



# Avid Case Study – Taking Your Molecule Through Process Validation

**AVID**  
BIOSERVICES

## IMPROVING PATIENT LIVES

by consistently delivering high-quality biopharmaceutical products

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# Presentation Objective

To share Avid's experiences in planning, executing, and completing process validation campaigns

## William Leonardi

Will be presenting the **planning** cycle of Process Validation Campaign

### Avid Bioservices Overview

- Avid Capabilities and Track Record Supporting Multiple Process Validation Campaigns

### Process Validation Planning

- Project Management Involvement in Process Validation Life Cycles

## David Briggs

Will be presenting the **execution** cycle of Process Validation Campaign

### Process Validation Execution

- Avid Approach in Executing Process Validation Campaign

### Summary

- Key factors to ensure the execution of Process Validation

# CDMOs are an Important Partner to the Biopharmaceutical Industries

World-wide pharma market is expected to reach \$1.5 trillion by 2021

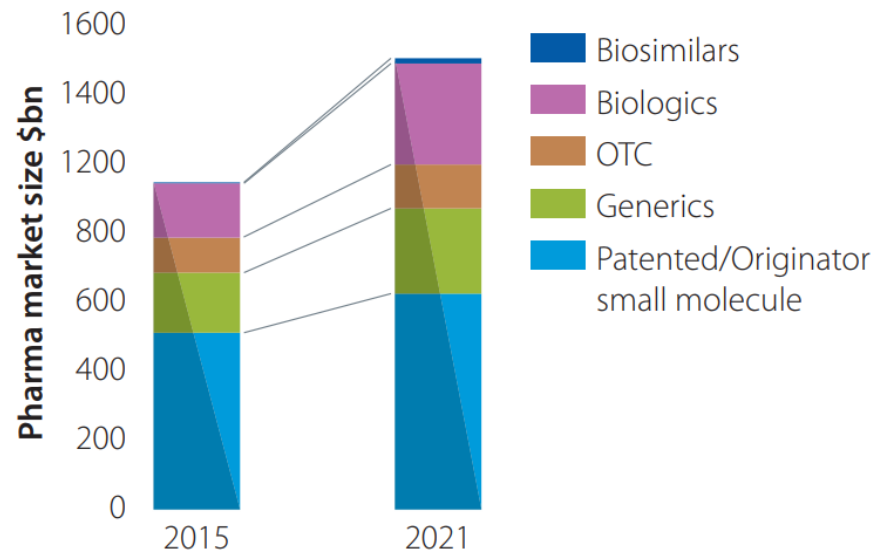


Figure 1 Global pharmaceutical market 2015-2021

- Biologics and Biosimilar show a faster paced growth than among other sectors (22.2% market share in 2021 vs 16.6% in 2015)
- 220 New Drugs are expected to be introduced in 2021 (biologics products lead the growth) – Demand for biologics manufacturing will increase
- The introduction of new biologic products to the market will require biopharma companies to build inventory prior to launch – Partnering with CDMO to secure the supply
- Externalizing manufacturing of biologic products to CDMO is highly desirable to reduce time to market and operational expense - pharma and biotech companies can focus on its core capabilities and strengths

A CDMO helps to advance products from development to manufacturing and eventually the commercialization stage

# Avid Bioservices Overview



# Established Track Record as a Clinical & Commercial Biologics CDMO

**26** ➤ Years of experience developing in-house product & technology

**26** ➤ Years of biologics manufacturing experience

**14** ➤ Years of successful inspection history

**14** ➤ Years of cGMP commercial manufacturing

**11** ➤ Years of with single-use technology, multiple platforms

**9** ➤ Successful process validation campaigns

**6** ➤ Successful pre-approval inspections



# State of The Art cGMP Manufacturing Facilities

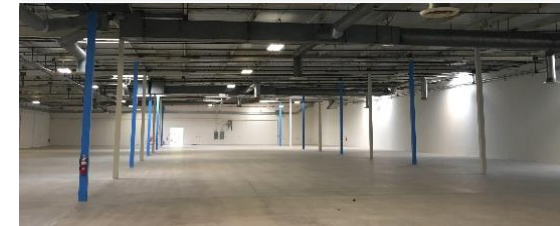
## Commercial manufacturing since 2005



## Fully disposable manufacturing process



## Future Expansion



### Facility Overview

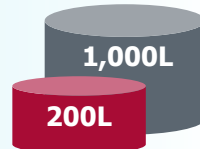
#### Franklin Facility

- 12,000 ft<sup>2</sup> facility
- cGMP manufacturing since 1993
- Inspected by multiple regulatory agencies

### Capacity



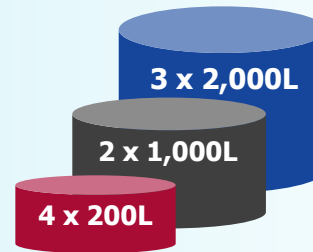
Stainless Steel



Single-use

#### Myford 1 Facility

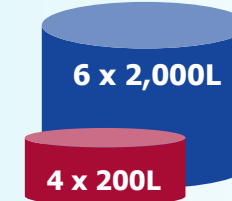
- 42,000 ft<sup>2</sup> facility
- Commissioned in 2016
- Integrated QC labs for in-process samples, final release, & environmental monitoring



Single-use

#### Myford 2 Expansion

- 42,000 ft<sup>2</sup> open space
- Facility Design with twice the capacity as Myford 1



Single-use

Actual configuration TBD

# Process Validation Campaign Planning





# Process Validation

## Controlled process to assure consistent drug quality

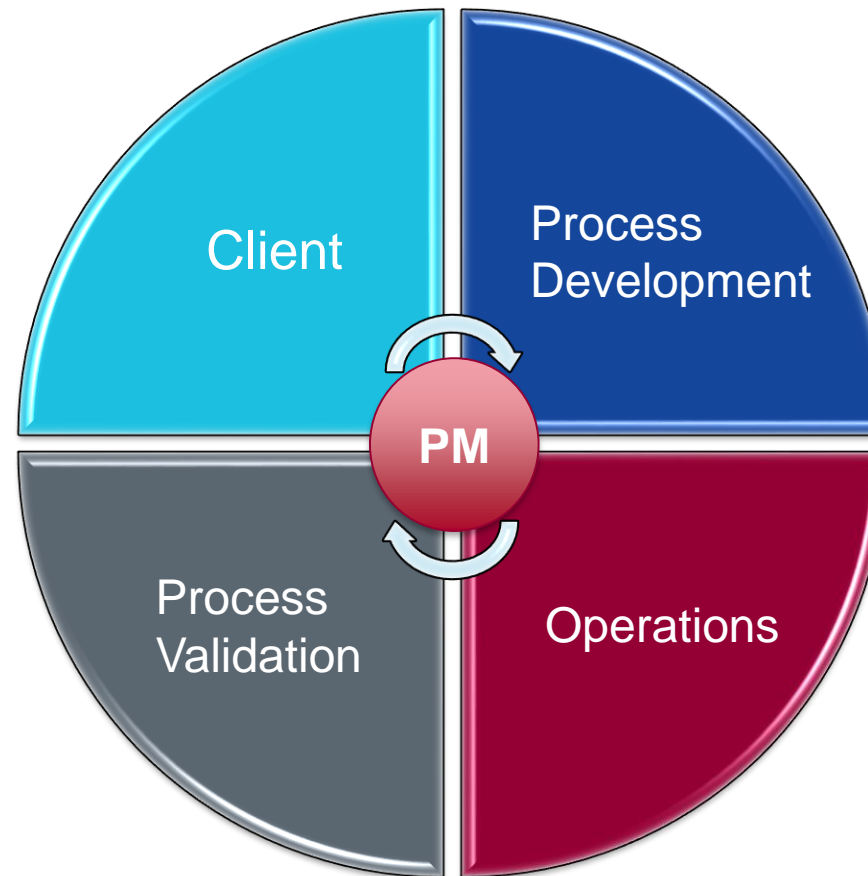
According to the FDA's 2011 Process Validation (PV) guidance, "For purposes of this guidance, process validation is defined as the collection and evaluation of data, from the process design stage through commercial production, which establishes scientific evidence that a process is capable of consistently delivering quality product. Process validation involves a series of activities taking place over the lifecycle of the product and process."





