

# Immunogenicity Information in Labeling

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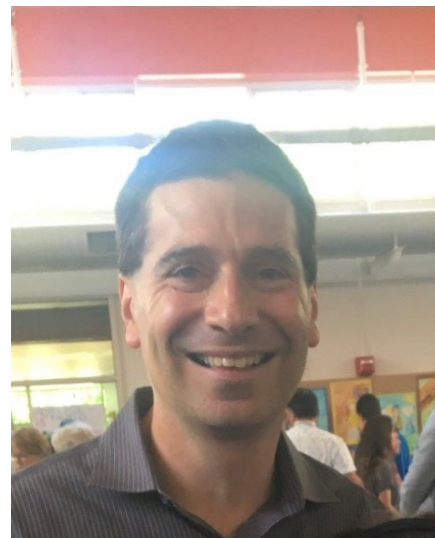
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# Overview of Webinar



- What is immunogenicity and why should we care about immunogenicity?
- How does FDA evaluate immunogenicity?
- Immunogenicity information in labeling

# Part 1: Learning Objectives



- Define immunogenicity
- Review the role of immunogenicity in FDA regulation
- Highlight why immunogenicity is important to consider for drug development
- Provide resources about FDA's approach to immunogenicity (e.g., FDA guidances)

# **What Is Immunogenicity and Why Is It Important To Consider For Drug Development?**

# Defining Immunogenicity<sup>1</sup>



- Immunogenicity is the ability of a substance to trigger an immune response in the body
- We can classify therapeutic immunogenicity into two broad categories:

## Immunogenicity

### Desired Immunogenicity



### Undesired Immunogenicity

- Some biotherapeutic products
- Proteins (e.g., monoclonal antibodies)
- Nucleotides
- Some small molecules (e.g., peptides less than 40 amino acids)

<sup>1</sup> For the purposes of this presentation

# Undesired Immunogenicity



"... immunogenicity is defined as the propensity of the therapeutic protein product or other applicable drug product to generate an immune response to itself, a related structure, or product complex; and/or to induce *immunologically related adverse clinical events*"<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Draft guidance for industry, *Immunogenicity Information in Human Prescription Therapeutic Protein and Select Drug Product Labeling — Content and Format* (February 2022). When final, this guidance will represent the FDA's current thinking on this topic.

# What is the Range of *Immunologically Related Adverse Clinical Events*?



## **Pharmacokinetics, Pharmacodynamics,**

### **Efficacy:**

- No clinically significant effects
- Altered pharmacokinetics (e.g., bioavailability)
- Altered pharmacodynamics
- Change in efficacy

# What is the Range of *Immunologically Related Adverse Clinical Events*?



## **Safety**: potential immune responses

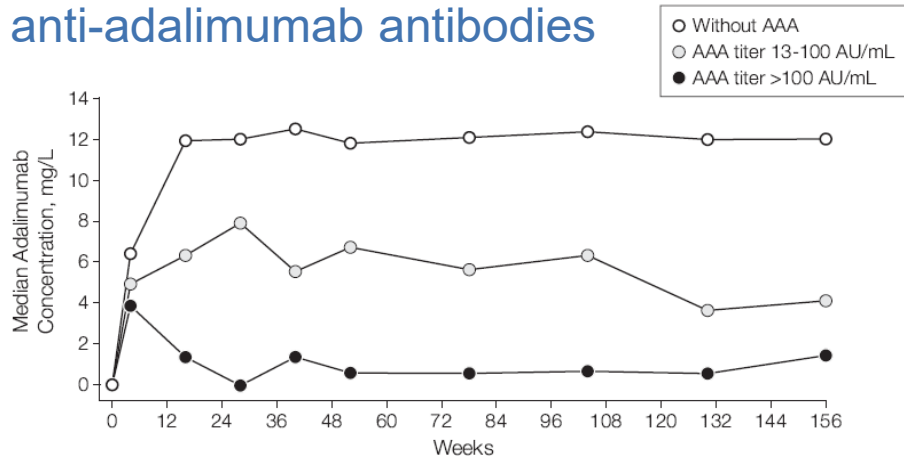
- Cross-react with native protein or receptor
- Potentiate biologic product
- Immune complex formation
- Hypersensitivity reactions
- Cytokine release syndrome

# Reduced Adalimumab Concentrations and Loss of Efficacy Due to Immunogenicity (adalimumab 40 mg subcutaneously every other week in rheumatoid arthritis patients)

**Figure 4.** Overall Patient Dropout and Dropout Due to Treatment Failure

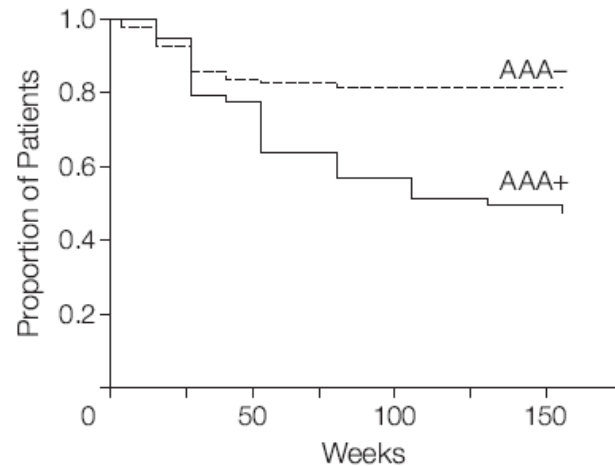
**Figure 2.** Median Adalimumab Concentrations Over Time

AAA = anti-adalimumab antibodies



Week	0	4	16	28	40	52	78	104	130	156
No. of patients										
Without AAA	196	187	177	164	145	139	131	118	107	93
AAA 13-100 AU/ml	45	43	42	37	34	34	28	24	19	17
AAA >100 AU/ml	31	31	28	27	22	19	16	14	11	8

