Design of Experiment (DoE) in Pharmaceutical Research

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Design of Experiments

 Basics
 Case study - Two Designs (FD, FFD and CCD)

Design of Experiments

- What is DoE?
- Why to Use DoE?
- When to Use DoE?
- How to Use DoE?
- Qbd and DoE?

THE QUALITY MANTRA

"Quality can not be tested into products; it has to be built in by design"



Joseph M Juran



What is Quality by Design (QbD)?

Systematic approach **Predefined** objectives product and process understanding

Quality risk management

Step 1 - Categorization of Drug Properties



Target Product Profile (TPP) is patient and labelling centred concept:



The mechanism of the product to produces an effect on a living organism.

Clinical pharmacology

Pharmacokinetic information, distribution and pathways for transformation.

Indication for use

Target disease or manifestation of a disease and/or population.

Primary efficacy endpoints

The most important clinical outcome measure.

Secondary efficacy endpoints Additional criteria to be met during a clinical trial (not required to obtain a successful positive clinical trial result).

Step 1 - Categorization of Drug Properties



Quality Target Product Profile (QTPP)

- a quantitative surrogate for aspects of clinical safety and efficacy
- for designing and optimizing a formulation and manufacturing process, (includes quantitative targets) :
 - Indication and route of administration
 - Dosage form and strength

Container

closure system

Attributes affecting pharmacokinetic characteristics



Drug product quality criteria

Step 2 - Risk Assessment 1: Identification of CQAs from QTPPs



Initial Risk Assessment (RA-1)

- to shortlists the QTPPs - that are critical for the patients.



Step 2 - Risk Assessment 1: Identification of CQAs from QTPPs



Critical Quality Attributes (CQAs)

(within an appropriate limit or distribution to ensure the desired quality).



Step 3 - Risk Assessment 2: Identification of PPs and MAs



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Step 4 - Optimization of the Effects of the Input Variables on the CQAs



Design of Experiments (DoE)

(output of the DoE is the set of variables that affect the CQAs significantly).



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Critical Material Attributes (CMAs)

(MAs that need to be controlled to ensure the desired quality)

CMAs are independent of each other - (i.e. Particle Size and Purity)

Critical Process Parameters (CPPs)

(PPs that can

cause the product to fail to meet the desired quality).

Temperature

Cooling

rate

Rotation Agitation Feed type speed

and rate

pH

Step 4 - Optimization of the Effects of the Input Variables on the CQAs



Design Space (ICH Q8)

(Multidimensional combination and interaction of MAs and PPs demonstrated to provide assurance of quality)



Step 5 - Control Strategy and Risk Control



Control Strategy (ICH Q10)

(planned set of controls derived from current product and process understanding - assures process performance and product quality. Elements of a control strategy can include: Identification and qualification of raw materials

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Quantitative determination of active ingredients in finished products

Quantitative discrimination of physiochemical parameters in finished products

In-process control of physiochemical parameters

Step 5 - Control Strategy and Risk Control



Risk Assessment after implementation of control strategy (RA-3) -

CQAs is re-evaluated to determine whether it has been reduced after optimization with respect to the risk that existed during RA-2.



Step 6 - Feedback for continuous improvement



Feedback for continuous improvement Japanese productivity philosophy known as Kaizen.

What is Design of Experiments?

The properties of products and processes are affected by many factors: Input factors Process Output responses



What is Design of Experiments?

Design of Experiments (DoE) is a process to organize the experiments to answer the questions of interest clearly and efficiently.



"Design of Experiment (optimize)

simply means to make as Perfect, Effective, or Functional as possible.

DOE: Why to use it ?

- To get to market faster
- For competitive advantage in business
- To increase return on investment
- To produce highest quality product

Evolution of DOE ...

- Trial and error method
 - Depends on one's knowledge and experience
 - Depends on one's luck
- One factor at a time
 - Does not examine all permutations and combinations
 - Can not examine interactions
- Design of experiments
 - Can predict the results of experiments not yet performed
 - Can predict the best conditions to meet multiple goals

The strategy for setting up experiments to obtain information efficiently and precisely is called EXPERIMENTAL DESIGN.