# Project Management Hands On Involvement Throughout Process Validation Life Cycle

Avid Project Manager (PM) works focused on managing the overall life cycle of Process Validation by 1) Planning and Coordinating multiple activities and 2) Providing real time information's and Outstanding customer services to multiple stake holders



# Process Validation Planning Life Cycle



Initiation	Planning	Monitoring and Control	Closure
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Estimate BLA submission time</li> <li>2. Determine study requirements</li> <li>3. Determine process validation strategy</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Timeline generation.</li> <li>2. Identify and confirm responsible lead</li> <li>3. Finalized Project Charter</li> <li>4. Stakeholder approval</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Periodical meeting (internal and external)</li> <li>2. Identify corrective actions</li> <li>3. Any additional project/studies needed</li> <li>4. Change Order to update timeline</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Complete and formally close related projects</li> <li>2. Communicate project closure to stakeholders</li> </ol>

# Tailored Approach to Plan and Manage Overall Process Validation Life Cycle

- Avid Project Manager (PM) works closely with external and internal clients to ensure the Process Validation strategies are aligned with the client regulatory submission strategies
- Work breakdown structures will be managed by a dedicated Avid PM

Phase	Work Scope	Year 1												Year 2													25	26	27
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24				
	Pre - Process Characterization																												
	Small Scale Media, Feed, and Buffer Formulation																												
	Seed Train Robustness/Cutback Study																												
	Upstream Scale Down Model Qualification																												
	Downstream Scale Down Model Qualification																												
	PFMEA to Identify Process Characterization Requirement																												
	Viral Clearance Study from Previous GMP Run																												
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	Upstream Design of Experiment 3																												
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	Impurity Clearance Study - Small Scale																												
	Column/Resin Lifetime Study - Small Scale																												
	In-Process Hold - Small Scale																												
	Pre-Process Validation																												
	PFMEA Update																												
	Control Strategy																												
	Validation Master Plan																												
	US and DS PPQ Protocol																												
	Raw Material Assessment																												
	Extractable and Leachable Assessment																												
	Update Batch Records																												
	Process Validation																												
Upstream	Media and Feed Mixing Study - At Scale																												
	Microbial Stability of Media and Feed - At Scale																												
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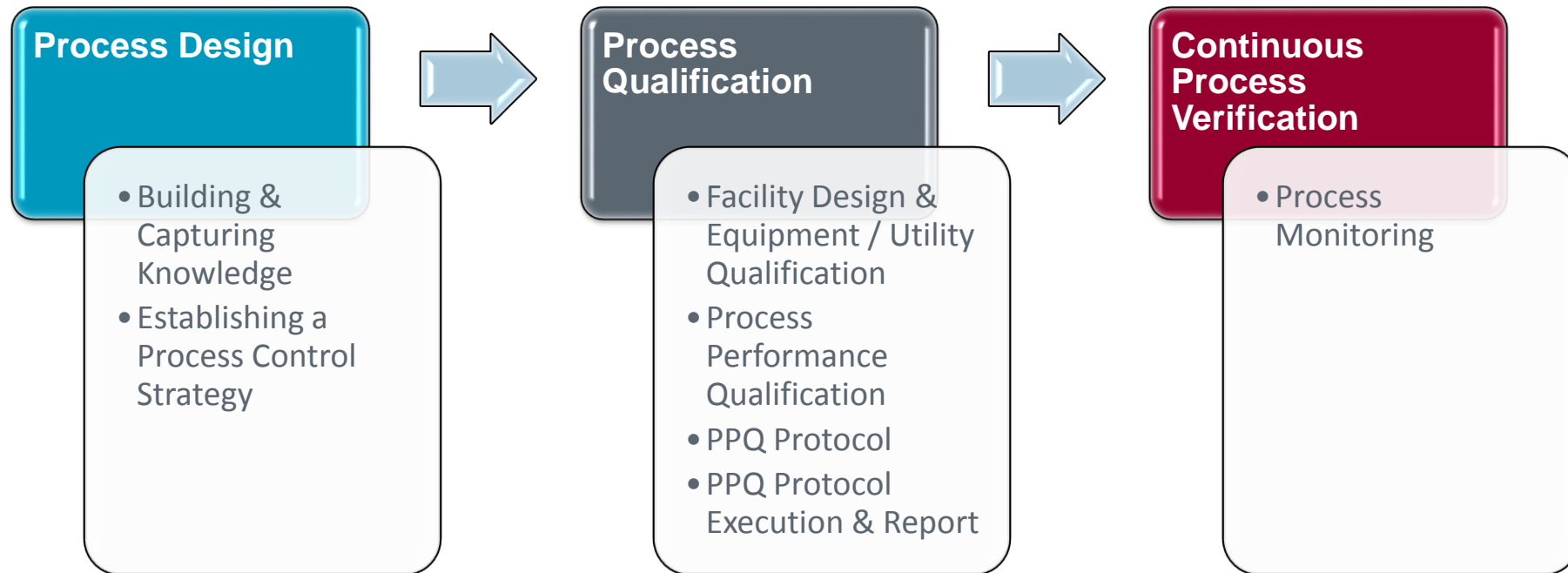
# Avid Has Experience Conducting 10 Process Validations