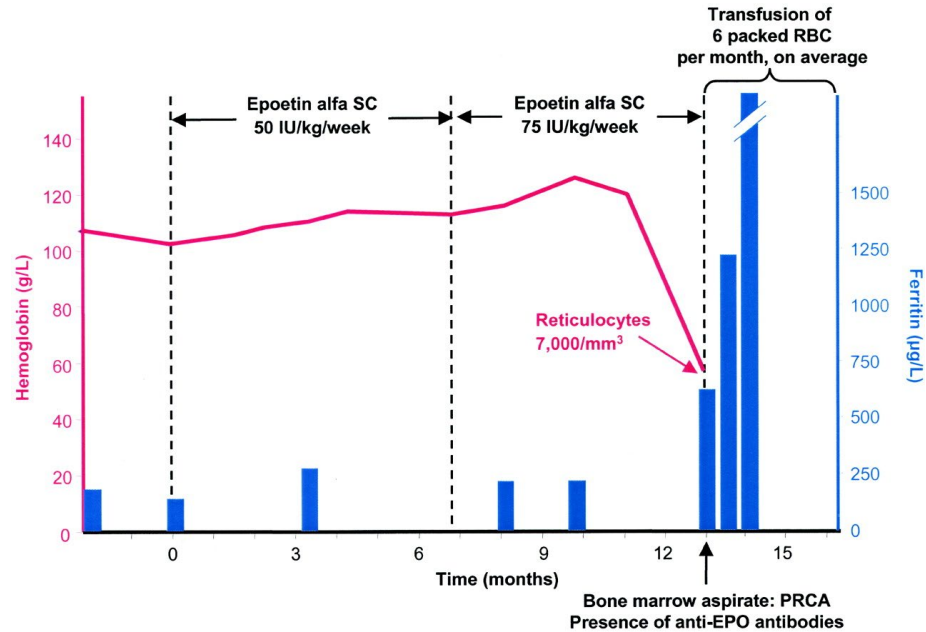
**B** Dropout due to treatment failure



No. at risk	0	4	16	28	40	52	78	104	130	156
AAA-	196	196	187	177	164	145	131	118	107	93
AAA+	76	76	59	43	34	22	16	14	11	8



# Pure Red Cell Aplasia Due to Immunogenicity to Epoetin alfa and Endogenous Erythropoietin



Rare event characterized by a rapid loss of endogenous reticulocytes due to **anti-epoetin alfa antibodies** most often seen in erythropoiesis-stimulating agent-treated patients with chronic kidney disease

Rossert J, et al. *J Am Soc Nephrol.* 2004 Feb;15(2):398-406.

'UpToDate' page on **clinical management of pure red blood aplasia** due to immunogenicity (Accessed February 19, 2022)

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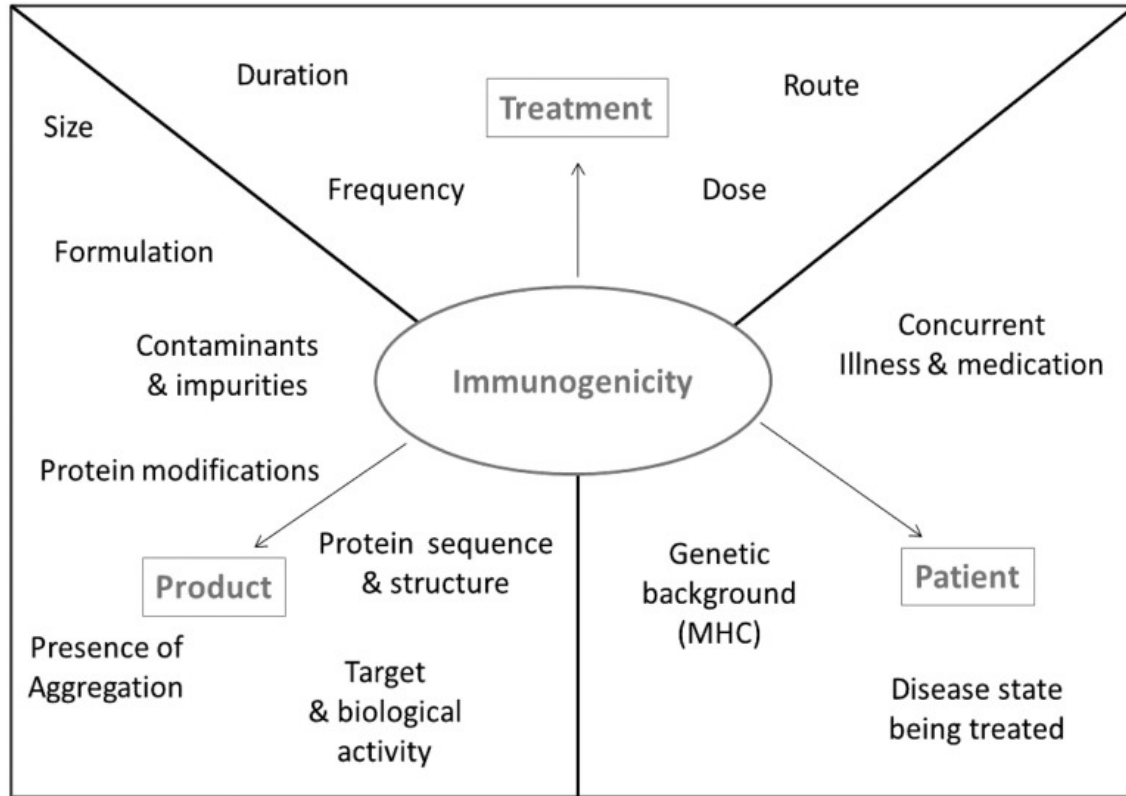
**Pure red cell aplasia (PRCA) due to anti-erythropoiesis-stimulating agent antibodies**

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# How Does FDA Evaluate Immunogenicity?