Apart from experimental strategy, it also includes DATA ANALYSIS resulting from the experiments.

The experimental designs originated from the work of SIR RONALD FISCHER and **PROF. FRANK YATES**

The Design of Experiments **ENSURES** FORMULATION QUALITY, SAVES TIME, LABOR and MONEY.

DOE: When to use it ?

- Screening experiments
 - Select the key factors (CMAs and CPPs) that influence the response
- Modeling experiments
 - Maximize or minimize response
 - Characterize and optimize response

DOE: How to use it ?

• VARIABLE / FACTOR:

Independent Variables
Dependent Variables

Independent Variables

Independent variables

- > Quantitative
- > Qualitative

Quantitative variables

--- Numeric values and continuous.

e.g. Time, Temperature, Amount of polymer, Plasticizer, Superdisintegrants etc. such as 1%, 2%, 3% concentration

QUALITATIVE VARIABLES

Qualitative Variables :

(also known as *Categorical variables*)

e.g. Type of polymer, component or machine.

DEPENDENT VARIABLES

Characteristics of the finished drug product are **Dependent Variables** Response Variables. e.g. Drug release profile, Percent drug entrapment, Pellet size distribution, Moisture uptake etc.

LEVELS

The Values or designation assigned to a factor.

-1 = lowest factor levels
0 = intermediate (central level)
+1 = highest factor levels

CODING

Coding involves the Orthogonality Of Effects and depicts effects and interaction (s).

It allows not only easier calculation of coefficients and coefficient variances, but easier depiction of response surfaces as well.

ORTHOGONALITY

Conversely, lack of orthogonality (or independence) is termed *confounding* or *aliasing*.

EFFECT PLOT

Effects plot is plotted between the magnitude of various coefficients for the effects and/or interactions against the response variable.



EXPERIMENTAL DOMAIN

The dimensional space defined by the coded variables is known *FACTOR SPACE.*

The part of the factor space, investigated experimentally for optimization, is the *Experimental domain.* OR *Region of interest*,

Domain in a Central Composite Design (CCD)



Diagrammatic representation of central composite design (a) rectangular domain with α =1; (b) spherical domain with α = 1.414

RESPONSE SURFACE

The response surface can be visual representation of relationship between measured responses and *independent variables*.

RESPONSE SURFACE PLOT

3-D graphical representation of a response variable plotted against two independent variables.



CONTOUR PLOT

2D-graph between one independent variable versus another holding magnitude of response and other variables constant



How To Use DOE ?

PLAN

 Form a hypothesis and create an experimental design

DO
✓ Test the hypothesis

✓ Verify the replicability of the experiment

✓ Make the proven hypothesis a part of standard

List all possible process and response variables (both qualitative and quantitative)

Select the ranges and levels for each variable

Decide on the orthogonal experiments, schedule for randomization, transformation of data and number of replicates

Perform quick screening experiments and identify critical variables

Collect extensive experimental data with respect to all critical variables

Use statistical methods (ANOVA) to distinguish between error and results Linear model or Non-linear model

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A mathematical model is used to map the response

Process in DOE

Mathematical Model: Predicting the main effects \bigcirc Identifying significant variables Predicting the interactions \bigcirc

MATHEMATICAL MODEL

Model (for 2ⁿ factorial design) represented by a polynomial equation:

$$Y = \beta_0 + \sum_{i=1}^n \beta_i x_i + \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=i+1}^n \beta_{ij} x_i x_j + \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=i+1}^n \beta_{ijk} x_i x_j x_k$$

Where, Y is response, β_0 is a constant, β_i represent the coefficients of main effects, β_{ij} , β_{ijk} represent the coefficients of first-order and second-order interactions and x_i represents a set of variables.

MATHEMATICAL MODEL

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Explain the relationship and arrangement of experiments in factor space.

 Quality of experimental design depends on the mathematical model

Tomorrow Work

Insight to Multi Linear regression and ANOVA - before case study (Factorial Design and Central Composite Design)