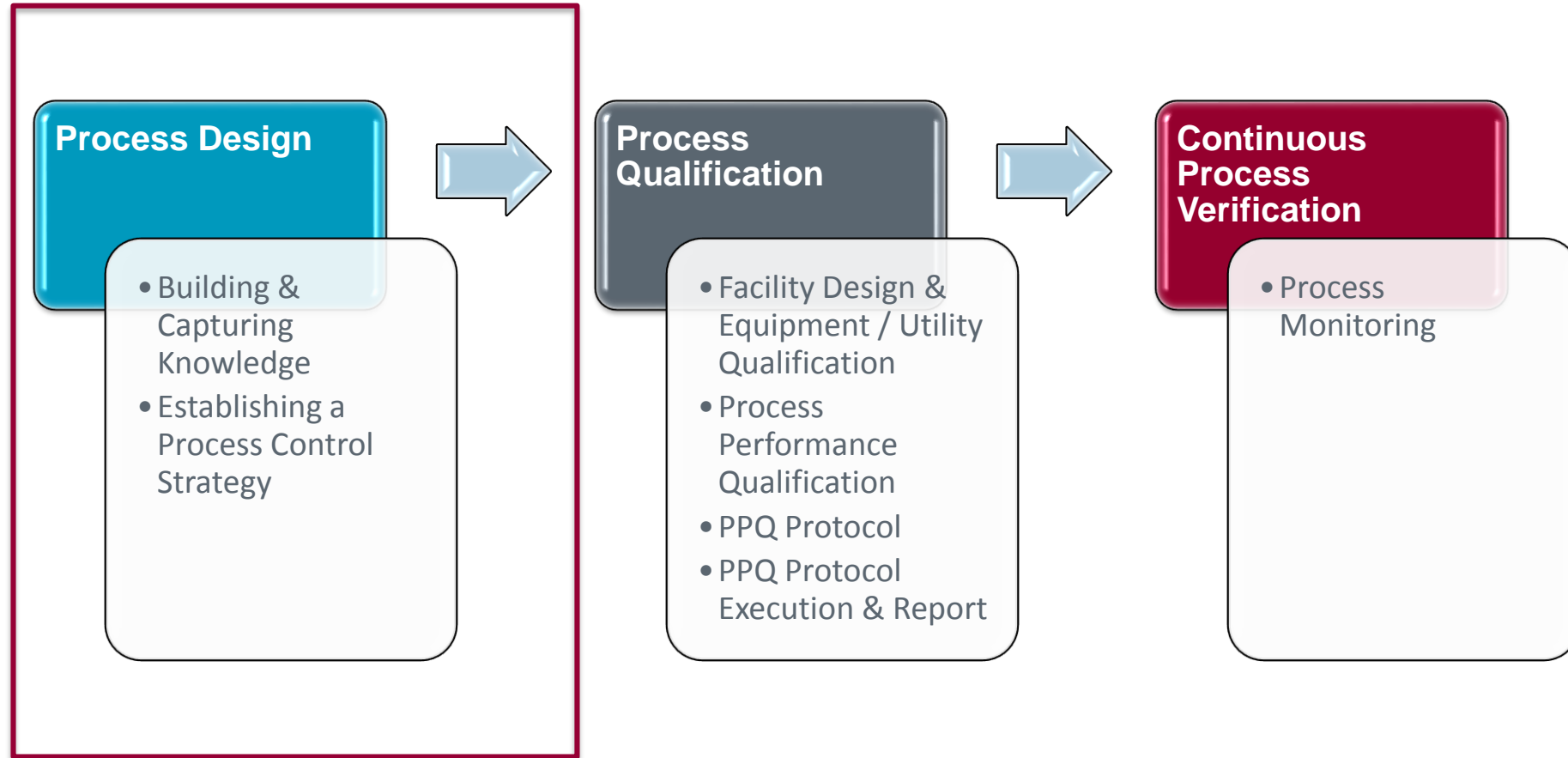
## Avid Case Study



# Avid's Process Validation Approach



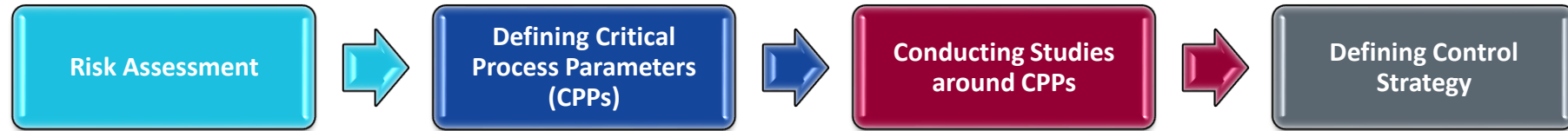
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# Process Design

## Defining Control Strategies Based on Process Characterization Studies



### Upstream



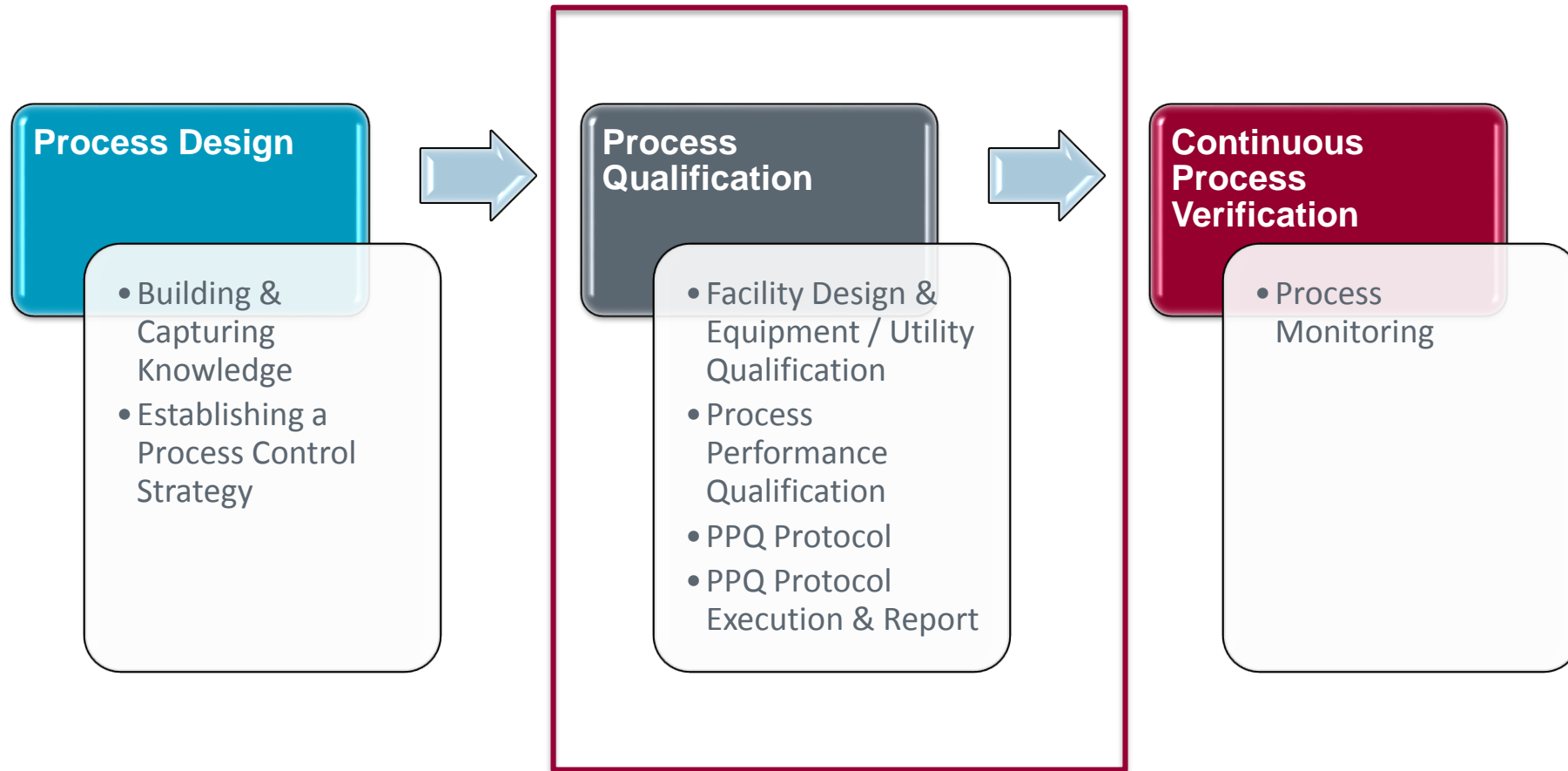
- Cell Culture Expansion Criteria
  - ✓ Densities
  - ✓ Cutback
  - ✓ Viability
- Bioreactor Controls
  - ✓ Temperature
  - ✓ DO set point
  - ✓ pH
  - ✓ Feeds Timing
  - ✓ Harvest Criteria
  - ✓ Growth trending
  - ✓ Product Quality

### Downstream

- Load Density
- Column Collection Criteria
- Load Conditioning limits
- Impurity Removal
- Column Lifetime
- Viral Clearance Studies
- Wash Characterization
  - ✓ Salt content
  - ✓ pH
- Temperature
- Flow Rate
- UF/DF