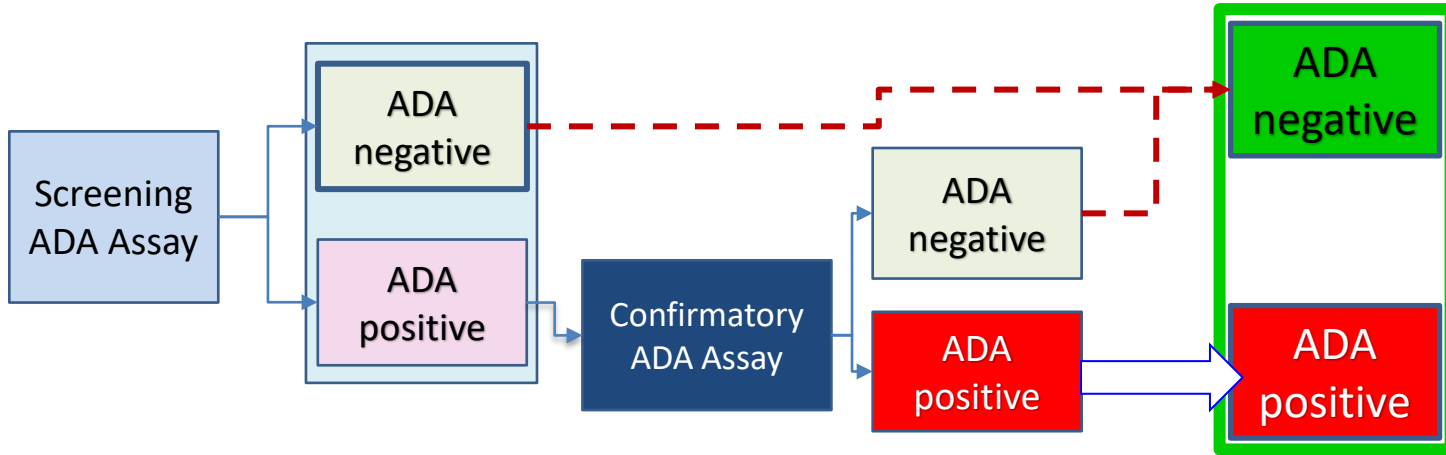
# Factors Impacting Immunogenicity



Ratanji KD et al. Immunogenicity of therapeutic proteins: influence of aggregation. *J Immunotoxicol.* 2013

# How Does FDA Evaluate Immunogenicity?

Immunogenicity is most commonly measured in clinical trials by formation of **anti-drug antibodies (ADA)** (% of patients with ADA)



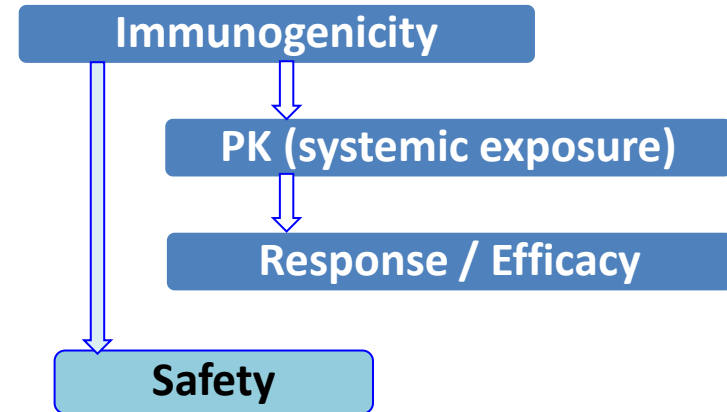
<sup>1</sup> Guidance for industry: *Immunogenicity Testing of Therapeutic Protein Products — Developing and Validating Assays for Anti-Drug Antibody Detection* (January 2019)

# How Does FDA Evaluate The Impact Of Immunogenicity?



Does the *presence or amount (titer) of ADAs* have a clinically meaningful impact on the drug or patient response (*safety and/or efficacy*)?

**Differences in drug concentration, treatment response, or safety signals** are evaluated between patients with and without ADAs (inter) and over time (intra)<sup>1</sup>



<sup>1</sup>Guidance for industry: Immunogenicity Assessment for Therapeutic Protein Products (August 2014)

Slide adapted from Yow-Ming Wang, PhD from Immunogenicity & Bioassay Summit (October 20-21, 2021)

# Undesirable Immunogenicity: Therapeutic Protein Guidances



## [Guidance \(2014\)](#): *Immunogenicity Assessment for Therapeutic Protein Products*

- Discusses product and patient risk factors that may contribute to immune response rates, as well as risk mitigation strategies

## [Guidance \(2019\)](#): *Immunogenicity Testing of Therapeutic Proteins Developing and Validating Assays for Anti-drug Antibody Detection*

- Discusses the development and validation of immunogenicity assays

# Undesirable Immunogenicity: Biosimilar and Interchangeable Biosimilar Product Guidances

[Guidance \(2015\)](#): *Scientific Considerations in Demonstrating Biosimilarity to a Reference Product*

- Discusses assessment of biosimilarity which can include a comparison of clinical immunogenicity

[Guidance \(2017\)](#): *Considerations in Demonstrating Interchangeability to a Reference Product*

- Discusses assessment of interchangeability which can include a switching study to evaluate if switching results in differences in immunogenicity

# Undesirable Immunogenicity: Generic Drugs



[Guidance \(2016\)](#): *Immunogenicity-Related Considerations for Low Molecular Weight Heparin*

- Discusses an alternative ANDA approach that can be used to assess the effect of certain changes on the product's immunogenicity risk

[Guidance \(2021\)](#): *ANDAs for Certain Highly Purified Synthetic Peptide Drug Products That Refer to Listed Drugs of rDNA Origin*

- Discusses identification, reduction, and mitigation of risks related to peptide-related impurities, which can include immunogenicity risk



