

# Development of CGDPs involving a Transdermal Delivery System (TDS)

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# Session Description and Objectives

This presentation will utilize case studies to illustrate how to efficiently navigate product development for TDS products, discuss the specific in vitro and in vivo studies that are recommended to support a demonstration of BE for prospective generic TDS products, and clarify unique product quality issues impacting certain types of TDS products.

- Describe and explain the scientific considerations relevant to BE for TDS products.
- Describe, explain, clarify and/or discuss FDA's recommendations and relevant Guidance documents related to TDS products.
- Determine which of the available formats (controlled correspondences, pre-ANDA meeting requests, etc.) would be the appropriate one via which to request FDA's recommendations and feedback for different types of questions related to the development of complex generic TDS products.

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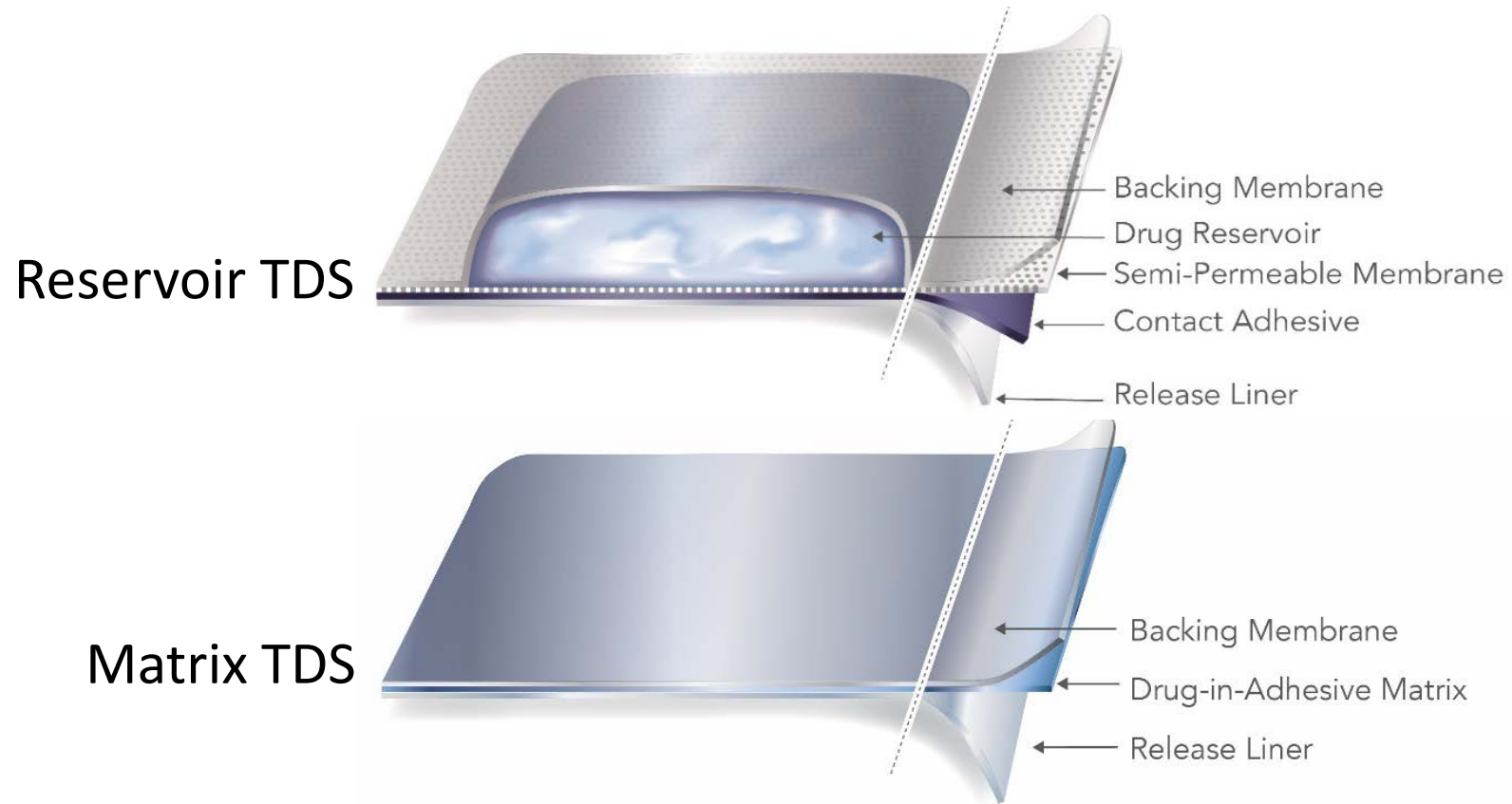
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# Transdermal Delivery Systems (TDS)

