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Reforming IVD Regulations: Necessary or Nuisance?

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Observations

- A Lot of devil in details
- Many higher concepts aligned
- Need to agree on terms and definitions; speak same language
- WE NEED YOUR HELP
- Stakeholders need to be active participants: listen, communicate, consider alternatives
- What is equitable, rational, efficient regulation?
- What's the best system for patients?

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Why Regulatory Reform (LDT)?

Necessary

- Regulations are antiquated
- Diagnostics ≠ devices
- It does not make sense to compare to predicates
- System does not adapt well to rapidly evolving technology
- Submission requirements for modifications to tests can be burdensome and costly.
- No efficient or timely mechanism to reclassify tests
- Biforcated regulatory path for the same thing doesn't make sense.

Nuisance

- Existing regulations work
- Already compare to known specimens, reference standards, reference methods
- Need flexibility to modify assays as new scientific information becomes available
- Already subject to multiple regulations, inspections
- Medical services outside of FDA authority
- Developed and performed under supervision of qualified laboratory director

Diagnostic Test Working Group

- Coalition of a few manufacturers and laboratories met end of 2014 and developed a proposal for fundamental regulatory reform
- Began sharing publically in mid-February
- Early March began outreach with AdvaMed, ACLA, E&C and FDA
- Group expanded late March; more aggressive outreach to other stakeholders through April
- In constant contact with FDA, and other stakeholders on clarifying language
- Legislative language expected sometime in June
- Legislative vehicle?
 - 21st Century Cures (2015?)
 - MDUFA (2016)

DTWG Proposal in a nutshell

- **Proposal applies to all IVCT**
- **Allocates responsibility (like activities):**
 - **Test design/development/procedure – FDA**
 - **Laboratory operations – CMS**
 - **Interpretation/consultation – states**
- **Classification: high, moderate, low risk proposed by developer; FDA 60 day option to reject**
- **IVCT moves high-low risk as becomes established**
- **Standard for review: “reasonable assurance of analytical and clinical validity” established through “competent and reliable evidence”**

DTWG Proposal in a nutshell

- **Special pathways for rare disease, emergency use and unmet needs tests**
- **Post-market QS and recalls similar to current paradigm, AER tailored to tests**
- **Instrument platforms Low Risk**
- **Incentive vouchers for development innovative IVCT**
- **3-4 year transition to new system**

Big Bucket Issues

- **Definitions, e.g., “well-established”**
- **What is the diagnostic?**
- **Standard for review: S&E vs A&C V**
- **Risk Classification process: levels of evidence**
- **Submissions: what evidence**
- **Modifications**
- **QSR/CLIA for production**
- **New Center for Diagnostics?**

FDA: WTF? (What to file)?