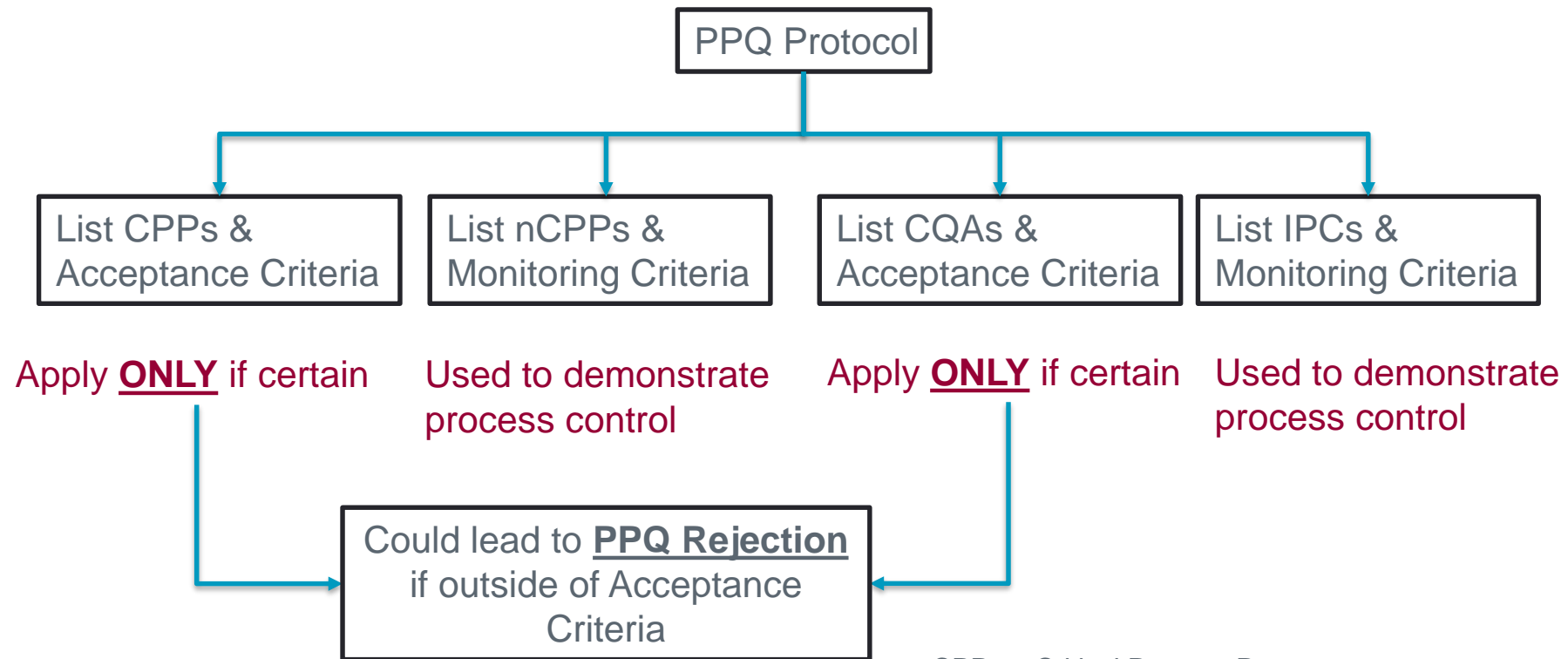
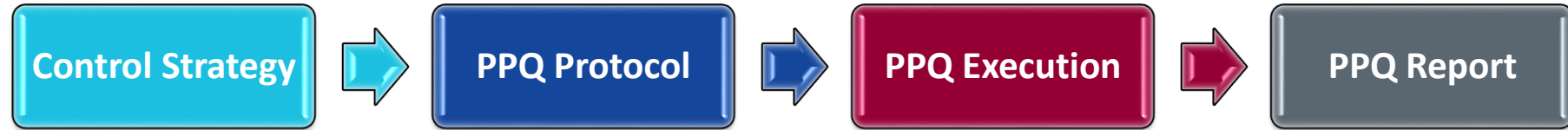


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# Process Qualification

## Defining Parameters and Quality Attributes



CPPs = Critical Process Parameters  
nCPPs = Non-Critical Process Parameters  
CQAs = Critical Quality Attributes  
IPCs = In-Process Controls  
PPQ = Process Performance Qualification

# Process Qualifications Require the Completion of Numerous Studies



## Upstream

- Filtration Media Studies
- Media Hold Time
- Upstream (Media and Feed) Mixing
- EOPC
- Inoculum Expansion Robustness



## Downstream

- Downstream Mixing (S2L)
- Downstream Mixing (L2L)
- Extractable/Leachable
- Column Carryover
- In-process Hold Times
- Column Short Term Hold
- Column Long Term Hold
- Membrane Sanitization
- Membrane Re-use
- Resin Lifetime
- Impurity Clearance
- Viral Validation
- Buffer Hold Times
- Homogeneity

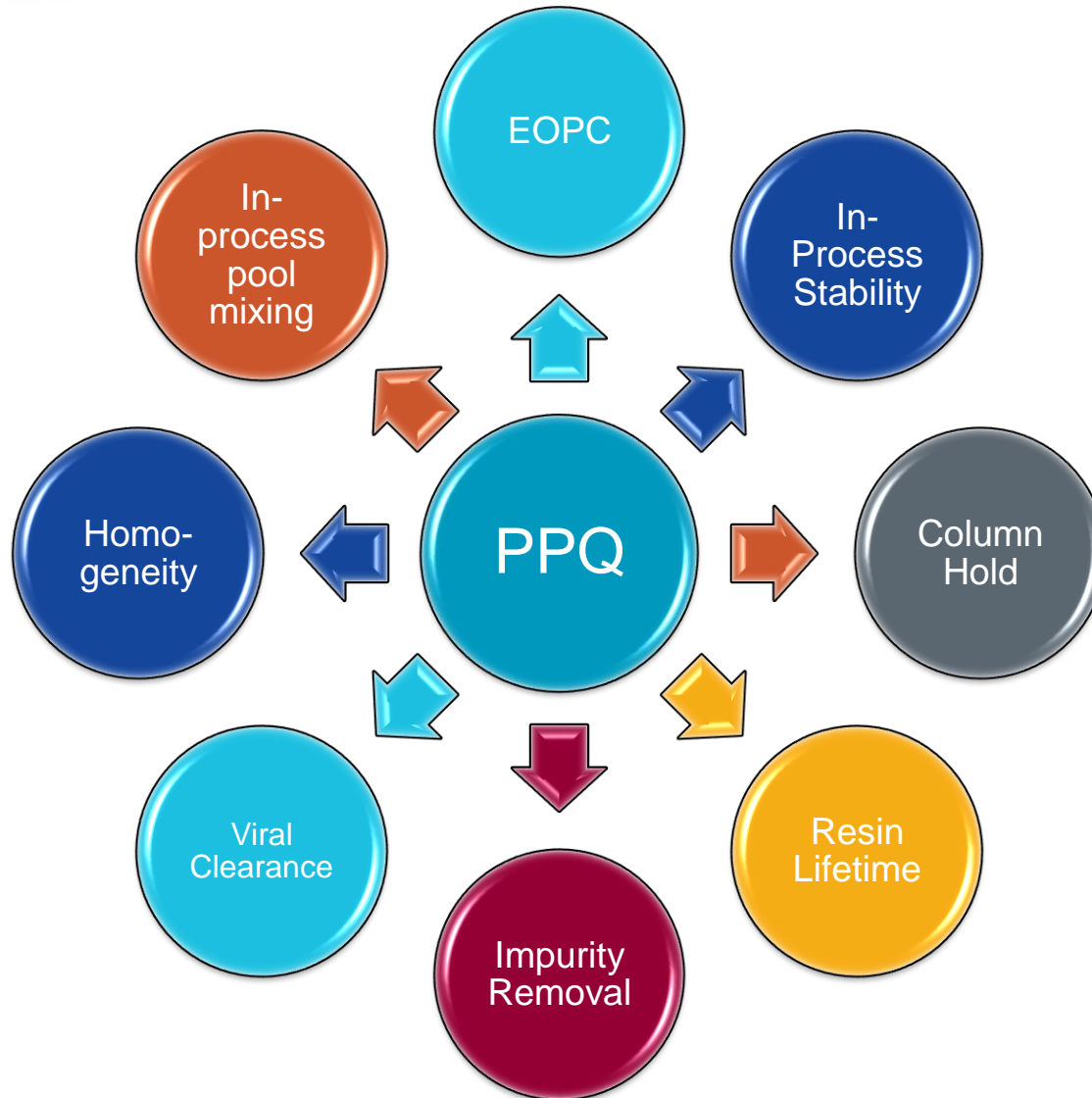


## Supporting

- Container Integrity Study
- Freezing
- Shipping
- Stability
- Freeze-thaw
- Equipment Calibration or Validation
- Raw Material Evaluation

