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Data Integrity, Data Analysis and Monitoring

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- Control of meta-data
- Data integrity strategies for compliance
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Commission Directive (EU) 2017/1572

• Article 9: Documentation

- The manufacturer shall be obliged to establish and maintain a documentation system based upon specifications, manufacturing formulae and processing and packaging instructions, procedures and records covering the various manufacturing operations performed
- The documentation system shall ensure **data** quality and **integrity**



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Commission Directive (EU) 2017/1572

• Article 9: Documentation

- Documents shall be clear, free from error and kept up to date
- Pre-established procedures for general manufacturing operations and conditions shall be kept available, together with specific documents for the manufacture of each batch
- That set of documents shall enable the history of the manufacture of each batch to be traced



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Commission Directive (EU) 2017/1572

• Article 9: Documentation

- The manufacturer shall be required to retain the batch documentation for at least 1 year after the expiry date of the batches to which it relates or at least 5 years after the certification referred to in Article 51(3) of Directive 2001/83/EC, whichever is the longer period

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Commission Directive (EU) 2017/1572

• Article 9: Documentation

- When electronic, photographic or other data processing systems are used instead of written documents, the manufacturer shall be required to first validate the systems by showing that the data will be appropriately stored during the anticipated period of storage

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Commission Directive (EU) 2017/1572

• Article 9: Documentation

- Data stored by those systems shall be made readily available in legible form and shall be provided to the competent authorities upon request
- The electronically stored data shall be protected, by techniques such as duplication or back-up and transfer to another storage system, against unlawful access, loss or damage of data, and audit trails shall be maintained



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So what is Data Integrity?

*“Data integrity is the degree to which data are **complete, consistent, accurate, trustworthy, reliable** and that these **characteristics of the data are maintained** throughout the **data life cycle**. The data should be collected and maintained in a secure manner, so that they are **attributable, legible, contemporaneously recorded, original** (or a true copy) and **accurate**”*

*MHRA GXP Data Integrity Guidance and Definitions; Revision 1:
March 2018*

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Data Integrity in EU GMP

1.	Pharmaceutical Quality System	New 2013
2.	Personnel	New 2014
3.	Premises & equipment	New 2015
4.	Documentation	New 2011
5.	Production	New 2015
6.	Quality Control	New 2014
7.	Outsourced activities	New 2013
8.	Complaints, Defects & Product Recalls	New 2015
9.	Self inspection	

- Updated *slightly* to cover the increasing use of computer systems
- Computer systems to be validated and controlled

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Data Integrity in EU GMP – The annexes

1. Sterile manufacturing
2. Biological products
3. Radiopharmaceuticals
4. Veterinary medicinal products
5. Immunological veterinary products
6. Medicinal gases
7. Herbal medicinal products
8. Sampling of starting materials
9. Liquids, creams & ointments
10. Metered dose inhalers

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Data Integrity in EU GMP – The annexes

11. Computerised systems

- 12. Use of ionizing radiation
- 13. Investigational medicinal products
- 14. Products derived from blood
- 15. Qualification and validation
- 16. Certification by a QP
- 17. Parametric release
- 18. *Withdrawn*
- 19. Reference samples
- 20. *Withdrawn*
- 21. Importation of medicinal products

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Data Integrity in EU GMP – The annexes

11. Computerised systems

- Only makes a passing reference to Data Integrity:

1. Risk Management:

*Risk management should be applied throughout the lifecycle of the computerised system taking into account patient safety, **data integrity** and product quality. As part of a risk management system, decisions on the extent of validation and **data integrity controls** should be based on a justified and documented risk assessment of the computerised system.*

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Remember – GMP are guidelines

“It is recognised that there are **acceptable methods, other than those described in the Guide**, which are capable of achieving the principles of Quality Assurance. **The guide is not intended to place any restraint upon the development of any new concepts or technologies** which have been **validated** and which provide a level of Quality Assurance **at least equivalent** to those set out in this guide”