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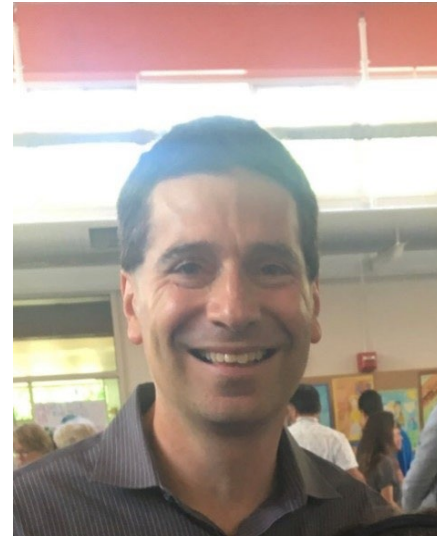
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# Immunogenicity Information in Labeling

## Part 2: Learning Objectives



- Discuss creation of the new dedicated labeling subsection 12.6 for immunogenicity information (*Immunogenicity* subsection)
- Provide an overview on how to develop the *Immunogenicity* subsection
- Describe when and how to incorporate immunogenicity information in other sections of labeling
- Provide recommendations on when to update immunogenicity information in labeling

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# Immunogenicity Information in Human Prescription Therapeutic Protein and Select Drug Product Labeling — Content and Format Guidance for Industry

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# Immunogenicity Labeling Draft Guidance<sup>1</sup>



Assist applicants with incorporating immunogenicity information into labeling of therapeutic proteins and select drug products that have immunogenicity assessments<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Draft guidance for industry, [Immunogenicity Information in Human Prescription Therapeutic Protein and Select Drug Product Labeling — Content and Format](#) (February 2022) (referred to as the Immunogenicity Labeling Draft Guidance herein). When final, this guidance will represent the FDA's current thinking on this topic.

<sup>2</sup> Select drug products with immunogenicity assessments include peptides, oligonucleotides, and low molecular weight heparins

# Immunogenicity Labeling Draft Guidance



Presenting immunogenicity information in a consistent manner will enable health care practitioners to more easily identify and differentiate between:



Products associated with clinically significant immunogenicity

Products whose ADA are not associated with clinically significant effects on PK, PD, safety, or effectiveness

# Historical Placement of Immunogenicity Information in Labeling<sup>1</sup>



Review of 71 therapeutic proteins and drug products approved by CDER during a recent five-year period (2014-2018) with immunogenicity information in labeling

- 98% of labeling included immunogenicity information in the ADVERSE REACTIONS section
- 30% of labeling did not include any statements regarding the immunogenicity impact on safety or effectiveness<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Guinn, D., Madabushi, R., Wang, Y., Brodsky, E., Zineh, I., and Maxfield, K. *Communicating Immunogenicity-Associated Risk in Current U.S. FDA Prescription Drug Labeling: A Systematic Evaluation*. Ther Innov Regul Sci (2020). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s43441-020-00161-z>

<sup>2</sup> Categories of impact on safety or effectiveness include observed or potential impact, unknown impact, or no observed impact

# FDA Recommends a Dedicated *Immunogenicity* Subsection

Reserve other sections for description of only clinically significant effects of immunogenicity

Allows for a consistent location for summarizing immunogenicity data and its PK and PD effects

<b>BOXED WARNING</b>
<b>1 INDICATIONS AND USAGE</b>
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# For Structured Product Labeling Developers

When selecting appropriate SPL codes for human prescription drug labeling, we recommend drug developers select the most specific, appropriate Logical Observation Identifiers Names and Codes (LOINC) – *Immunogenicity* subsection LOINC

**Table 1: HUMAN PRESCRIPTION DRUG AND BIOLOGICAL PRODUCTS  
PLR FORMAT PRESCRIBING INFORMATION**

**Full Prescribing Information**

<b>LOINC Code</b>	<b>LOINC Name</b>	<b>Section/Subsection Name as Per 21 CFR 201.56(d) and 201.57(c) or by Guidance</b>
34090-1	CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY SECTION	12 CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY section
43679-0	MECHANISM OF ACTION SECTION	12.1 Mechanism of Action subsection
43681-6	PHARMACODYNAMICS SECTION	12.2 Pharmacodynamics subsection
43682-4	PHARMACOKINETICS SECTION	12.3 Pharmacokinetics subsection
49489-8	MICROBIOLOGY SECTION	12.4 Microbiology subsection
66106-6	PHARMACOGENOMICS SECTION	12.5 Pharmacogenomics subsection
88830-5	IMMUNOGENICITY	12.6 Immunogenicity subsection

# Principles of Placing Immunogenicity Information in Labeling



Location of immunogenicity information in labeling depends on:

1. Adequacy of the methodology for ADA detection
2. Sufficiency of data to draw clinical conclusions, and
3. Whether the ADA may have clinically significant effect(s)

# *Immunogenicity* Subsection (Subsection 12.6)

Essentially all therapeutic proteins and selected drug products will have an *Immunogenicity* subsection (subsection 12.6)

***Immunogenicity* Subsection  
(Subsection 12.6)  
Methodology is Inadequate**

# When Methodology for Immunogenicity Evaluation is Inadequate

(*Immunogenicity Subsection*)



## 12 CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY

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### 12.6 Immunogenicity

There is **insufficient information** to characterize the ADA response to *[proper name]* and the effects of ADA on PK, PD, safety, or effectiveness of *[core name]* products.

***Immunogenicity* Subsection  
(Subsection 12.6)  
Methodology is Adequate**

# When Methodology for Immunogenicity Evaluation is Adequate (*Immunogenicity Subsection*)

## #1 Immunogenicity Clarification Statement

### 12.6 Immunogenicity

The observed incidence of ADA is highly dependent on the sensitivity and specificity of the assay. Differences in assay methods preclude meaningful comparisons of the incidence of ADA in the studies described below with the incidence of ADA in other studies, including those of *[proper name]* or of other *[core name]* products.

