
    - Clinical studies



# EXECUTING A TIERED APPROACH

## USING THE ELN TO CONTROL A TIERED APPROACH – STUDY SET UP

**Study Parameters - Sample Analysis**

	BAM 1
Protocol Number	
Protocol Title	
Regulatory Status	
Study Regulatory Status	
Storage Temperature for Samples	
Additional Comments for Sample Storage	
BAM Version	
BAM Version Validation Level	
Select BAM	
BAM Owner (Sponsor Number)	

**Study Parameters - Method Development**

	BAM 1
AIT Bioscience BAM Version	
BAM Regulatory Compliance Level	
Method Validation Level	
Study BAM	

**Run Acceptance Criteria**

% Bias CS	% Bias LLOQ	% Bias QC (L, M, H, OR)	% Replicate Imprecision	% Replicate Imprecision LLOQ	% Replicate Imprecision ULOQ

# EXECUTING A TIERED APPROACH

## USING THE ELN TO CONTROL A TIERED APPROACH – STUDY EXECUTION

(v2) SM\_Instrumental Analysis:



Status

Instrumental Analysis Experiment ID	
User Trained on Template?	No
Template Formulas Intact?	
Is BAM Template Appropriate For This Sponsor?	No
Is BAM Template Appropriate For This Study?	
Appropriate Regulatory Status and BAM Version for this Study?	
All Mandatory Fields Complete?	
Passed All Field Checks?	
System Suitability Acceptable?	
IA Comments	

ELN checks training status against user training records as well as regulatory status prior to any work being completed.

# EXECUTING A TIERED APPROACH

## USING THE ELN TO CONTROL A TIERED APPROACH – STUDY REVIEW

	Entry
Study	Invalid Study ID. Open Experiment in Run Folder.
Instrumental Analysis Run	Invalid Run ID. Open Experiment in Run Folder.
Run Type	
BAM Version (BAM.XXXX.YY)	
Run Number in Watson	
Corresponding Sample Preparation Run	
BAM ID	
BAM Stability	
Extract Sample Stability (Hours)	
Reinjection Repro (Hours)	
Peak Response Measure	
BAM Title	
% Bias CS	
% Bias LLOQ	
% Bias QC (L, M, H, OR)	