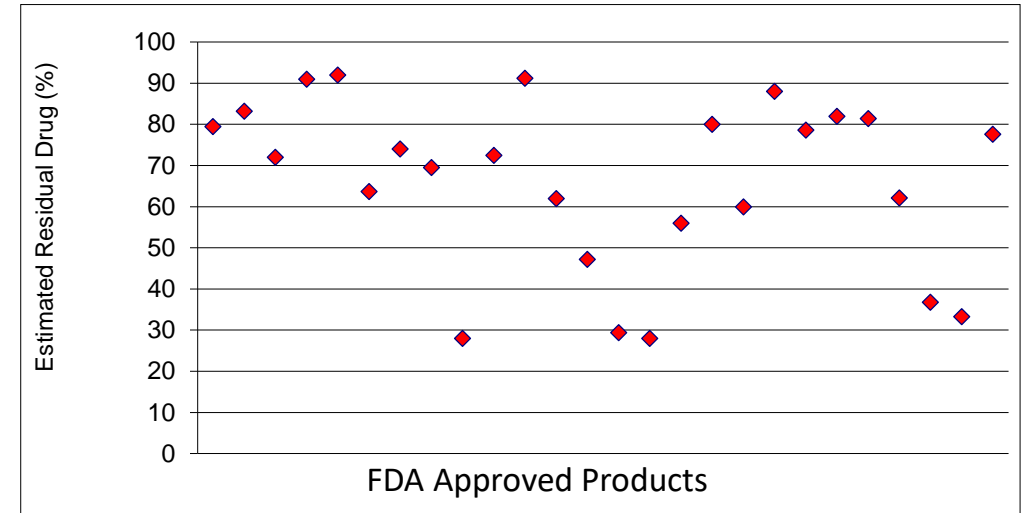


# TDS Design Considerations: Residual Drug

## FDA Residual Drug Guidance:

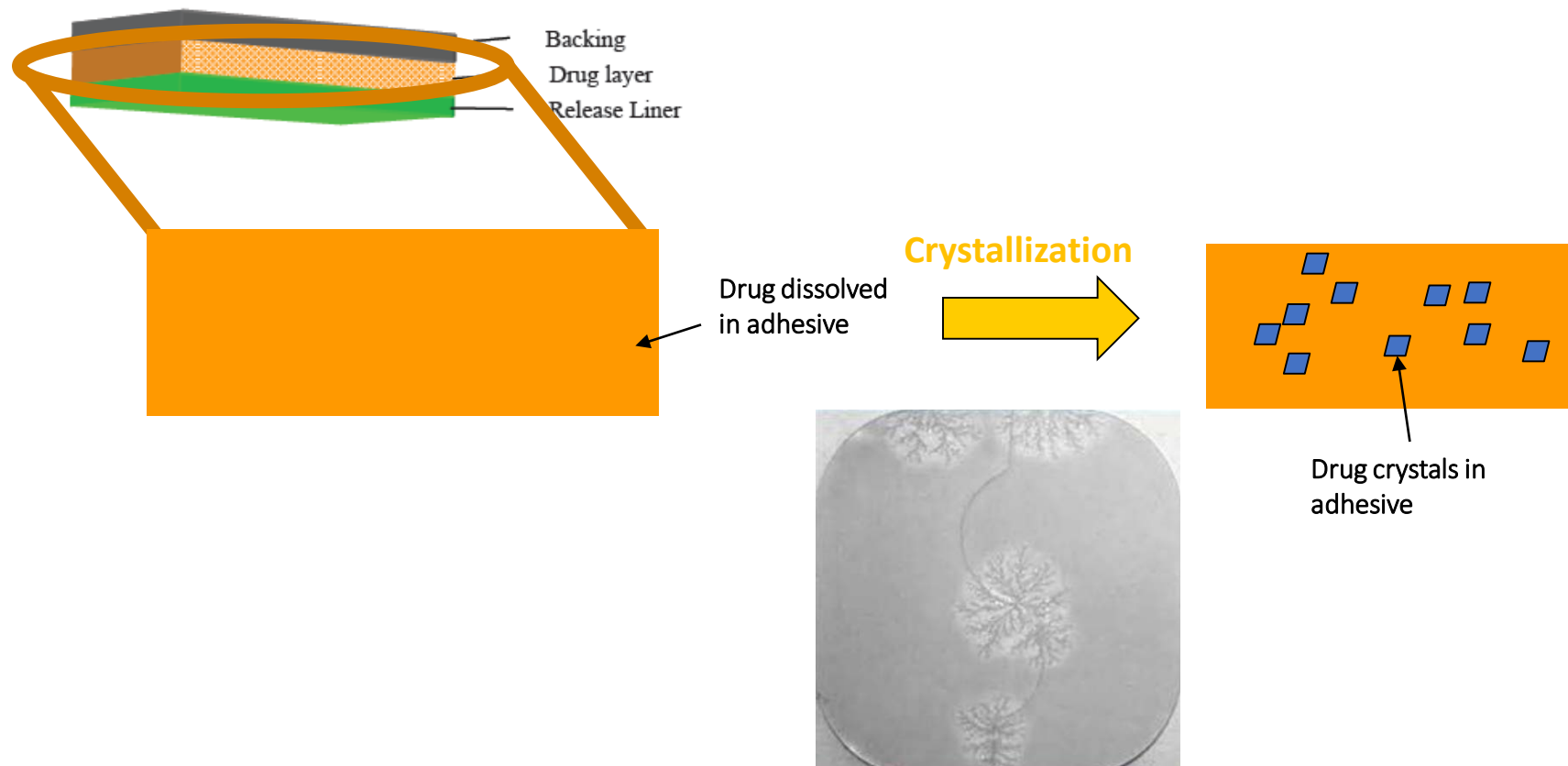
The amount of residual drug substance:

- Has a significant potential to impact quality, efficacy, and safety (including abuse potential)
- Should **not exceed that of similar FDA-approved products**
- Should be “**minimized consistent with the current state of technology**”



[FDA Guidance for Industry: Residual Drug in Transdermal and Related Drug Delivery Systems, August 2011](#)

# TDS Design Considerations: Crystallization



# Quality Control of Raw Materials

## UNDERSTAND YOUR RAW MATERIALS

### Clinical Concern

- Performance:
  - Adhesion
  - Drug delivery (Effectiveness)
- Safety:
  - Toxicity
  - Irritation and sensitization

### Quality Aspects

- Adhesives
  - “Pharmaceutical grade” typically not offered
  - Concerns:
    - Rheological properties
    - Impurity profile
    - Lot-to-lot variability
- Pouch stock, membranes/films, ink
  - Concerns:
    - Extractables/Leachables