# When Methodology for Immunogenicity Evaluation is Adequate (*Immunogenicity Subsection*)

## #2 ADA data and #3 ADA effects on PK or PD

Include the following in the *Immunogenicity* subsection:

- ADA incidence (including neutralizing antibodies)
- Known effects of ADA on:
  - PK under the Anti-Drug Antibody Effects on Pharmacokinetics heading
  - PD under the Anti-Drug Antibody Effects on Pharmacodynamics heading



# Clinically Significant ADA Example #1

(when methodology is adequate)  
(*Immunogenicity Subsection*) (1 of 2)

## 12.6 Immunogenicity

*[#1 Include immunogenicity clarification statement]*

### #2 ADA Data

During the six-month treatment period in Studies A, B, and C, 312/1200 (26%) of DRUG-X-treated patients developed anti-drugimab-wxyz antibodies.

# Clinically Significant ADA Example #1

(when methodology is adequate)  
*(Immunogenicity Subsection)* (2 of 2)

## Anti-Drug Antibody Effects on Pharmacokinetics

### #3 Effects of ADA on PK

The presence of anti-drugimab-wxyz antibodies increased drugimab-wxyz clearance. After six months of dosing every three weeks, drugimab-wxyz serum trough concentrations in patients who developed anti-drugimab-wxyz antibodies ranged from < 0.1 (undetectable) to 2 mcg/mL compared to a range of 3 to 6 mcg/mL in patients who had not developed anti-drugimab-wxyz antibodies.

### #4 Brief statement of potential clinical effects

Anti-drugimab-wxyz antibody formation was associated with reduced efficacy [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.x)* and *Clinical Studies (14)*].

# Clinically Significant ADA Example #2 (when methodology is adequate)

## 12.6 Immunogenicity

*[#1 Include immunogenicity clarification statement]*

#2 ADA Data

During the six-month treatment period in Studies A, B, and C, 312/1200 (26%) of DRUG-X-treated patients developed anti-drugimab-wxyz antibodies.

#4 Brief statement of potential clinical effects

Anti-drugimab-wxyz antibody formation was associated with a higher incidence of hypersensitivity AR than observed in DRUG-X-treated patients without anti-drugimab-wxyz antibodies *[see Adverse Reactions (6.1)]*. The effect of ADA on PK and effectiveness have not been fully characterized.

# Insufficient Data To Determine Clinical Effects of **ADA: Example #3 (when methodology is adequate)** **(Immunogenicity Subsection) (1 of 2)**

Low ADA percentage; thus, it is unknown if ADA is clinically significant

## **12.6 Immunogenicity**

*[#1 Include immunogenicity clarification statement]*

#2 ADA Data

In the six-month treatment period in Studies A, B, and C, the incidence of anti-drugimab-wxyz antibody formation was 1% (12 of 1,200 total DRUG-X-treated patients).

#4 Brief statement of potential clinical effects

Because of the low occurrence of ADA, the effect of these antibodies on the PK, PD, safety, and/or effectiveness of drugimab products is unknown.

# Insufficient Data To Determine Clinical Effects of **ADA: Example #4 (when methodology is adequate)** **(Immunogenicity Subsection) (1 of 2)**

ADA has PK effects but unknown if PK effects are clinically significant

## **12.6 Immunogenicity**

*[#1 Include immunogenicity clarification statement]*

### **#2 ADA Data**

During the one-year treatment period in Study A, 15/300 (5%) of DRUG-X-treated patients developed anti-drugimab-wxyz antibodies.

# Inufficient Data To Determine Clinical Effects of

## ADA: Example #4 (when methodology is adequate) (*Immunogenicity Subsection*) (2 of 2)

ADA has PK effects but unknown if PK effects are clinically significant

#3 ADA effects on PK and #4 brief statement of potential clinical effects

### Anti-Drug Antibody Effects on Pharmacokinetics

Among DRUG-X-treated patients who developed ADA, 5 of 7 patients with drugimab-wxyz exposure data available had reduced drugimab-wxyz concentrations (approximately 20% lower compared to patients who did not develop anti-drugimab-wxyz antibodies). There is insufficient data to assess whether observed ADA-associated PK changes reduce effectiveness.

# Clinically Insignificant ADA Example #5 (when methodology is adequate) (*Immunogenicity Subsection*)

## 12.6 Immunogenicity

[#1 Include immunogenicity clarification statement]

#2 ADA Data

During the six-month treatment period in Studies A, B, and C, 312/1200 (26%) of DRUG-X-treated patients developed anti-drugimab-wxyz antibodies.

#4 Brief statement of potential clinical effects

There was no identified clinically significant effect of ADA on PK, PD, safety, or effectiveness of DRUG-X over the treatment duration of six months.

# Clinically Insignificant ADA Example #6 (when methodology is adequate) (*Immunogenicity Subsection*)

ADA effects PK but these effects are not clinically significant

## 12.6 Immunogenicity

[#1 Include immunogenicity clarification statement]

#2 ADA Data

During the one-year treatment period in Study A, 15/300 (5%) of DRUG-X-treated patients developed anti-drugimab-wxyz antibodies.

#3 ADA effects on PK and #4 brief statement of potential clinical effects

### Anti-Drug-Antibody Effects on Pharmacokinetics

Among DRUG-X-treated patients who developed ADA, 5 of 7 patients with drugimab-wxyz exposure data available had reduced drugimab-wxyz concentrations (approximately 10% lower compared to patients who did not develop anti-drugimab-wxyz antibodies). These ADA-associated PK changes were not identified to be clinically significant.



