Biopharmaceutical Manufacturing Innovations on the Horizon

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- 3. Digital Twin
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# AGILE- Integrated DS manufacturing

# **Integrated Drug Substance Manufacturing**



#### Value Proposition



- Aligned to current platform technologies
- Maintains separation science principles employed in batch processing

# **Process and Equipment Design of Integrated System**



R&D system to development ways of working, control strategy, demonstrate robustness



**Floc:** Flocculation **HDF:** Harvest Depth Filtration **HMF:** Harvest Membrane Filtration

MF: Membrane Filtration VI MCC: Continuous Multicolumn Chrom VI CVI: Continuous Viral Inactivation VI

VIDF: Post-VI Depth Filtration VIMF: Post-VI Membrane Filtration VPF: Viral Prefiltration VF: Viral Filtration

Filtration UFDF: Ultrafiltration/Diafiltration PS80: PS80 Addition/Final Filtration

Reusable



#### Design Philosophies

- Flexible throughput
- Semi-continuous
- Single Use
- Modular
- Easily Upgrade UOs
- Duty-Standby Filtration
- Automated
- Fed-Batch or Perfusion



# **Overall Skid (Front)**





### **Overall Skid (back)**





- Continuous production demonstrated for multiple GSK mAbs with comparable quality attributes to fed-batch material



# Polychaeta- Novel Sterile Drug Product manufacture

# Polychaeta – Novel Drug Product Liquid Vial Filling System

#### Background

- Traditional aseptic filling lines work well for high volume products; however, they do not meet the needs of a varied product portfolio including small batches of high value: they are too complex and lack flexibility.
- Several small sterile filling technologies are being offered on the market; however, they often require a change in the primary packaging (i.e. plastic vials, snap caps, stoppers in trays, all of them typically supplied in gamma irradiated tubs) and remain functionally complex.
- GSK is developing an innovative aseptic filling line, named Polychaeta, which is simple in its design and operation, utilizes standard packaging components while enhancing sterility assurance for patient safety.
- The technology is designed to support small volume clinical and commercial manufacture of liquid biotherapeutics, chemical entities & potentially vaccine biologics. The characteristics of this technology are well suited for potential implementation to support sterile filling surge capacity needs during an emergency or pandemic (i.e. COVID 19)





#### Simple.

- one single frictionless transport system
- no sensors inside the machine
- GSK can troubleshoot & maintain
- small footprint (0.5 x 8 m)

#### Agile

- all units demountable for machine wash and reassembly
- machine is inexpensive (approx. 350K€ estimated for the first GMP unit)
- one machine could be dedicated to a single vial size
- modular

#### Enhanced Aseptic Assurance.

- entire machine truly sterilizable (dry heat)
- no glove ports
- grade "C" or less background environment
- reduced environmental monitoring



Functions: Depyrogenation Filling Stoppering Crimping (not ill.)





# Prototype has been built and feasibility demonstrated



- Engagement with FDA Emerging Technologies team provided valuable feedback
- EMA feedback being obtained
- May require re-thinking of some of the EU Annex 1 requirements due to completely closed system
- Being integrated as the front-end for the continuous lyophilization development ongoing at GSK

#### **Digital Twin Framework for Pharmaceutical Manufacturing**

Advanced process control to improve Quality, Safety and Efficiency



#### **Partnership with Regulatory Authorities**

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How can we work together to deliver the digital transformation?

- Leverage opportunity for model-based control offered by ICH Q12 'performance-based' approach to deliver:
  - Updated Quality Framework to enable advanced process control and model-driven, real time process optimization including use of AI approaches
  - Clear guidance for model verification/validation, maintenance and lifecycle management including post-file model optimization/updates
- Drive greater alignment with Global Regulatory Authorities on acceptance of advanced modeldriven approaches
  - Global regulatory divergence is a significant barrier
  - Risk that some Global markets where product will be filed may not accept model-based approach despite EU/US approval drives more conservative approaches

## **COVID-19 Pandemic forced technology adoption**



Supply chain resilience severely tested and identified several key opportunities

- COVID mabs progressed rapidly (<12mo to emergency use authorization from FTIH) enabled by frequent and open communications with regulatory agencies
  - Reduced Process validation requirements at time of filing
- Need easier post-launch change mechanisms to enable site transfers for increasing production to meet unexpected demand for existing products
- Raw material supply shortages and long lead times
  - Critical reagents, single-use components, filters
  - What regulatory mechanisms can be put into place to qualify alternate raw materials?
- Need for increased remote and virtual inspections due to travel restrictions
  - Develop good practices to enable successful remote inspections
  - Use of virtual technologies (see next slide)
  - Need for global regulatory agency cooperation and mutual recognition of inspections

### **Technology: Smart Glasses - Tandem**



Hardware: RealWear; Software: Apprentice Field Suite

#### **Overview:**

- Remote colleagues can observe what you see.
- Service expert diagnosis of equipment, reduced equipment downtime, and transfer of organizational tribal knowledge.
- Guided tours of automation systems for remote audiences without the need for gowning.

#### **Key Benefits:**

- Global collaboration, Subject Matter Expert (SME) troubleshooting for process/method transfers, qualification, and training without travel.
- External vendor contact to immediately resolve critical issues, diagnose problems, and come to resolutions faster without the need for travel expenses.
- Regulatory inspections





# Manufacturing innovation can solve healthcare problems of the future



- Supply Chain Agility with modular and integrated drug substance and drug product manufacturing
- *Reduced Cost of Goods* via process intensification and continuous processes
- Enhanced process understanding and control via digital twin
- These can only be enabled by regulator-innovator partnership to reduce barrier to entry
- Global regulatory agency cooperation needed to enable rapid industrialization of emerging technologies
- COVID-19 pandemic has forced adoption of virtual and digital technologies that should be standardized
- COVID-19 therapeutics have shown possibilities for drastically reducing cycle-times by taking smart risks underpinned by platform knowledge and regulatory flexibility



# **Questions?**

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