# How to Navigate the FDA Regulatory Maze to Drug Approval in the U.S.

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# What are the different regulatory pathways?

505 (b)(1): Submitted for an innovator's product not previously approved; 'traditional' pathway; FDA user fees apply



- **505** (b)(2): *Generally* submitted for a change to a previously approved (usually innovative) product (Reference Listed Drug or RLD); relies on FDA's previous findings of efficacy and safety; cross references to innovator product literature permitted; FDA user fees apply even though process is simplified; 'streamlined' pathway
- 505 (j): Submitted for generics or duplicates (same administration route, dosage form, or strength) of approved products (i.e., RLDs); relies on FDA's previous findings of efficacy and safety. No user fees apply and no FDA meetings allowed. Specific advice re: pharmacokinetic study protocol

  2 permitted.

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# 505 (b)(1), 505 (b)(2), and 505 (j) Pathways

### Why does FDA use these numbers and letters?

 Short hand designations for sections of regulations in Food Drug & Cosmetic Act that describe requirements for different routes for approval of new drugs



### What are RLDs?

- RLDs are the most comparable products in terms of active ingredient, dosage form, route of administration, and strength to proposed product
- Applicable to 505 (b)(2) NDAs and ANDAs

# Examples of requirements for 505 (b)(2) product approval in different scenarios



### **New injectable formulation in 2005: Abraxane®**

(albumin-bound microfine particle suspension of 'solvent-free' paclitaxel, particle size in nano range (~100 nm)

RLD: Indication: 'solvent-based' paclitaxel

#### **New Clinical Data:**

- Single pivotal study in >220 patients with breast cancer compared
   Abraxane® vs RLD; pharmacokinetics required
- BA/BE studies <u>not</u> relevant for injectable

### **New Nonclinical (Tox) Data**

### \*\*\*LABELING- SECTION 14\*\*\*:

Clinical data from single pivotal study of Abraxane® vs RLD

 Statistically significantly higher lesion response rate of Abraxane® vs RLD