# **ADVERSE REACTIONS Section (Section 6)**

# **(1) Clinical Effects of ADA on AR Are Unknown<sup>1</sup> or (2) No Clinically Significant Effect of ADA on AR**

Should not include any ADA information in the ADVERSE REACTIONS section

<sup>1</sup> See the exception for this category on a subsequent slide for “Narrow Therapeutic Index” drugs

# ADA Associated AR (Clinically Significant ADA) in ADVERSE REACTIONS Section

## 6 ADVERSE REACTIONS

### 6.1 Clinical Trials Experience

Summarize AR associated with ADA

#### Immunogenicity: Anti-Drug Antibody-Associated Adverse Reactions

In Studies A, B, and C in patients with psoriasis, hypersensitivity reactions (urticaria, pruritus, and flushing) occurred in 9% of DRUG-X-treated patients with anti-drugimab-wxyz antibodies and in 2% of DRUG-X-treated patients who did not develop anti-drugimab-wxyz antibodies during the six-month treatment period [see *Clinical Pharmacology (12.6)*]. In these studies, one DRUG-X-treated patient with anti-drugimab-wxyz antibodies developed anaphylaxis [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.x)*].

# Clinical Effects of ADA on AR Is Unknown for a “Narrow Therapeutic Index” Drug:<sup>1</sup> ADVERSE REACTIONS Section

## 6 ADVERSE REACTIONS

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### 6.1 Clinical Trials Experience

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Immunogenicity: Unknown Clinical Effects of Anti-Drug Antibodies

There are insufficient data to evaluate the effect of ADA antibodies on AR [see *Clinical Pharmacology (12.6)*].

<sup>1</sup> “Narrow Therapeutic Index” drugs are defined for the purposes of this presentation as those for which minimal concentration changes may lead to serious toxicities or a loss of effectiveness

# **CLINICAL STUDIES Section (Section 14)**

# **(1) Clinical Effects of ADA on Effectiveness Are Unknown<sup>1</sup> or (2) No Clinically Significant Effect of ADA on Effectiveness**

Should not include any ADA subgroup effectiveness information in the **CLINICAL STUDIES** section

<sup>1</sup> See the exception for this category on a subsequent slide for “Narrow Therapeutic Index” drugs

# ADA Associated With Clinically Significant Change in Effectiveness in CLINICAL STUDIES

## Section (1 of 2)

### 14 CLINICAL STUDIES

#### #1 Description and results

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In Studies A, B, and C in patients with psoriasis, the primary endpoint was the proportion of patients who achieved a reduction in the PASI score of at least 75% from baseline to month 6 (PASI 75). At month 6, 89% (890/1000) of DRUG-X-treated and 10% (100/1000) of control-treated patients in the pooled studies achieved PASI 75, respectively.

# ADA Associated With Clinically Significant Change in Effectiveness in CLINICAL STUDIES Section

## #2 Subgroup analysis by ADA response

... Among DRUG-X-treated patients who developed anti-drugimab-wxyz antibodies during the six-month treatment period, 50% (15/30) achieved PASI 75, compared to 90% (875/970) of DRUG-X-treated patients who did not develop anti-drugimab-wxyz antibodies ... [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.x)* and *Clinical Pharmacology (12.6)*].



# Clinical Effects of ADA on Effectiveness Are Unknown for a “Narrow Therapeutic Index” Drug:<sup>1</sup> CLINICAL STUDIES Section

## 14 CLINICAL STUDIES

*[[Include description and results of studies]]...*

There are insufficient data to evaluate the effect of ADA on *[[include efficacy endpoint]]*.

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# **WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS**

## **Section**

### **(Section 5)**

# ADA-Associated Clinically Significant AR or Risks From ADA: W&P Section (1 of 2)

Succinct description of clinically significant AR or risks from ADA

## 5 WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

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### 5.x Severe Hypersensitivity Reactions Including Anaphylaxis

Severe hypersensitivity reactions (bronchospasm, angioedema, and anaphylaxis) have occurred in DRUG-X-treated patients.

# ADA-Associated Clinically Significant AR or Risks From ADA: W&P Section (2 of 2)

## Estimate of rate of clinically significant AR or risks from ADA

... In Studies A, B, and C, 2 out of 1,200 DRUG-X-treated patients with psoriasis developed anaphylaxis during the 6-month treatment period; one of those patients developed anti-drugimab-wxyz antibodies [see *Adverse Reactions (6.1)* and *Clinical Pharmacology (12.6)*].

## Clinically actionable recommendations

If DRUG-X-treated patients develop a severe hypersensitivity reaction, discontinue DRUG-X [see *Contraindications (4)*].

# Clinically Significant Changes in Effectiveness Associated with ADA: W&P Section

W&P section should include clinically significant changes in effectiveness associated with ADA

# Updating Immunogenicity Information in Labeling

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- When new immunogenicity data/information could affect prescribing decisions or the clinical management, applicants should submit to FDA proposed revised labeling containing the updated immunogenicity information
- When this guidance is final, FDA recommends that applicants propose labeling updates to be consistent with the format and organizational recommendations in this guidance (e.g., during the next planned prior approval supplement)

# Updating Immunogenicity Information in Labeling



Applicants can voluntarily update their labeling to be consistent with the recommendations in this draft guidance





# Immunogenicity Information in Labeling: Comments to Docket

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# Challenge Question #1



Which of the following statements is **inconsistent** with FDA's recommendations for the *Immunogenicity* subsection (subsection 12.6)?

1. Summarize results from immunogenicity studies
2. Briefly identify potential ADA effects on pharmacokinetics
3. Provide the duration of exposure to the drug and time period for sampling ADA
4. Remove this subsection if there are insufficient data to determine clinical effects of ADA
5. Provide neutralizing antibodies

# Challenge Question #2



What ADA information should appear in the ADVERSE REACTIONS section?

1. ADA incidence regardless of whether ADA are associated with AR
2. ADA incidence only when ADA are associated with AR
3. ADA incidence only when there is no clinically significant effect of ADA on safety
4. Adverse reactions associated with ADA (e.g., hypersensitivity reactions)
5. Both 2 and 4

ADA = anti-drug antibodies

# Challenge Question #3



What immunogenicity information should appear in the CLINICAL STUDIES section?