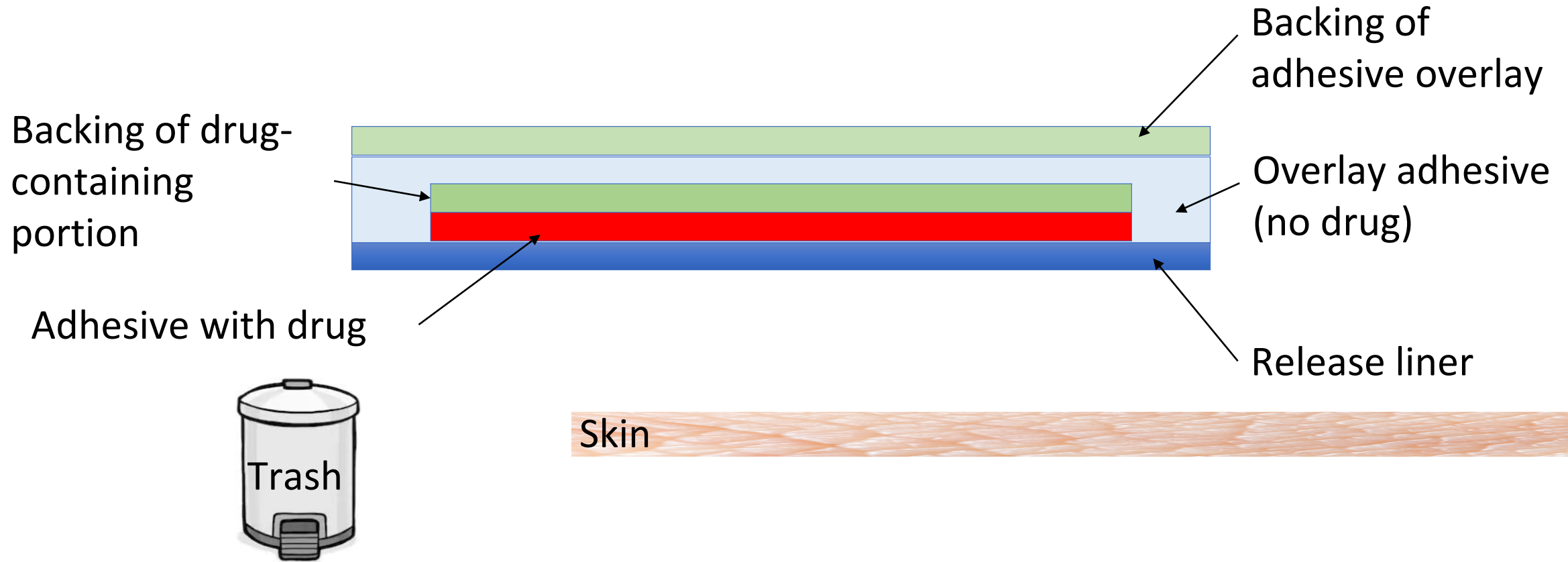


# TDS Design Considerations: Overlay

- TDS can be designed to include an adhesive overlay to improve adhesion
- Adhesive overlay: A larger, non-drug-containing patch applied over the active-containing TDS
  - Co-packaged (i.e., adhesive overlay and active TDS are packaged in separate pouches within the same carton)
  - Integrated (i.e., already laminated and packaged as a single unit in a single pouch)
- Buprenorphine TDS is an example of a product with an integrated adhesive overlay



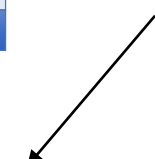
# Intended Patient Administration



# Efficacy and Safety Concerns



Overlay adhesive  
(no drug)



Potential  
unintentional  
exposure!



No drug delivery to patient!

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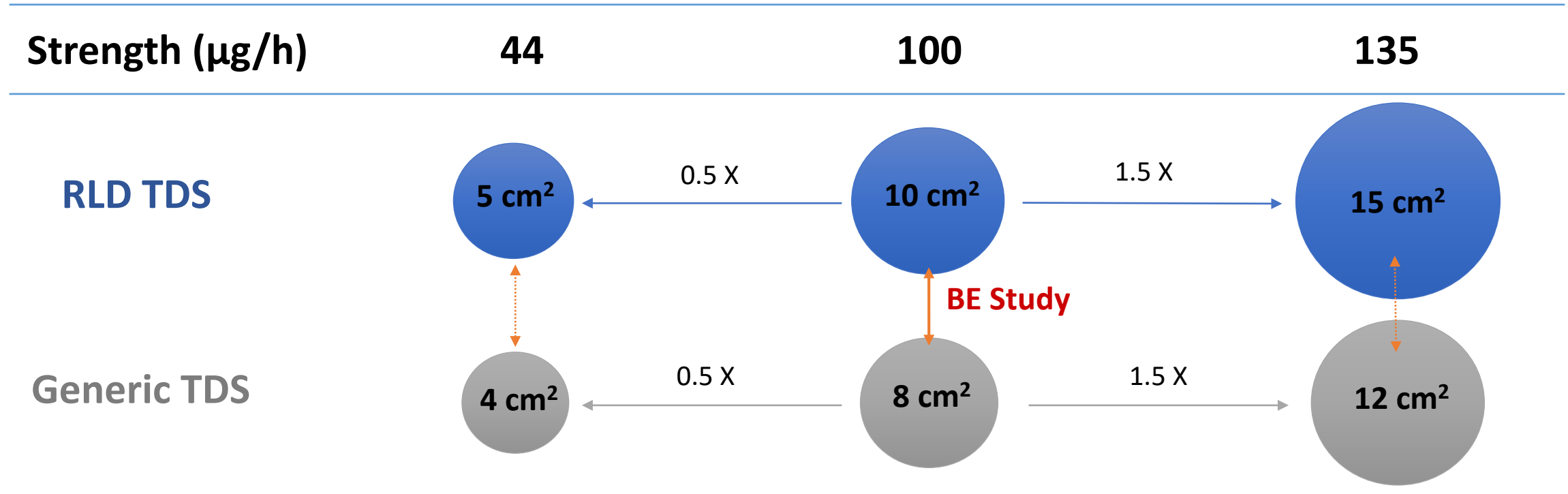