# Process Qualification

## Focus on a Few Studies

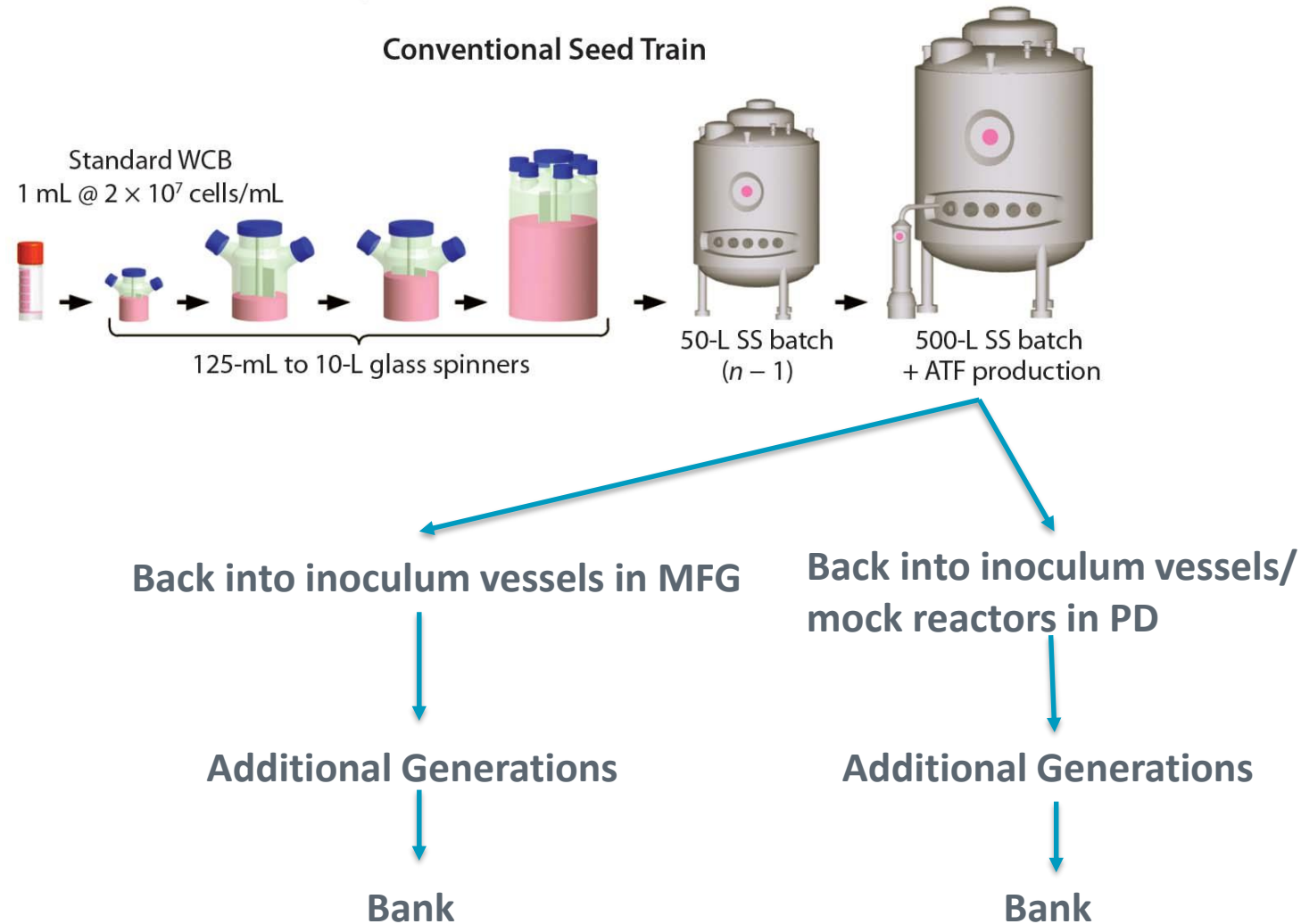


### Challenges

- Samples for supporting studies can account for > 100 additional samples/batch
- Requires coordination amongst different groups to pull, transfer, test, document the samples

# Process Qualification

End of Production Cell Bank (EOPC) - To ensure that the genome of the source organism remains unchanged past the normal expected production



# Process Qualification

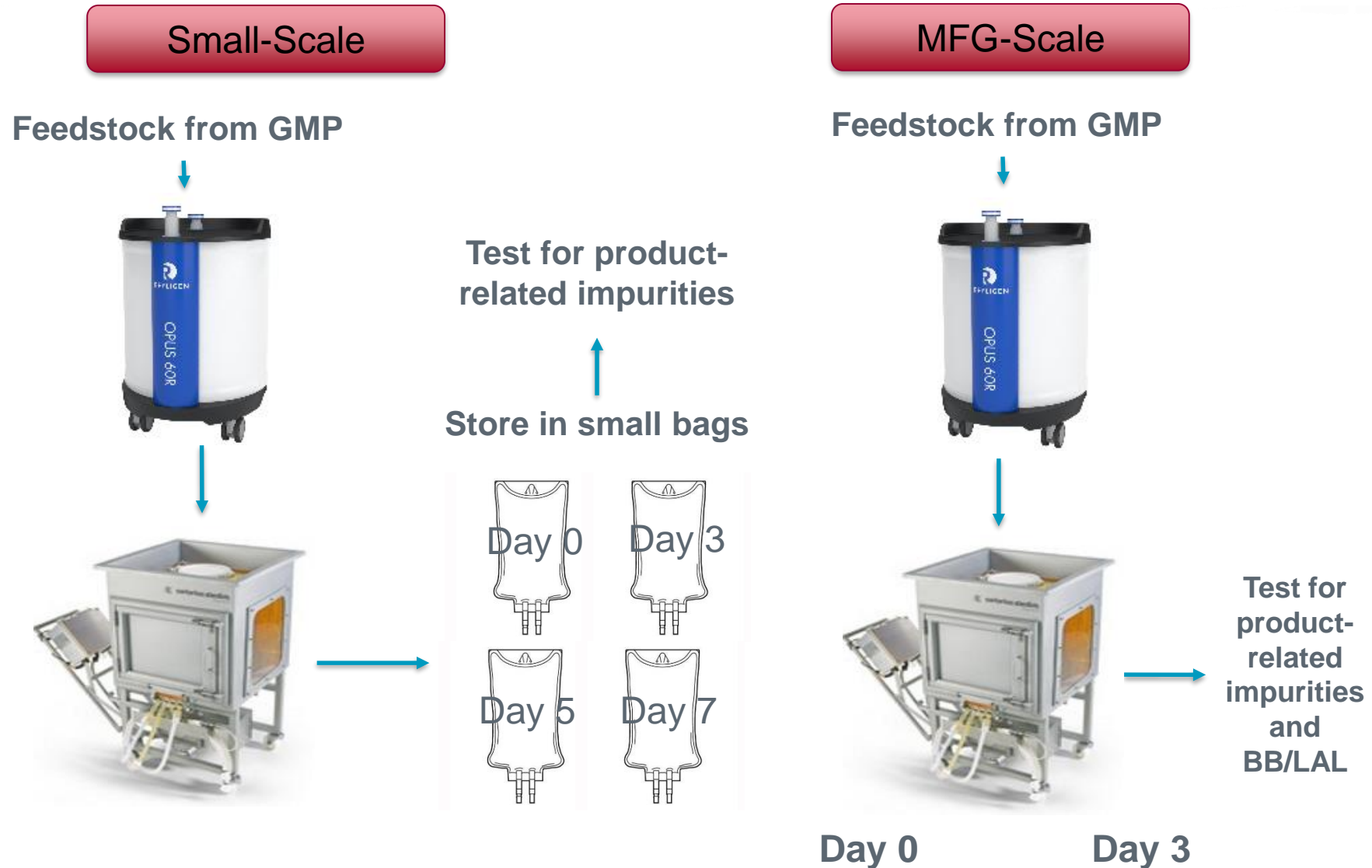
**Resin Lifetime/Impurity Clearance** - To ensure consistent impurity removal and product quality is achieved across the resin lifetime