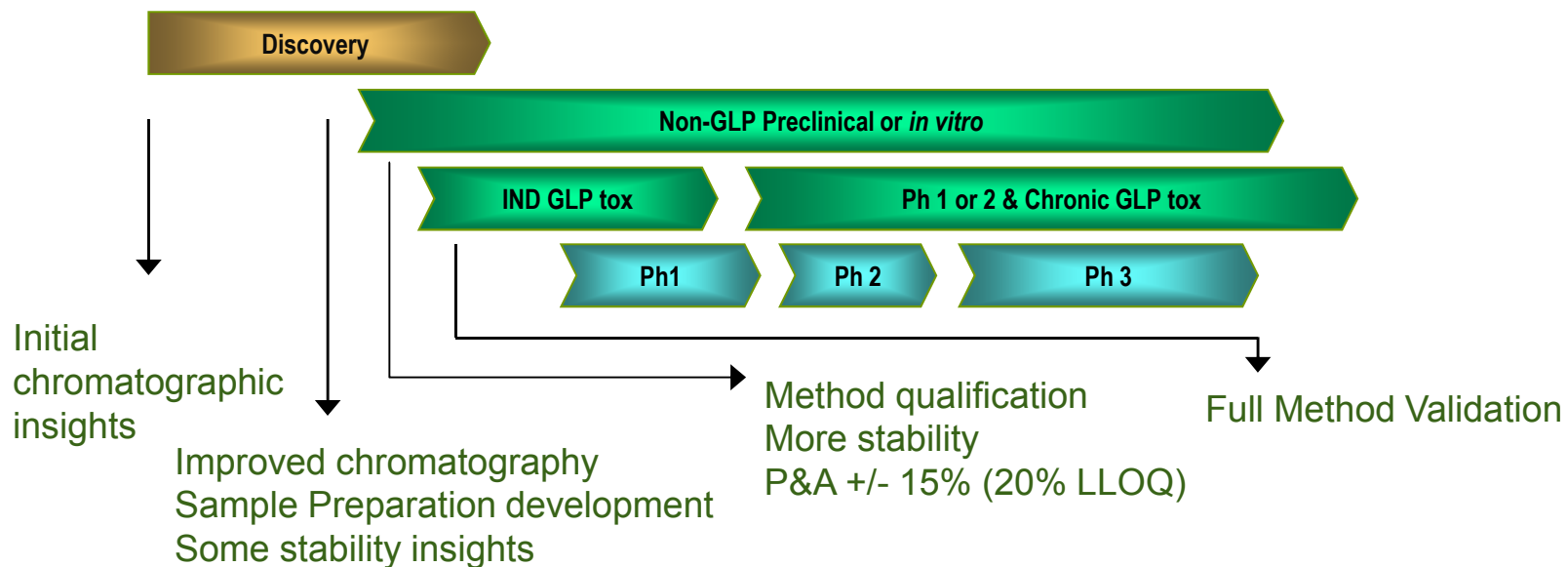


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## SUCSESSES AND CHALLENGES

- Successes

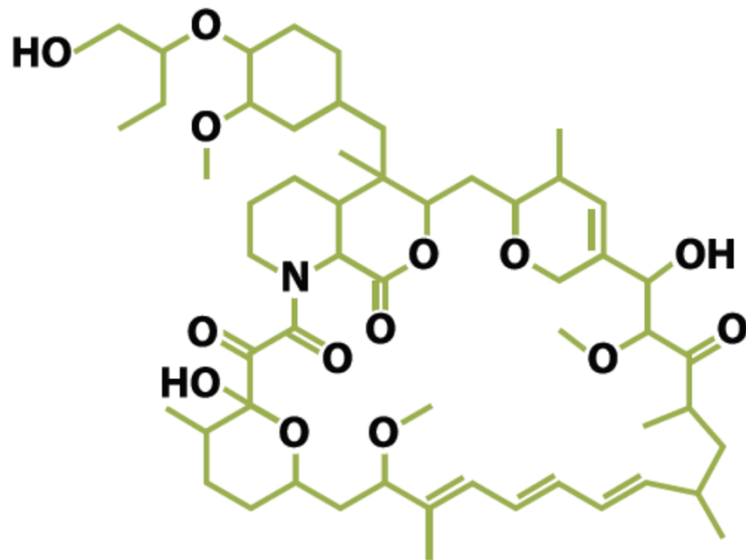
When a sponsor is experienced and has a well planned and well-organized drug development program, AIT Bioscience travels through the process learning more about the molecule and progressively developing method understanding and robustness.



# BALANCING BUDGETS AND NEEDS

## CASE STUDY 1: A SCREENING LEVEL APPROACH TO EVALUATE DRUG CANDIDATES

- Everolimus in human plasma

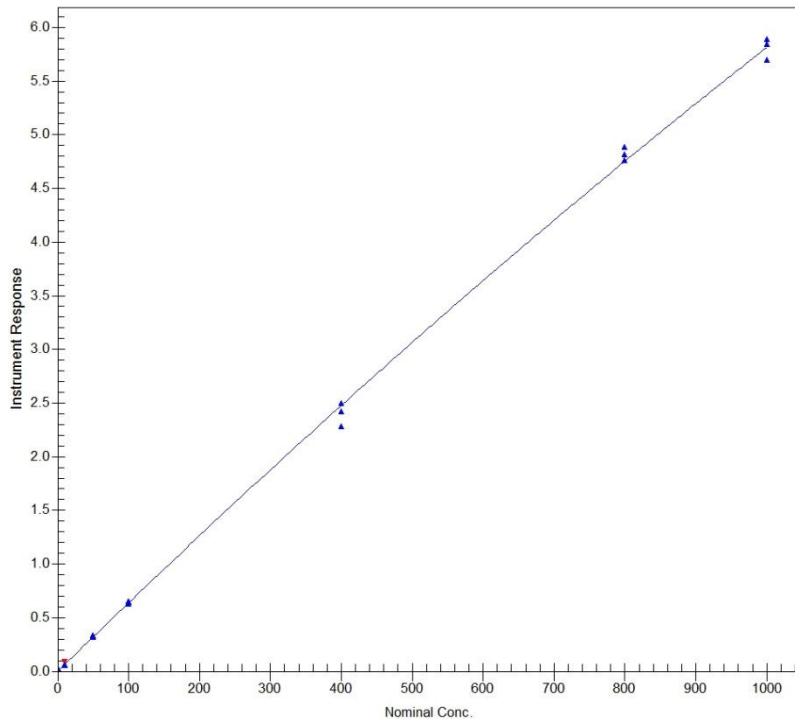


- Scientific Preview provided insights into internal standard selection and chromatography conditions
  - Column: C18
  - Mobile Phase A: Water with 0.1% Formic acid
  - Mobile Phase B: Methanol with 0.1% Formic acid
  - Internal Standard: Atorvastatin