- If active part of the TDS remains on the skin
  - Drug would continue to be delivered
- Patient may administer an additional TDS, leading to potential super-therapeutic dose

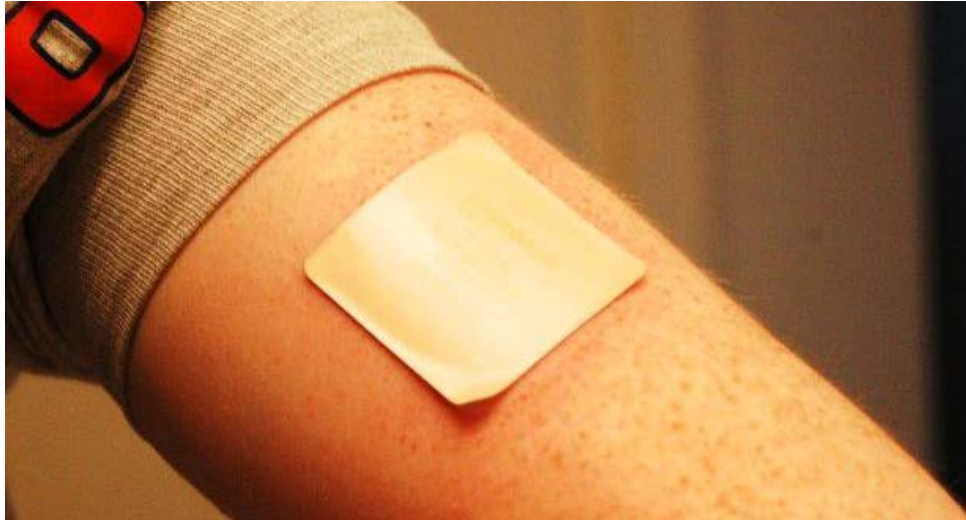
# Evaluation of BE and Quality for TDS

- **In Vivo Studies With Which to Demonstrate BE for TDS**
  - A comparative BE study with pharmacokinetic endpoints
  - A comparative study of the adhesion performance of the TDS
  - A comparative study of the irritation/sensitization potential of the TDS
- **An In Vitro Study to Compare the Effects of Heat on TDS**
  - A study evaluating the quality of prospective generic TDS, comparing how heat alters the rate and extent of transdermal drug delivery

# Considerations for Establishing BE







# Considerations for Size/Shape of TDS



Corners may be more prone to lifting, and a long rectangular TDS may experience different torsional strains depending upon the anatomical site and the orientation in which it is applied.

A generic TDS may have a different formulation, size and/or shape; these differences may affect the TDS adhesion to skin.