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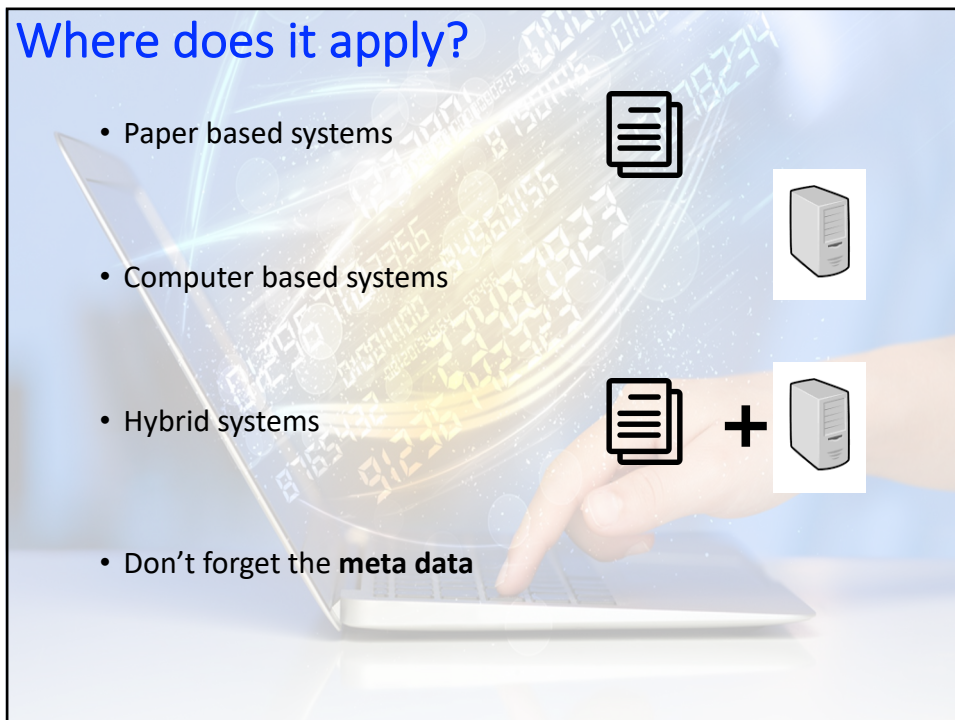
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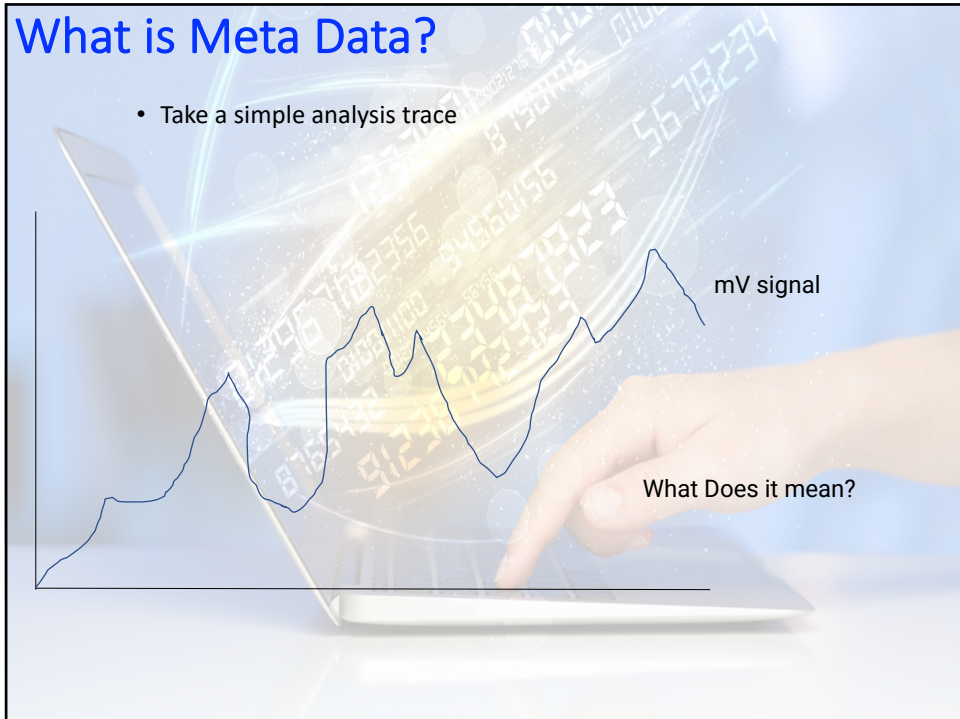
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