# Process Qualification

In Process Hold - To ensure the biochemical nature of the product does not change over a defined hold time and microbial ingress does not occur during the hold



# Process Qualification

**Column Carryover** - To ensure that product from previous lots does not carryover (cross-contaminate) the current batch



# Process Qualification

Column Hold (Clean and Dirty) - To ensure columns are maintained in a state of microbial control



**MFG-Scale**

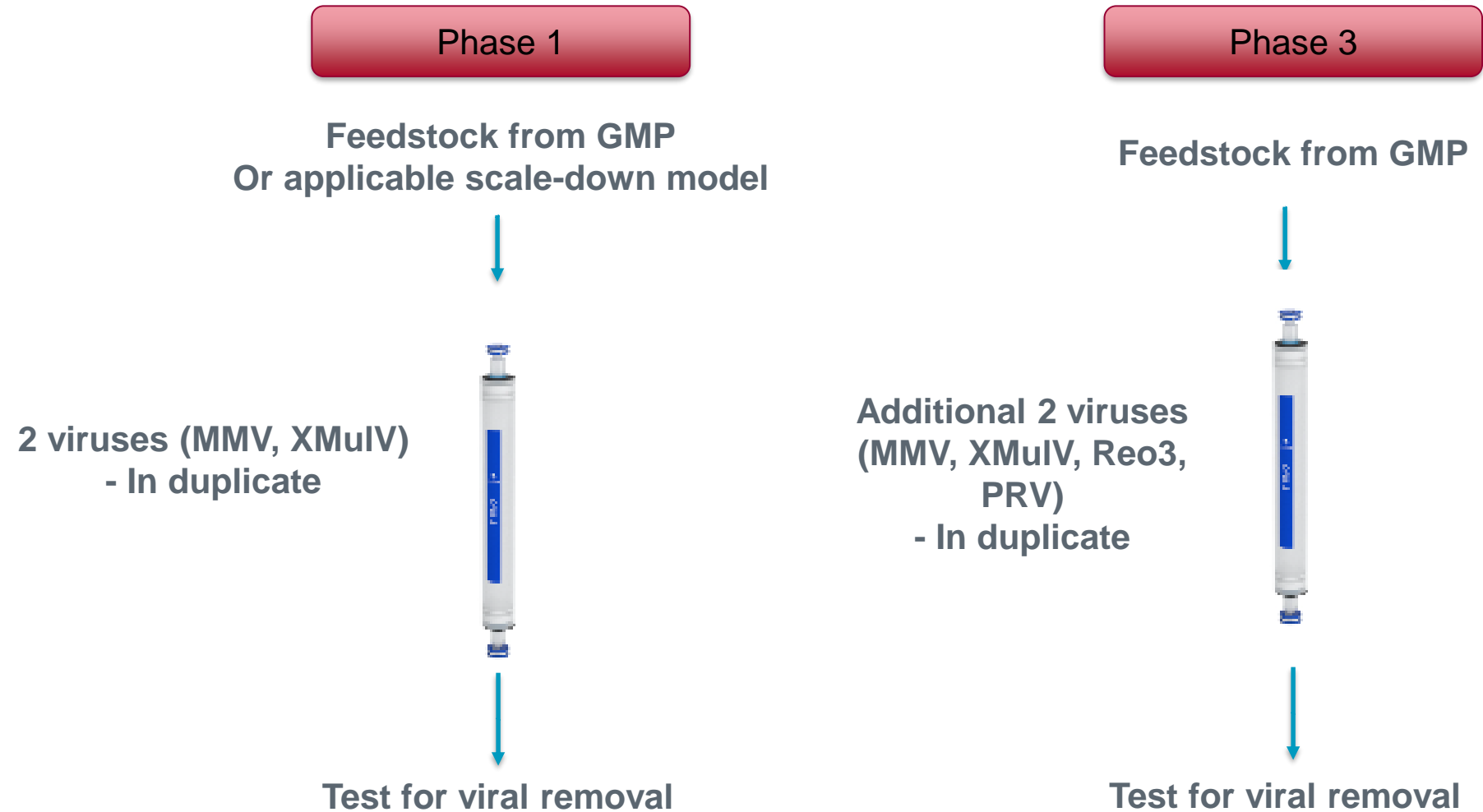
Feedstock and CIP  
from a GMP lot.



Test for  
LAL and Bioburden at the  
end of each hold

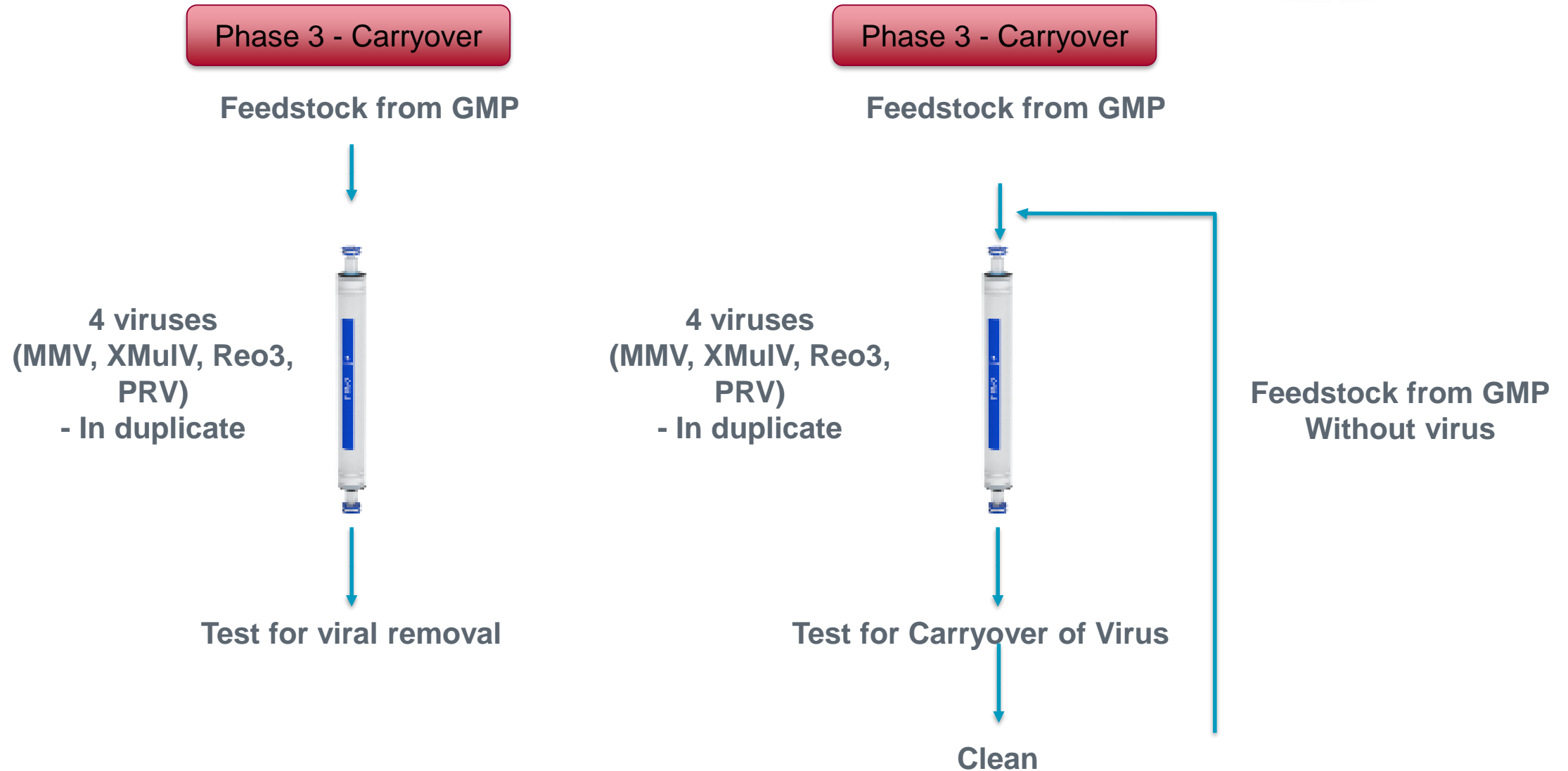
# Process Qualification

Viral Clearance (P3) - To demonstrate viral clearance against 4 types of viruses



# Process Qualification

Viral Clearance (P3) - To demonstrate no viral carryover.