Study	Test	Reference	Non-Inferior Adhesion
A			May Fail
B			May Pass



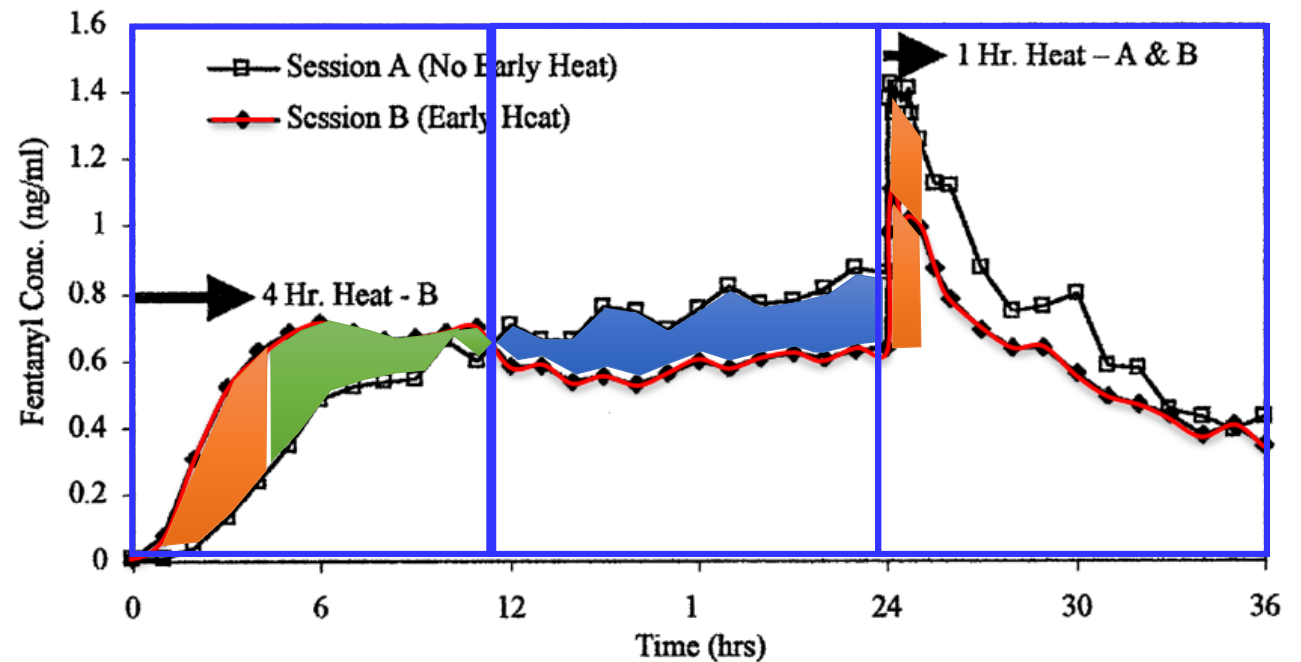
# Impact of Heat on TDS Performance

## Considerations for various scenarios of heat exposure:

- Early heat
- Late heat
- Continuous heat