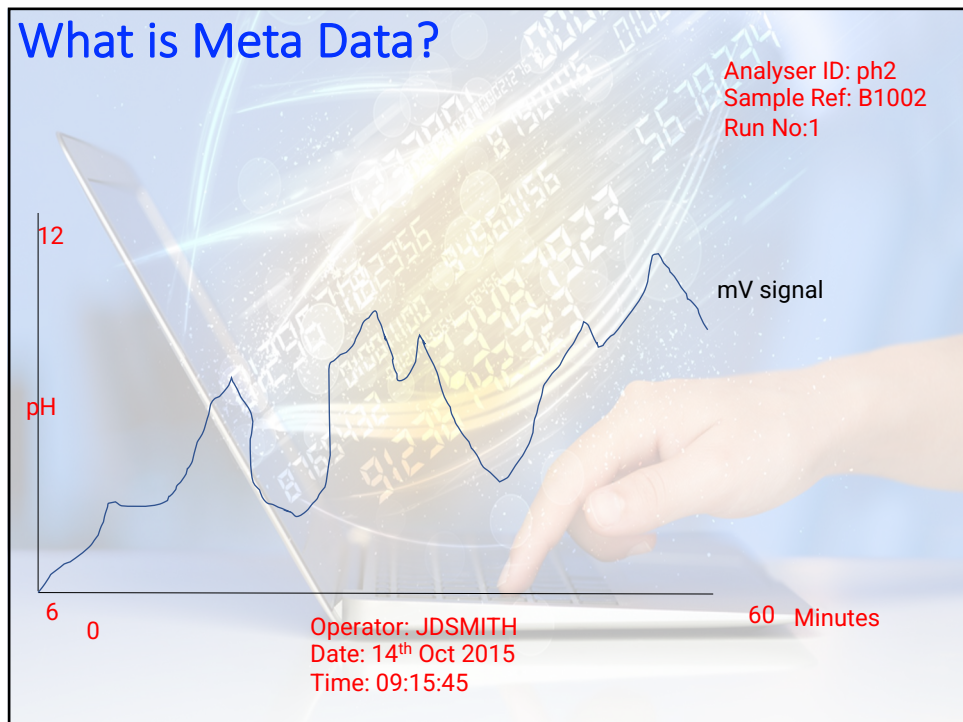
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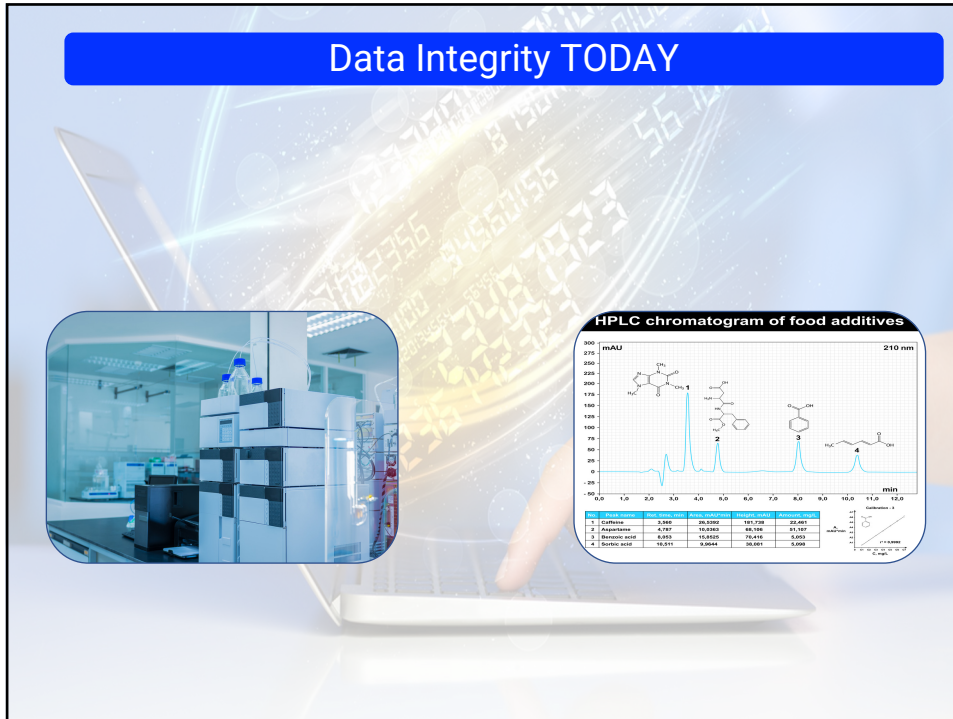
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Data Integrity