# BALANCING BUDGETS AND NEEDS

## CASE STUDY 1: A SCREENING LEVEL APPROACH TO EVALUATE DRUG CANDIDATES

Analytical Run 1 analyzed on 26-May-2017 Calibration Standards for Everolimus (ng/mL)  
 Regression Method = QUADRATIC - Weighting Factor = 1/X\*\*2  
 Response = A \* (Conc\*\*2) + B \* Conc + C  
 A = -0.000000635853 B = 0.00645089 C = -0.0000982471 R-Squared = 0.9987  
 (Study 8888-2345)

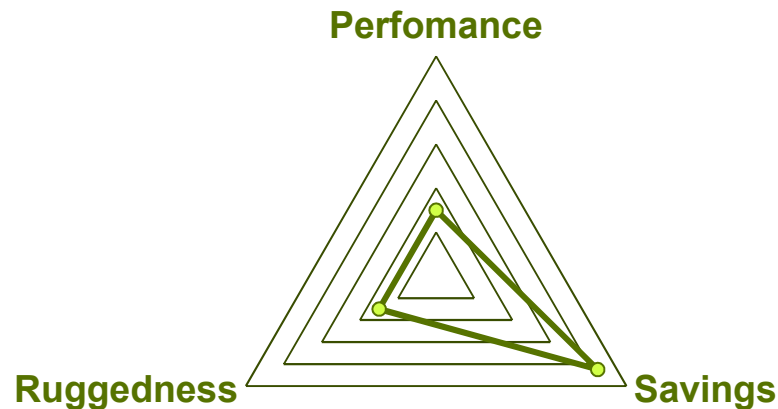


Analytical Performance of Everolimus Samples in Rat Plasma (Study 8888-2345)					
Run Date	Curve Number	Sample @ 3.00 ng/mL	%Bias	Sample @ 750 ng/mL	%Bias
26-May-17	1	3.16	5.3	749	-0.1
		3.07	2.3	717	-4.4
		3.1	3.3	733	-2.3
<b>Mean</b>		<b>3.11</b>		<b>733</b>	
<b>S.D.</b>		<b>0.0458</b>		<b>16</b>	
<b>%CV</b>		<b>1.5</b>		<b>2.2</b>	
<b>%Theoretical</b>		<b>103.7</b>		<b>97.7</b>	
<b>%Bias</b>		<b>3.7</b>		<b>-2.3</b>	
<b>n</b>		<b>3</b>		<b>3</b>	

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## CASE STUDY 1: A SCREENING LEVEL APPROACH TO EVALUATE DRUG CANDIDATES

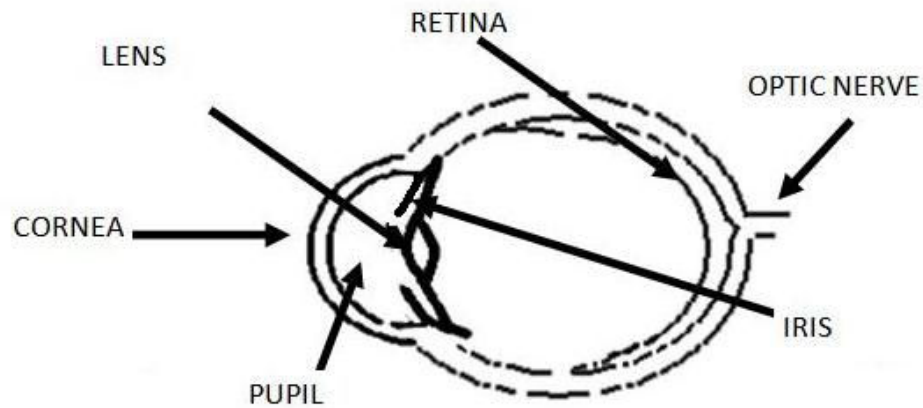
- + Ability to make an informed decision early and fast
  - Data within 5 days of sample receipt
  - Single run data with calibrators in triplicate, no QCs
- + Budget friendly
  - Single assay set-up charge (<15% the cost of validation)
  - Per sample rate for unlimited samples run in a single run
- Data is not designed to be compared between runs



