

Injection device platform technologies

The adoption of platform technologies by pharma customers

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- General approach to platform technologies
- Manufacturing and scale-up
- Quality and regulatory aspects





Development of new platform products decoupled from customer projects. Risk moved in-house to cover platform development and installation of manufacturing infrastructure



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Why develop / select a platform?

- Innovate by developing new features without time-pressure
- Reduce project risks by basing customer projects on proven technology
- Shorter and more reliable commercial project timelines
- Prototype devices available immediately for handling studies
- Clinical devices available quickly
- Reduce project costs and share manufacturing equipment
- Known and established patent position



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- State-of-the-art device, based on proven technology
- Available quickly (short time-to-clinic and time-to-market) at low risk
- No changes to the device between clinic and market
- Flexibility for use with different drug entities
- Clear **differentiation** from competition for originator drugs
- Product differentiation based on sound usability
- Designed for large-scale manufacturing, (automated) manufacturing capacity available
- Supply-chain security



Customising autoinjectors

- Customers require clear differentiation from their competitors, yet want to use the benefits of platform products
- The aim is to maintain the full automated infrastructure for different device designs:
 - Free-form areas as part of the industrialised platform
 - Outer shells offer highest flexibility and may include soft-touch components



YpsoMate in platform shape



YpsoMate with modified free-form areas



YpsoMate Design offering full flexibility of shape

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Manufacturing strategy – clinical

- Pens and autoinjectors are complex
- Single cavity moulds are only used during innovation phase
- Typically 2-cavity base moulds only used for customer specific parts
- Fully automated manufacturing infrastructure available for clinical quantities



Manufacturing strategy – commercial



- Fully automated assembly equipment flexible to accommodate different versions and customer capacities
- No scale-up issues
- Reliability of supply



Shared equipment approach



- Sharing equipment was reserved to fill & finish CMOs, but has now reached ODM companies
- Access to manufacturing capacity at only a fraction of the cost
- No investment in equipment that may become redundant
- Flexible capacity that suits changing market demands
- Clear differentiation from competitors through various design options



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Quality control

- Implementing proper quality control in fully automatic systems is a challenge but leads to a new level of safety and confidence
- Automatic **performance control** of each assembly station in real time
- Camera controls of colours and parts
- In-line functional checks of all assembled parts and automatic sampling
- Seamless interface with SAP system, all parts entering the machine are traceable in the finished product



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End assembly expertise



 Pharma customers, contract fillers and packers building up internal expertise → leveraging platform synergies











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Submission strategies: CTD approach (ICH)



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Submission strategies

Master File Approach (MAF, primarily US)

- Device mfr. submits a Master File with device information
- Letter of Authorization issued for customer submission
- Pharma customer submits CTD with Letter of Authorization
- FDA reviews MAF for device-relevant information





- Maturing technologies allow the development and industrialisation of platform devices for pens, autoinjectors and wearable injectors
- Demand for specific and exclusive self-injection devices is compatible with easy to access proven platform devices
- Pharma customers appreciate flexible access to the latest manufacturing infrastructure
- Synergies related to equipment, manufacturing processes, manufacturing capacities and documentation result in more flexibility and reduced risks all at a lower cost



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