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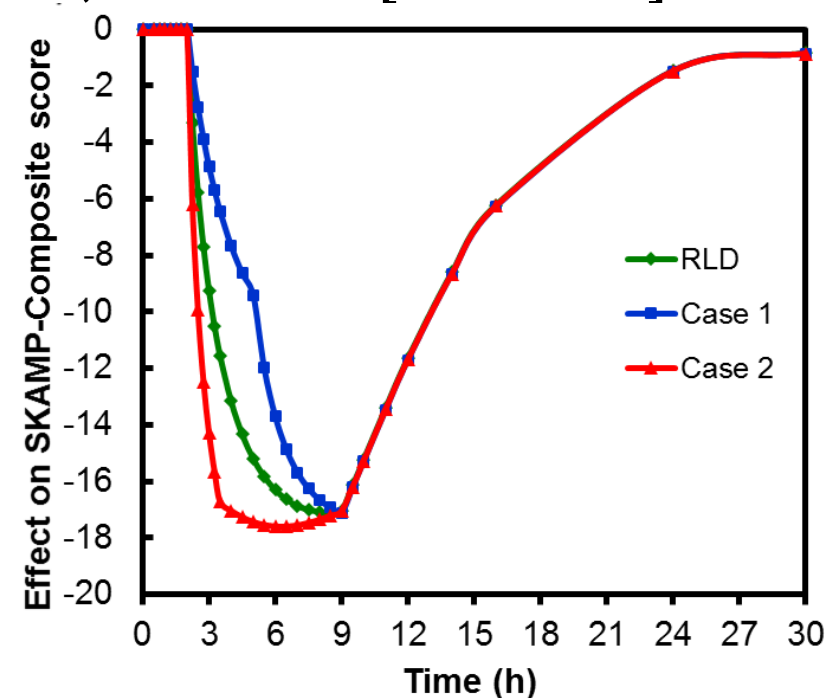
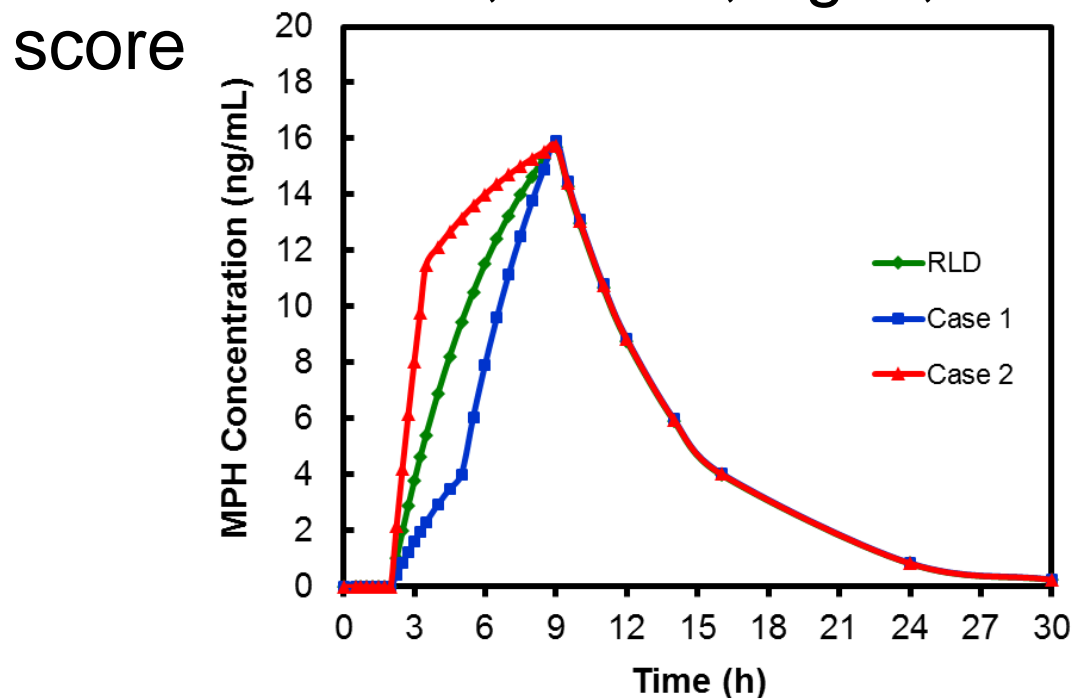
**Figure 1.** Mean serum fentanyl concentrations after transdermal fentanyl delivery with and without heat (n = 10).