## BALANCING BUDGET AND NEEDS

### CASE STUDY 2: A RESEARCH LEVEL SURROGATE MATRIX APPROACH TO UNDERSTANDING TISSUE PK

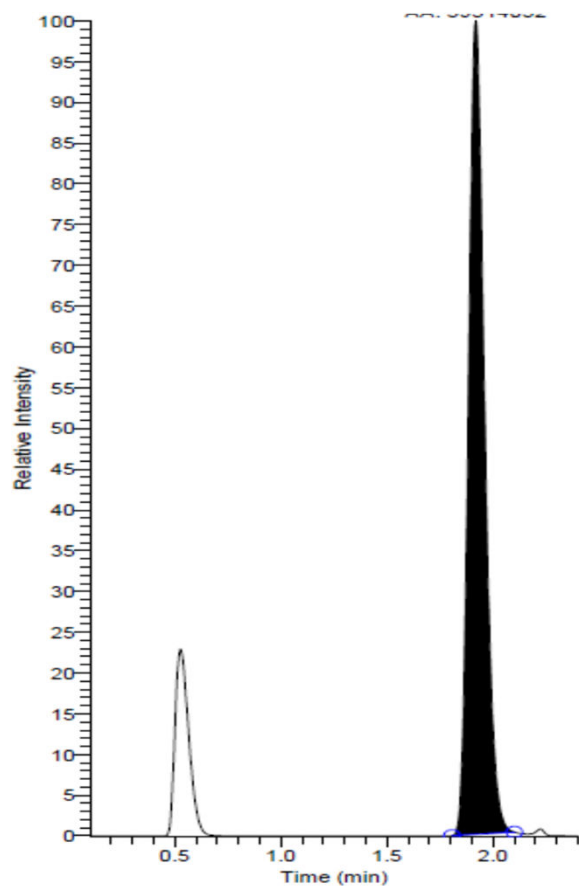
- Small molecule PK in rabbit ocular tissues



- Samples in plasma as well as ocular tissues:
  - Sclera
  - Lens
  - Cornea
  - Aqueous humor
  - Vitreous humor
  - Retina
  - Iris/ Choroid Body
  - RPE-choroid
- A single research method was developed in plasma and used as a surrogate matrix for all tissue analyses

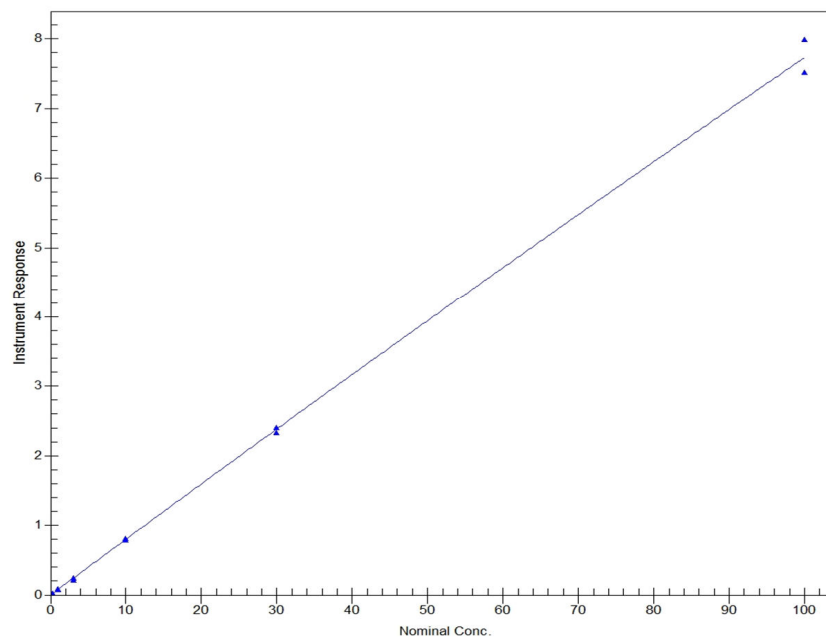
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## CASE STUDY 2: A RESEARCH LEVEL SURROGATE MATRIX APPROACH TO UNDERSTANDING TISSUE PK