1. ADA incidence only when ADA associated with clinically significant change in effectiveness
2. Adverse reactions associated with ADA (e.g., hypersensitivity reactions)
3. Routinely include subgroup effectiveness analysis by ADA formation
4. Include subgroup effectiveness analysis by ADA formation when ADA associated with clinically significant change in effectiveness
5. Both 1 and 4

# Challenge Question #4



What immunogenicity information should appear in the WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS section, if known?

1. Succinct description of clinically significant adverse reactions or risks from ADA
2. Clinically significant changes in effectiveness associated with ADA
3. Numerical estimate of the rate of the clinically significant adverse reactions or risks
4. Clinically actionable recommendations (e.g., premedication to reduce risk of hypersensitivity reactions)
5. All the above

# Challenge Question #5



Immunogenicity information in the labeling must, should, or may be updated when:

1. New immunogenicity data/information becomes available that could affect prescribing decisions (e.g., hypersensitivity reactions associated with ADA)
2. Applicant submits next supplement (e.g., to move ADA incidence from the ADVERSE REACTIONS section to new *Immunogenicity* subsection – subsection 12.6)
3. Only when new information becomes available that causes immunogenicity information in labeling to be inaccurate
4. Both 1 and 2

# Q&A Session



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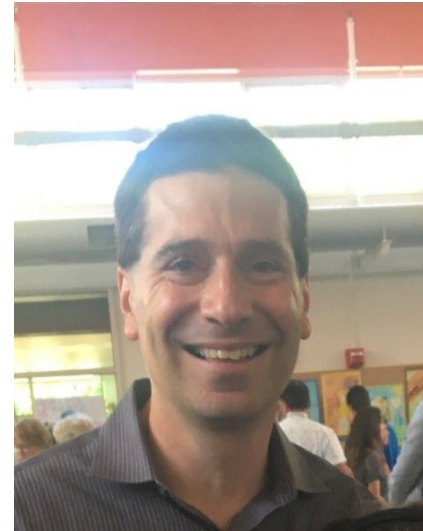
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# Summary: Immunogenicity Labeling Guidance



1. Recommends distinguishing between products associated with clinically significant immunogenicity with products with immunogenicity without identified clinically significant effects
2. Recommends a new dedicated subsection (*Immunogenicity* subsection – subsection 12.6) in the CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY section

# SBIA Closing



- Recording posted within 5 days: [www.fda.gov/cdersbialearn](http://www.fda.gov/cdersbialearn)
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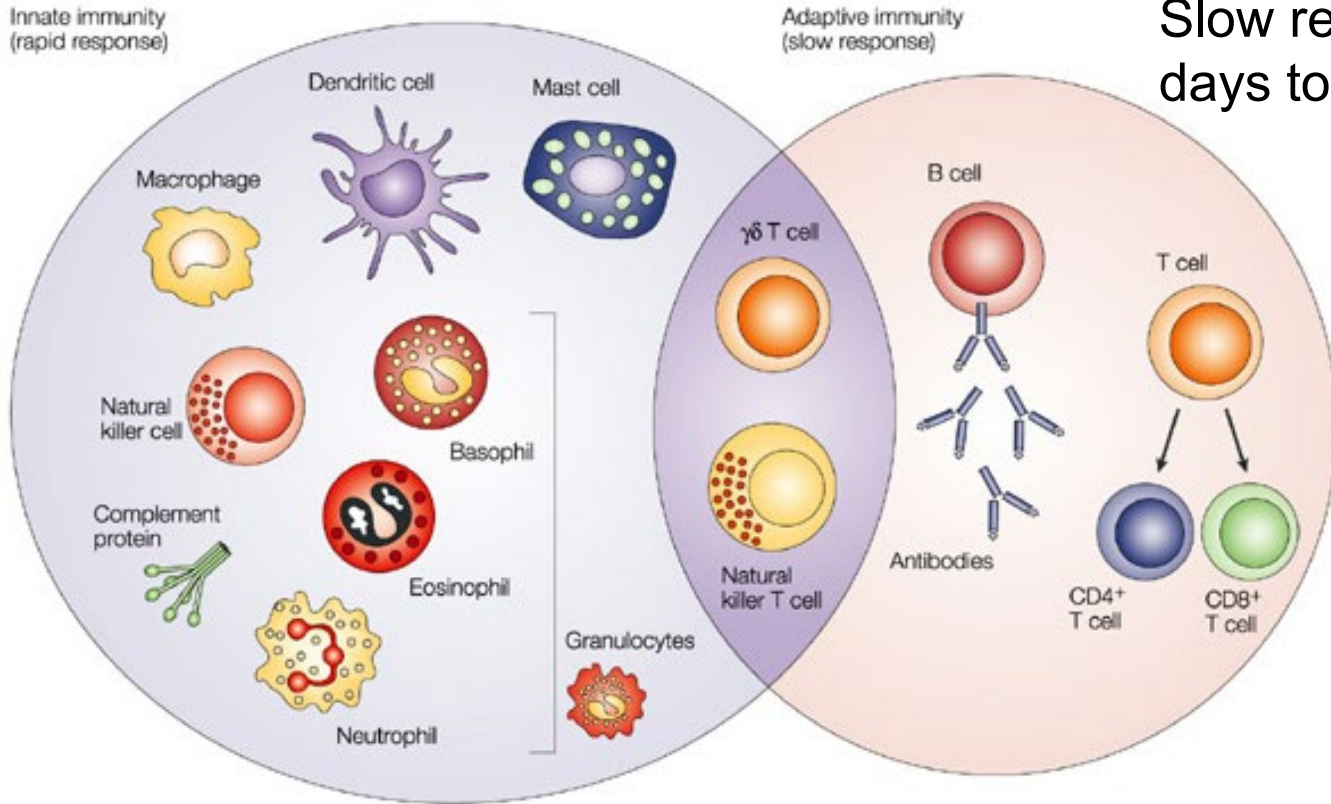
# Additional Slides