Analytical Validity:
Developer

Clinical Validity:
Developer, 3rd party

Clinical Utility:
SOC
Widely covered

Safety

Effectiveness

NOVEL test: little to no evidence

RISK

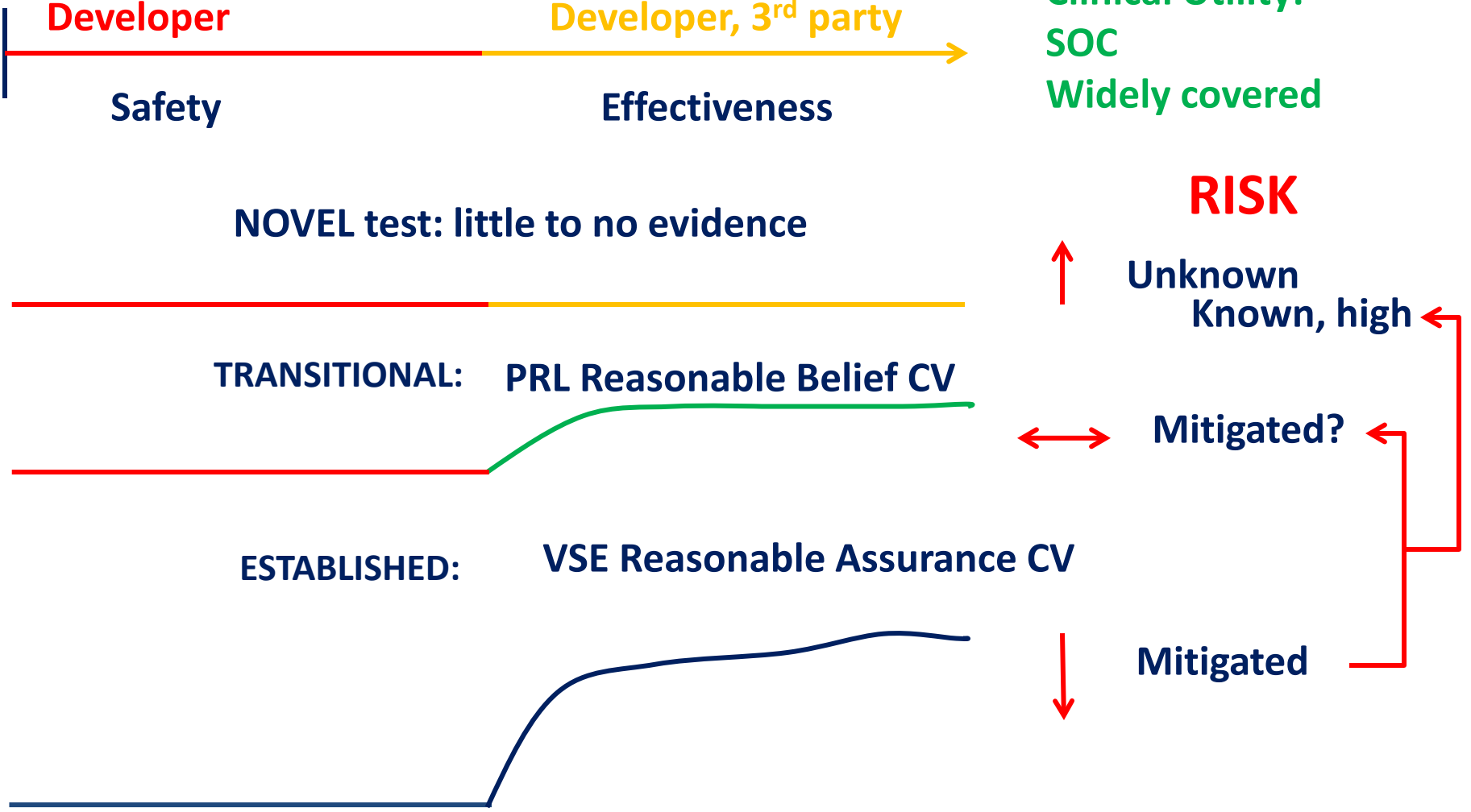
Unknown
Known, high

TRANSITIONAL: PRL Reasonable Belief CV

Mitigated?