	0.300 ng/mL	3.00 ng/mL	30.0 ng/mL
Mean	0.31	3.04	30.6
% CV	9.6	4.1	4.7
% Bias	3.3	1.3	2

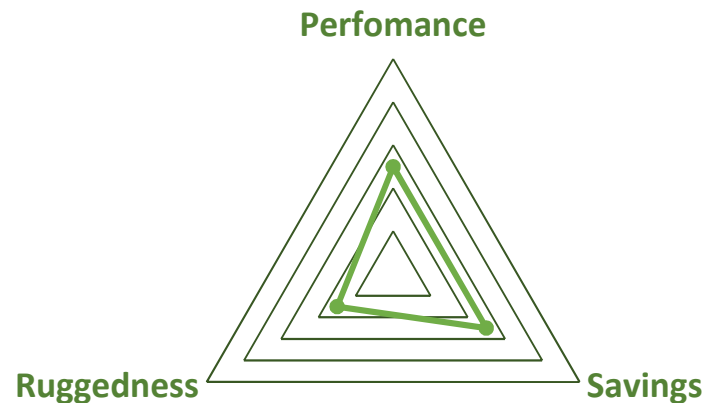
$Response = A * (Conc^{**2}) + B * Conc + C$   
 $A = -0.0000306105$   $B = 0.0804124$   $C = 0.000906057$   $R\text{-Squared} = 0.9937$   
 (Study 0199-1565)



# BALANCING BUDGET AND NEEDS

## CASE STUDY 2: A RESEARCH LEVEL SURROGATE MATRIX APPROACH TO UNDERSTANDING TISSUE PK

- Performance targets of 20% (30% at LLOQ)
- Research level provided enough data to see distribution and initial PK
- 1 research method < 5% the cost of 8 validated methods



## BALANCING BUDGET AND NEEDS

### CASE STUDY 3: A QUALIFIED APPROACH TO SECONDARY MATRIX ANALYSIS IN A GLP-TOX PROGRAM

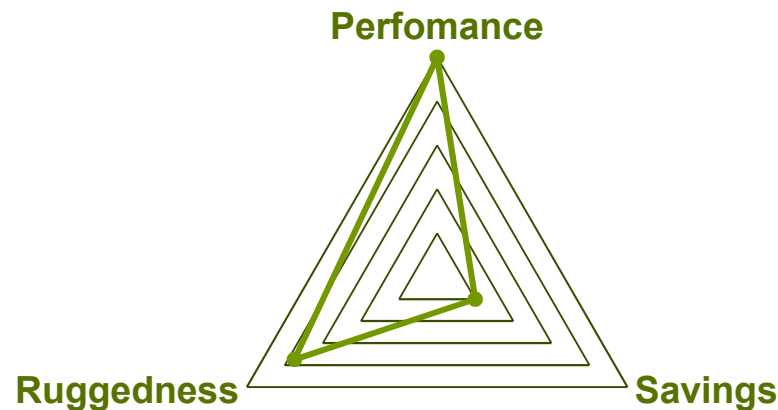
- Oral anti-cancer agent currently in Phase 2/3 clinical trials
- Initial Method Validation
  - Human K<sub>2</sub>EDTA plasma
  - Full regulatory validation to support Phase 1 clinical trials
  - Completed in Early 2013
- May 2014 sponsor now requires additional PK data in human urine
  - Use a Fit-for-Purpose approach (“Qualified Method”)
  - Meets precision and accuracy standards of a fully validated method
  - Does not include all of the additional experiments of a fully validated method (matrix effect, recovery, etc)



# BALANCING BUDGET AND NEEDS

## CASE STUDY 3: A QUALIFIED APPROACH TO SECONDARY MATRIX ANALYSIS IN A GLP-TOX PROGRAM

- Method that meets regulatory criteria
- More expensive than a research method, but less costly than full validation
- Also used for secondary and rare matrices
- Also used for metabolites being quantitated in a separate assay



# EXECUTING A TIERED APPROACH

- Challenges
  - Subjective inclusion/exclusion criteria for some tests
  - Scope Creep
  - Redundant instead of Progressive
  - Overly cautious approaches
  - Robustness level of method not consistent with sample analysis needs at that level
  - Determining the level of formality and review that is appropriate at each level

# A TIERED APPROACH TO BIOANALYSIS

## THOUGHTS AND DISCUSSION

- What approaches are others using?
- Are you seeing similar challenges?
- Are you seeing successes?

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