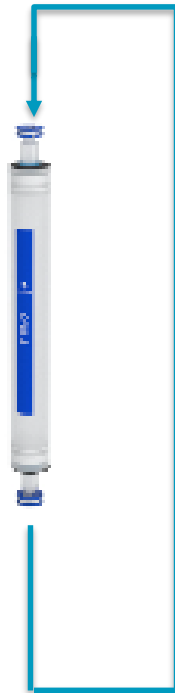


# Process Qualification

Viral Clearance (P3) - To demonstrate that viral clearance does not change over resin lifetime

## Phase 3 – Resin EOLR Prep work Option 1

Feedstock from GMP



Predicted # of cycles in  
GMP + additional

Execute until maximum  
lifetime

## Phase 3 – Resin EOLR Prep work Option 2

Feedstock from GMP



Execute until maximum  
lifetime

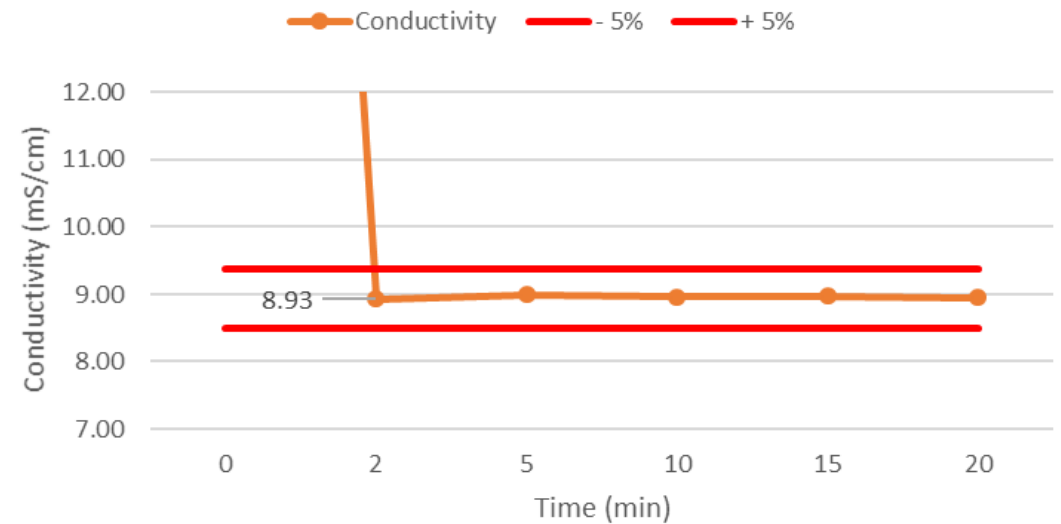
Remove resin → pack  
in small columns →  
Execute Study

# Process Qualification

In-process liquid mixing - To confirm the in-process material is homogenous



Use water as surrogate solution  
Spike with 5M NaCl  
Measure conductivity





# Process Qualification

Fill Homogeneity - To confirm the BDS fill process is homogenous



→ Fill into multiple containers (bottles, bags, etc)



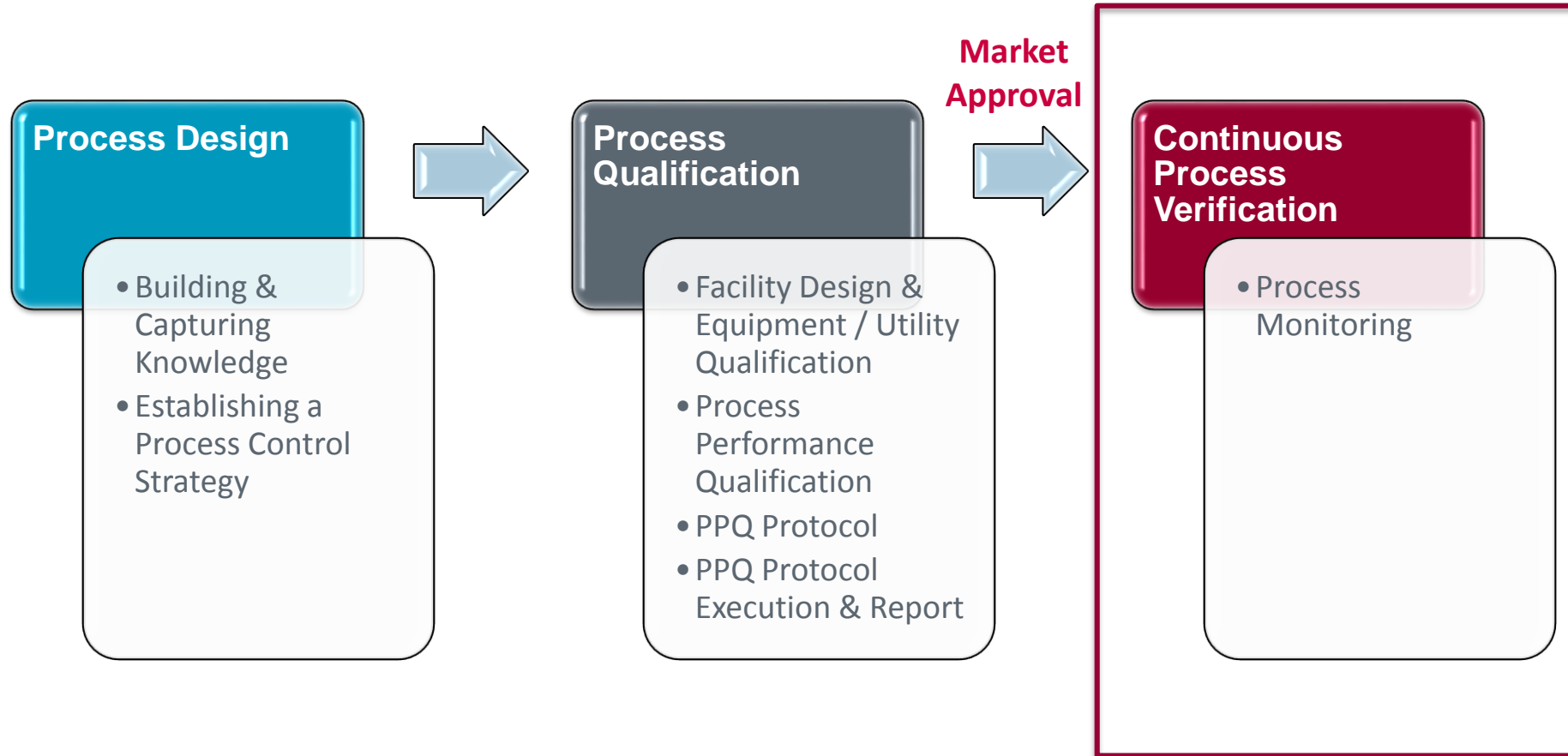
Remove samples from beginning, middle, end