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- L Legible and permanent
- C Contemporaneous
- O Original record (or certified true copy)
- A Accurate

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Data Integrity ALCOA +

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- Complete:** the data must be whole; a complete set
- Consistent:** the data must be self-consistent
- Enduring:** durable; lasting throughout the data lifecycle
- Available:** readily available for review or inspection purposes

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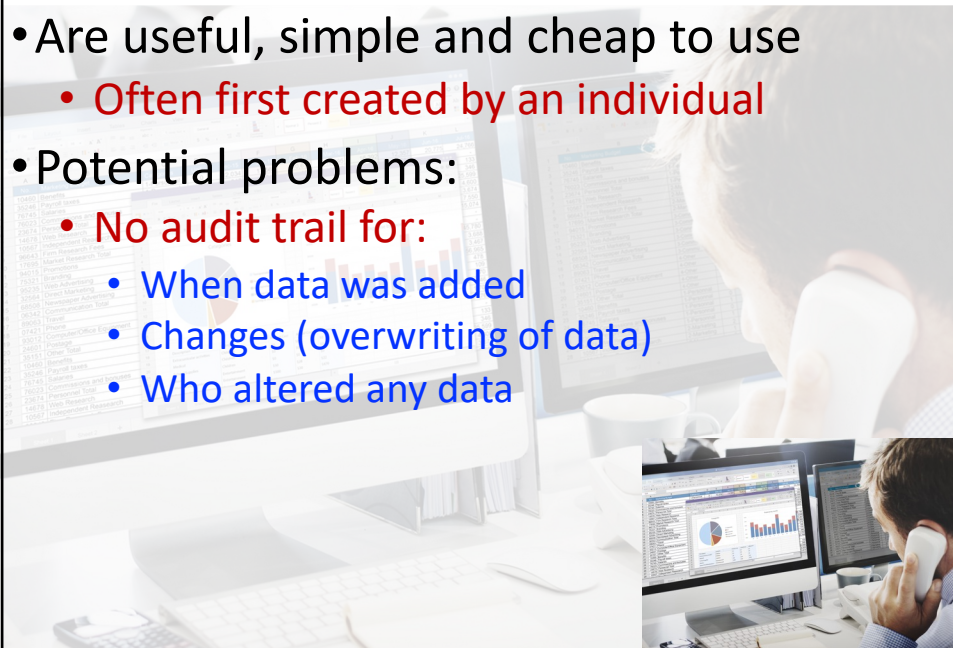
Any questions?



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Spreadsheets

- Are useful, simple and cheap to use
 - Often first created by an individual
- Potential problems:
 - No audit trail for:
 - When data was added
 - Changes (overwriting of data)
 - Who altered any data



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Spreadsheets

- Potential problems:
 - The accuracy of calculations
 - Plus altering them
 - The saving of data
 - Often on a general server with access to a whole group people
 - Can it be deleted?
 - Is data archived in the same way as paper-based records?

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Primary Records *and* True Copies

- Batch records are never totally computerised
- Paper forms and records used for certain activities
 - Line clearance sheets
 - Sterilisation charts
 - Printouts
- These are **Primary Records**
 - You may keep these
 - You may scan or copy these
 - Both



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Primary Records *and* True Copies

- Copy or scan is a **True Copy**
 - Only if an exact copy
- Need to control what you do with these
 - Especially if not stored with the computer-based record



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Reporting DI issues

- Incorporate data integrity assessment and Reporting into self-inspection program
- Ensure a system is in place to record data integrity issues (e.g. CAPA)
 - **Data integrity issues**
 - Have had a problem
 - **Data integrity weaknesses**
 - An issue – but no evidence of a problem



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Reporting DI issues

- Reprocessing of events
- Does anything look strange here?

Sample name	Acquisition time	Filename
Volt.@100 Run 1	14:12:19	120215.003.rst
Volt.@100 Run 2	14:18:10	120215-004.rst
Volt.@100 Run 5	14:29:19	120215-007.rst
Volt.@100 Run 5	14:36:07	120215-007-20110809-173718.rst
Volt.@100 Run 6	14:39:58	120215-008.rst
Volt.@100 inj acc	14:43:58	120215-009.rst

Avoid "Testing into Compliance"



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Data Integrity strategy

- It starts at the top - Management Led
- Have a Policy on Data Integrity
- Know what systems you have
- Know where you have weaknesses
 - Plan to deal with these



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Data Integrity strategy


- Train personnel in DI
- An open approach for reporting DI concerns
- Look for DI issues during Internal Audits
- Look for DI issues during External Audits
- Look for DI issues with any new projects

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Any questions?



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References

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- Many regulatory authorities have produced Data Integrity Guidance documents:
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- EMA:
 - <https://www.ema.europa.eu/en/news/data-integrity-key-public-health-protection>
- PICS:
 - <https://picscheme.org/en/news?itemid=33>
- WHO:
 - <https://www.who.int/medicines/news/emp-data-integrity-guide/en/>
- MHRA (UK):
 - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-on-gxp-data-integrity>

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