# Data Analysis Considerations: PK of TDS



- Simulated PK-PD relationship of methylphenidate
  - PK/PD of the Reference Listed Drug (RLD) TDS and 2 hypothetical TDS
  - PD = Swanson, Kotkin, Agler, M-Flynn, Pelham [SKAMP]-Composite score



# Data Analysis Considerations: PK of TDS



- Simulated PK-PD relationship of methylphenidate
  - Identified appropriate PK endpoints to ensure that BE ratio limits of 80-125 would be sensitive to potential differences in PD (safety/efficacy)

PK Parameter	Mean estimate			Ratio (Test/RLD)	
	RLD	Case 1	Case 2	Case 1	Case 2
$C_{max}$ (ng/mL)	15.7	15.9	15.7	1.01	1.00
$AUC_t$ (ng*h/mL)	150.7	133.5	169.8	0.89	1.13
$pAUC_{2-9h}$ (ng*h/mL)	67.6	49.5	86.1	0.73	1.27
$pAUC_{2-12h}$ (ng*h/mL)	103.5	85.8	122.2	0.83	1.18
$pAUC_{5-9h}$ (ng*h/mL)	52.1	42.9	58.5	0.82	1.12
$pAUC_{9-12h}$ (ng*h/mL)	35.9	36.3	36.1	1.01	1.01

# Data Analysis Considerations: PK of TDS

	Average BE (ABE)	Reference-Scaled ABE (RSABE) Highly Variable (HV) Drug
Criterion	$(\mu_T - \mu_R)^2 \geq \theta^2$	$\frac{(\mu_T - \mu_R)^2}{\max(\sigma_{WR}^2, \sigma_{W0}^2)} \sim \theta_{HV}$
Study Design	Two-sequence, two period crossover design	Two-sequence, four period replicate design; Three-sequence, three period partial replicate design;

$\mu_T$  : population average response of the log-transformed measure for the T formulation

$\mu_R$  : population average response of the log-transformed measure for the R formulation

$\sigma_{WR}^2$  : within-subject variance of the R formulation

$\sigma_{W0}^2$  : specified constant within-subject variance

$\theta_{HV}$ : predefined BE limit for NTI drug

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