ESTABLISHED: VSE Reasonable Assurance CV

Mitigated



Risk Classification: criteria

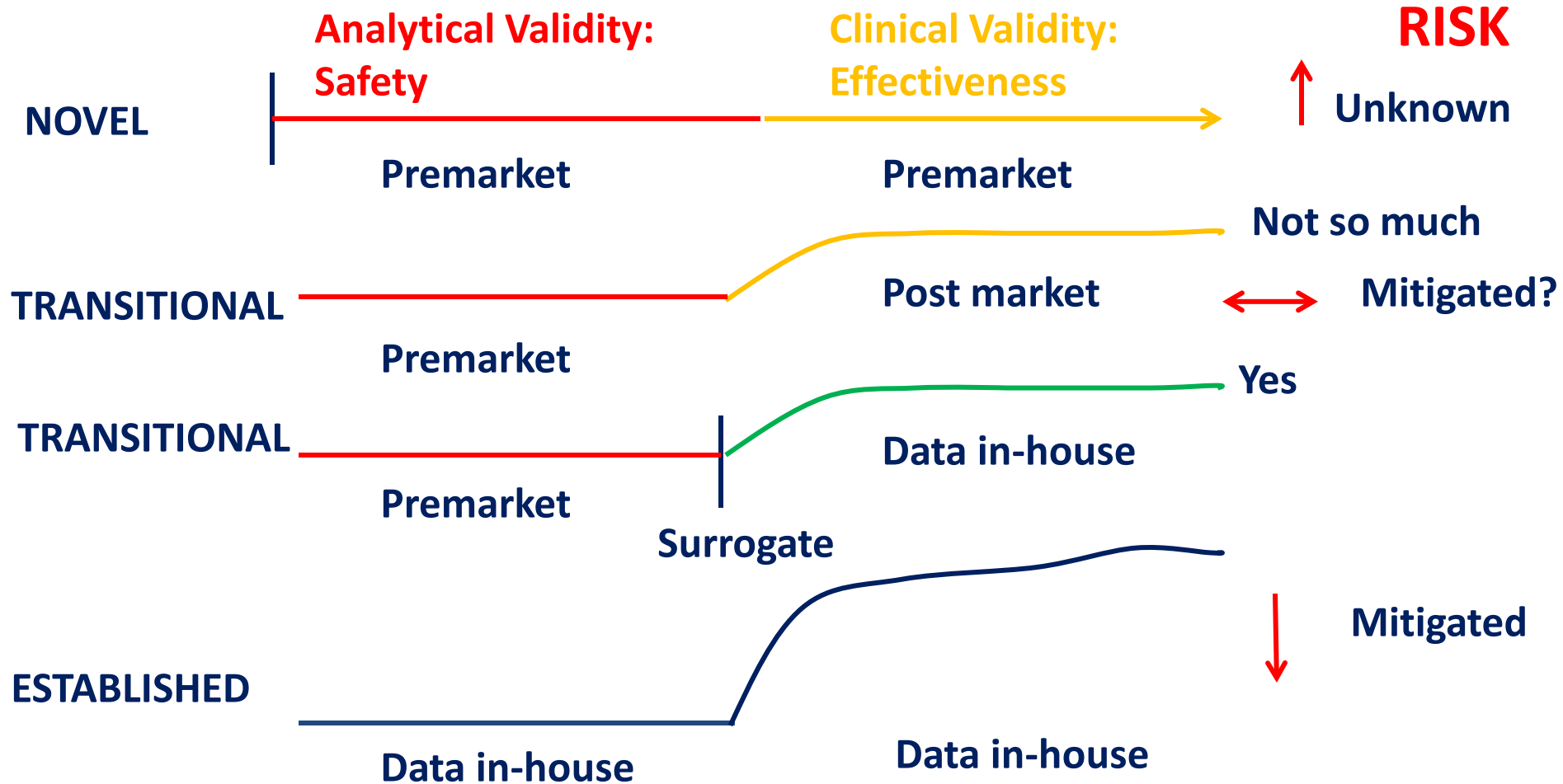
Advanced/Cepheid LDT comment:

- Clinical Use
- Novelty of Analyte
- Novelty of Platform
- Experience of user

DTWG

- Sole determinant
- Clinical use well-characterized
- Technology well-characterized
- Public/patient outcome if wrong result

FDA: W²TF? What/When to file?



How is this different than status quo?

- Recognizes diagnostics as fundamentally different from devices
 - Provides information; are not therapeutic/interventional
 - Medical professional applies the intervention
- New Center?
- No arbitrary classification
 - Use existing evidence to identify data gaps as a means to submission
- No more predicate device
- Give FDA more flexibility for adapting to new evolving technologies and modifications (while protecting developers)
 - Balance pre- post-market submissions and in-house data
- Recognizes that laboratory operations are different from manufacturing operations
- Binding (guidances are not)

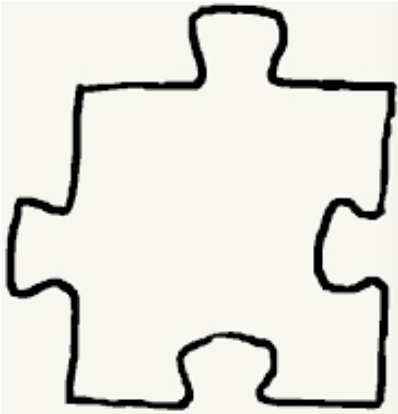
Stakeholders: Call to Action

Manufacturers

Laboratories

Feds (FDA, CMS)

Providers, Patients





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