# Innate versus Adaptive Immunity

Slow response =  
days to weeks

Fast  
response =  
minutes to  
hours

Innate  
Immunity



Adaptive  
Immunity

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# Resources



- [Draft guidance for industry, \*Immunogenicity Information in Human Prescription Therapeutic Protein and Select Drug Product Labeling — Content and Format\* \(February 2022\).](#)
- [Prescription Drug Labeling Resources](#)
- Immunogenicity development guidances:
  - [Immunogenicity Assessment for Therapeutic Protein Products \(August 2014\)](#)
  - [Immunogenicity Testing of Therapeutic Proteins Developing and Validating Assays for Anti-drug Antibody Detection \(January 2019\)](#)
  - [Scientific Considerations in Demonstrating Biosimilarity to a Reference Product \(April 2015\)](#)
  - [Considerations in Demonstrating Interchangeability to a Reference Product \(May 2019\)](#)
  - [Immunogenicity-Related Considerations for Low Molecular Weight Heparin \(February 2016\)](#)
  - [ANDAs for Certain Highly Purified Synthetic Peptide Drug Products That Refer to Listed Drugs of rDNA Origin \(May 2021\)](#)



# Prescription Drug Labeling Resources





# Prescription Drug Labeling Resources



FDA's *Prescription Drug Labeling Resources* website provides over 150 labeling resources for the Prescribing Information, FDA-approved patient labeling, and/or carton and container labeling for human prescription drugs, including biological products (including over 50 guidances with labeling content) - see [Overview of Website](#).

## Highlights of Prescribing Information: Format Sample

<p><b>HIGHLIGHTS OF PRESCRIBING INFORMATION</b>          These highlights do not include all the information needed to use <b>PROPRIETARY NAME</b> safely and effectively. See full prescribing information for <b>PROPRIETARY NAME</b>.</p> <p><b>PROPRIETARY NAME</b> (nonproprietary name) dosage form, route of administration, controlled substance symbol          Initial U.S. Approval: YYYY</p>	
<p><b>WARNING: TITLE OF WARNING</b>          See full prescribing information for complete boxed warning.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Text (4)</li> <li>Text (5.x)</li> </ul>	
<p>-----<b>RECENT MAJOR CHANGES</b>-----          Section Title, Subsection Title (x.x) M/YYYY          Section Title, Subsection Title (x.x) M/YYYY</p>	
<p>-----<b>INDICATIONS AND USAGE</b>-----  <b>PROPRIETARY NAME</b> is a (insert FDA established pharmacologic class text phrase) indicated for ... (1)</p> <p><u>Limitations of Use</u>          Text (1)</p>	
<p>-----<b>DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION</b>-----  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Text (2.x)</li> <li>Text (2.x)</li> </ul> </p>	
<p>-----<b>DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS</b>-----          Dosage form(s); strength(s) (3)</p>	
<p>-----<b>CONTRAINDICATIONS</b>-----  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Text (4)</li> <li>Text (4)</li> </ul> </p>	
<p>-----<b>WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS</b>-----  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Text (5.x)</li> <li>Text (5.x)</li> </ul> </p>	
<p>-----<b>ADVERSE REACTIONS</b>-----          Most common adverse reactions (incidence &gt; x%) are text (6.x)</p> <p>To report <b>SUSPECTED ADVERSE REACTIONS</b>, contact name of manufacturer at toll-free phone # or FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088 or <a href="http://www.fda.gov/medwatch">www.fda.gov/medwatch</a>.</p>	
<p>-----<b>DRUG INTERACTIONS</b>-----  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Text (7.x)</li> <li>Text (7.x)</li> </ul> </p>	
<p>-----<b>USE IN SPECIFIC POPULATIONS</b>-----  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Text (8.x)</li> <li>Text (8.x)</li> </ul> </p>	
<p>See 17 for <b>PATIENT COUNSELING INFORMATION</b> and FDA-approved patient labeling <u>Q2</u> and Medication Guide.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Revised: M/YYYY</p>	



# Prescription Drug Labeling Resources

## Webpage (1 of 2)<sup>1</sup>



- Prescribing Information (PI) Requirements and Rules
- PI Guidances
- Presentations
  - Sections of the PI
  - Broad Labeling Content
- Safety-Related Labeling Resources
- PLLR Resources
- Sample Templates and Format Tools for PI
- Established Pharmacologic Class Resources

# Prescription Drug Labeling Resources

## Webpage (2 of 2)<sup>1</sup>



- Product-Specific Labeling Resources
  - Generic Drugs
  - Biological Products
- Product Quality-Related Labeling Resources
- Resources for Other Labeling Types
  - Patient Labeling
  - Carton and Container Labeling
- SPL Resources
- Labeling-Related Databases

# Notable Recently Published Labeling Guidances Over Past Three Years

- [\(Draft\) Immunogenicity Information in Human Prescription Therapeutic Protein and Select Drug Product Labeling.](#) February 2022.
- [\(Draft\) Geriatric Information in Human Prescription Drug and Biological Product Labeling.](#) September 2020.
- [\(Revised Draft\) Pregnancy, Lactation, and Reproductive Potential: Labeling for Human Prescription Drug and Biological Products - Content and Format.](#) July 2020.
- [\(Draft\) Instructions for Use - Patient Labeling for Human Prescription Drug and Biological Products and Drug-Device and Biologic-Device Combination Products - Content and Format.](#) July 2019
- [\(Draft\) Drug Abuse and Dependence Section of Labeling for Human Prescription Drug and Biological Products - Content and Format.](#) July 2019.
- [Pediatric Information Incorporated Into Human Prescription Drug and Biological Products Labeling.](#) March 2019.