Test for protein concentration or other indicator

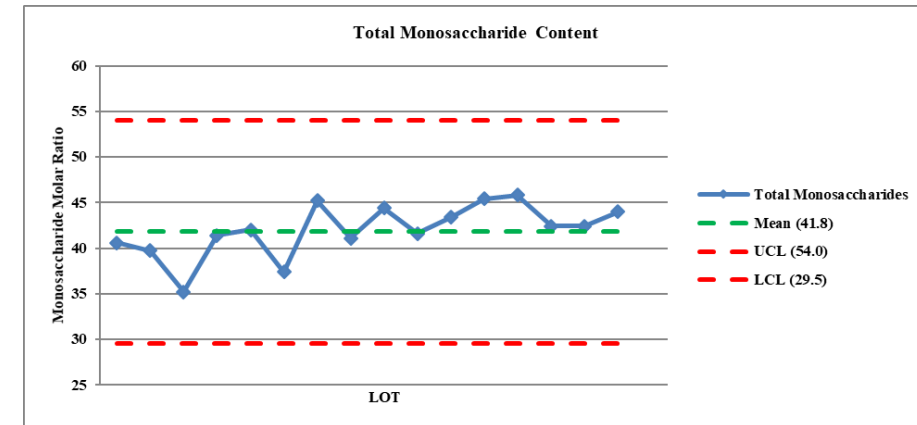
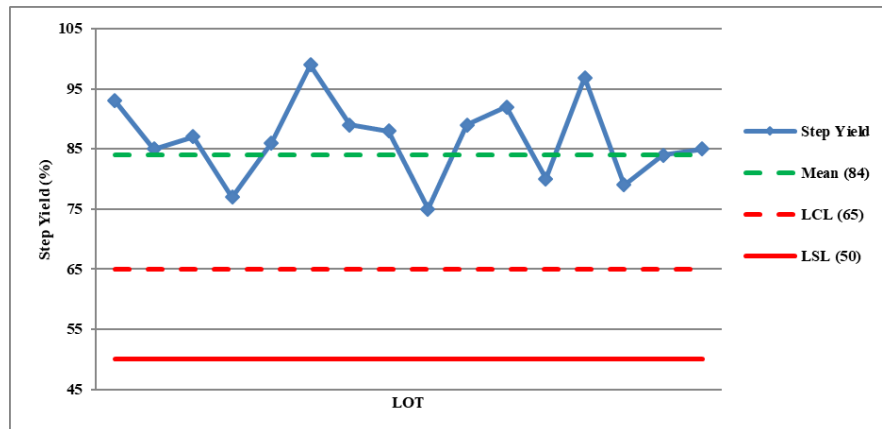
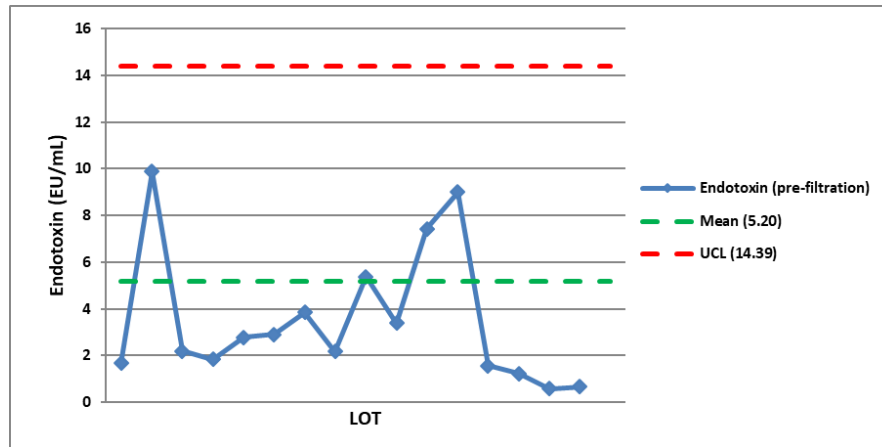
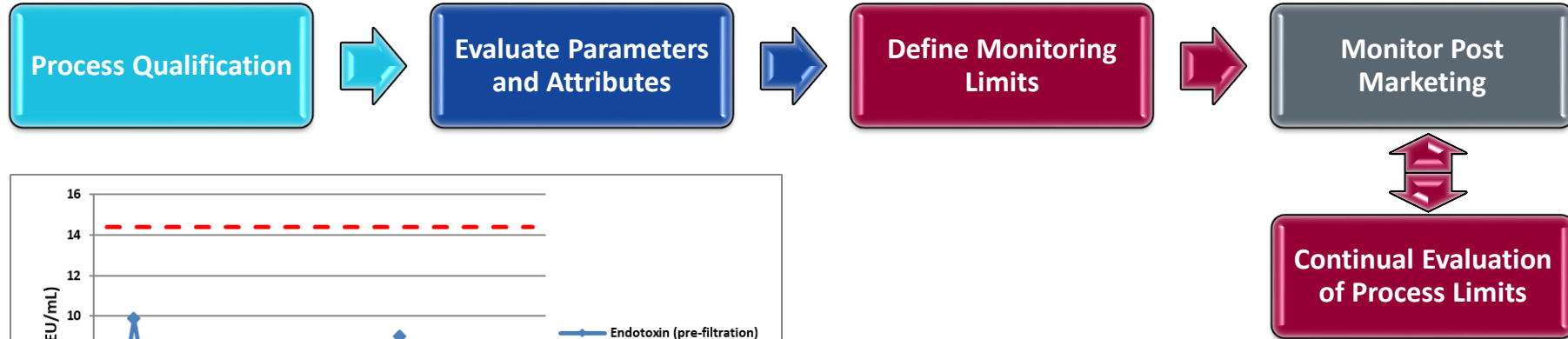
	Batch #1		Batch #2		Batch #3	
Sample Point	Protein Conc	Osmo	Protein Conc	Osmo	Protein Conc	Osmo
Before the Fill	10.47	258	10.31	255	10.27	255
Beginning	10.51	257	10.26	258	10.25	255
Middle	10.54	258	10.24	257	10.24	255
End	10.56	258	10.25	257	10.21	255
SD	0.04	0.50	0.03	1.26	0.02	0
Avg	10.52	257.67	10.27	257.33	10.24	255
% CV	0.4%	0.2%	0.3%	0.5%	0.2%	0.0%

# Avid's Process Validation Approach



# Continuous Process Verification

## Ensures commercial process is in a state of control

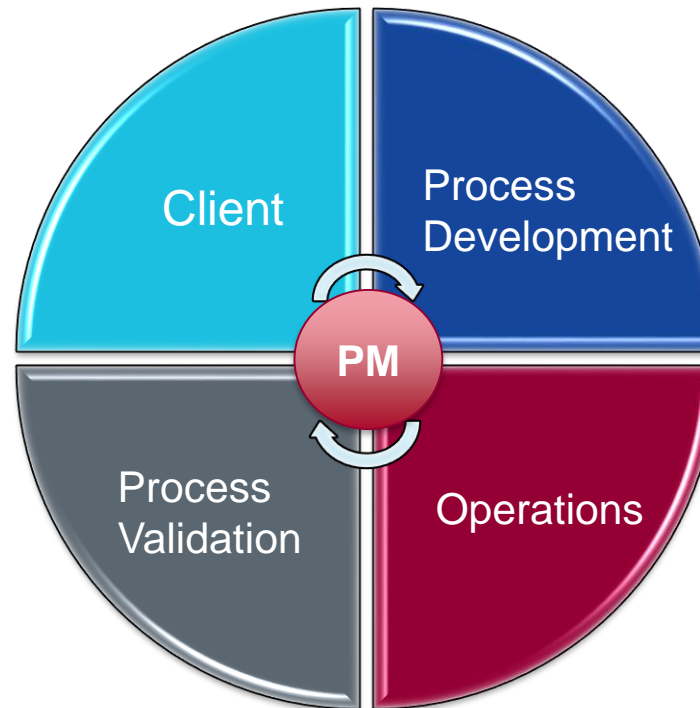


# Key Factors for Successful Process Validation



# Conducted 10 PPQ Batches Through Close Partnership with Internal and External Clients

- ✓ Proper Planning and Good Training of the Operations staff are the key of success
- ✓ Avid has a dedicated Process Validation team to oversee the technical and quality aspects of the campaign
- ✓ Avid has a dedicated Project Manager to ensure every step is completed per agreed plan and timeline





Thank you

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