


ELSIE
Extractables and Leachables
Safety Information Exchange



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Overview

- Extractables and Leachables: What Are They and Why Are They Important?
- Background on ELSIE
- ELSIE Materials Effort
- ELSIE Safety Effort
- Open Discussion



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What are Extractables and Leachables?

- Leachables are undesired impurities in drug products
- All materials give off leachables (examples):
 - Plastics
 - Elastomers
 - Metal containers with coatings
 - Films
- Additives, oligomers, monomers, from these materials can all show up as E and/or L
- Leachables can present potential safety risk (they are non-drug related impurities, not covered by ICH Q3)
- Packaging materials are a major source of leachables

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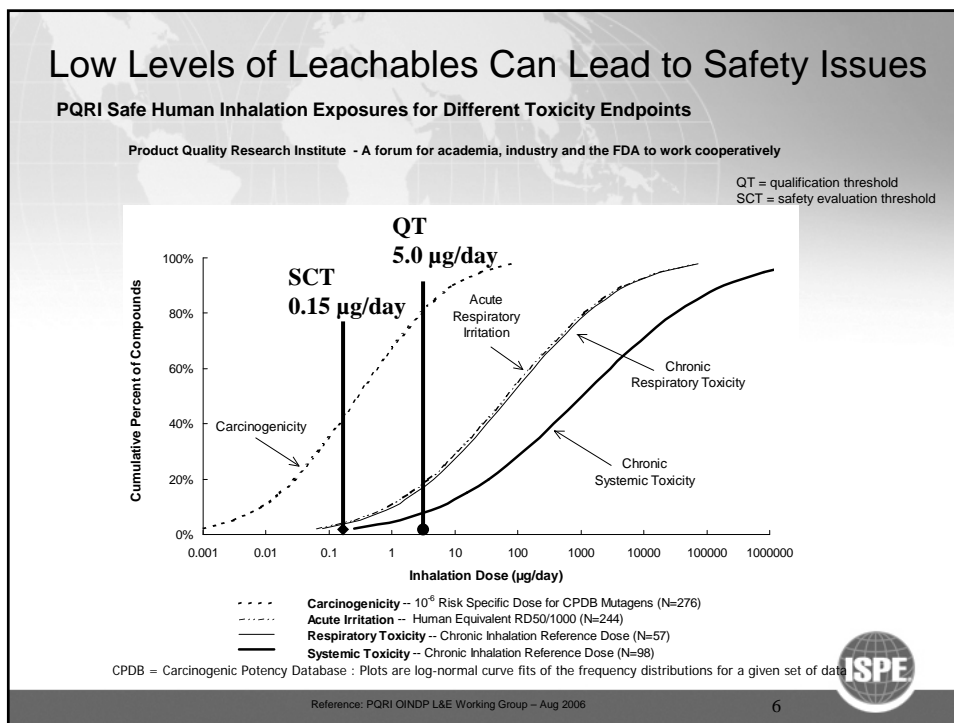
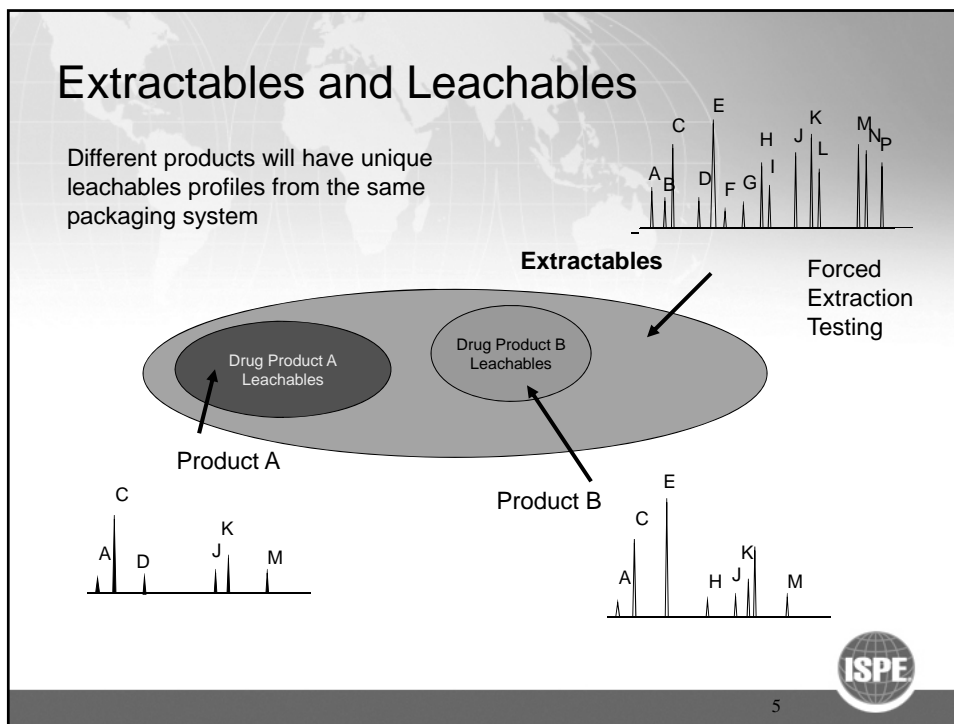
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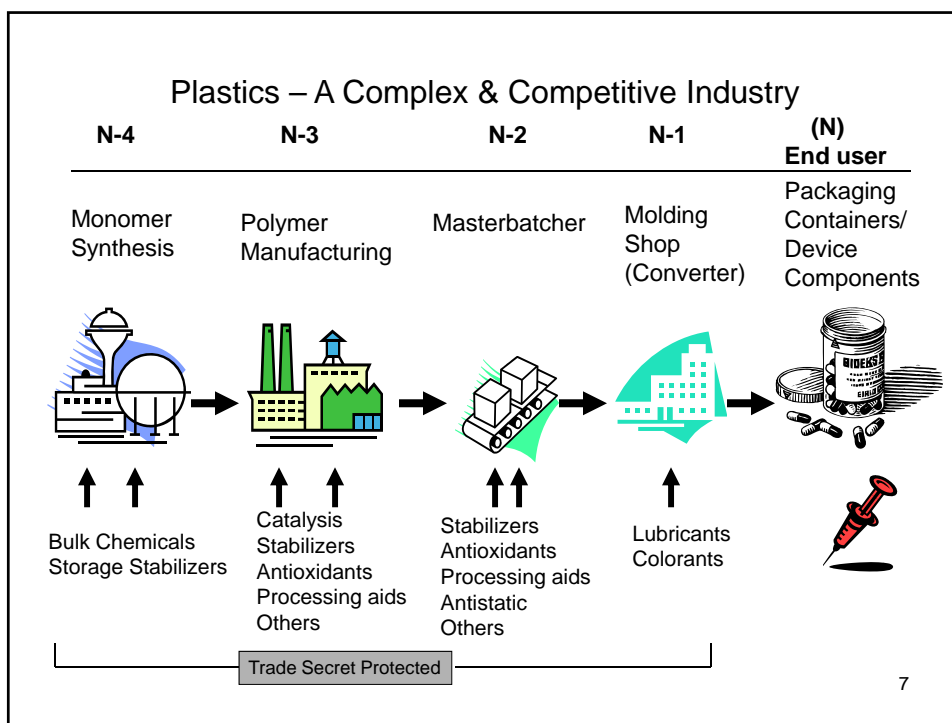
Definitions

- Extractables: chemical compounds that are forcibly removed from drug product container closure systems, packaging, or from devices under rigorous laboratory conditions
- Leachables: chemical compounds that migrate from drug product container closure systems, packaging, or from devices under normal-use/stability

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E&L in Regulatory Guidelines

- EMA Guideline on Plastic Immediate Packaging Materials
- EMA and Health Canada Guidance: Pharmaceutical Quality of Inhalation and Nasal Products
- FDA Guidance: Container Closure Systems for Packaging Human Drugs and Biologics
- FDA Draft Guidance: Metered Dose Inhaler and Dry Powder Inhaler Drug Products
- FDA Guidance: Nasal Spray, Inhalation Solution, Suspension, and Spray Drug Products



ELSIE History

- Initial discussions in February 2007
- Companies wanted to:
 - Reduce duplicative safety evaluation associated with leachables and extractables
 - Encourage accessibility and use of extractables safety information early in the development process, e.g., during materials selection
- ELSIE formally established in May 2007



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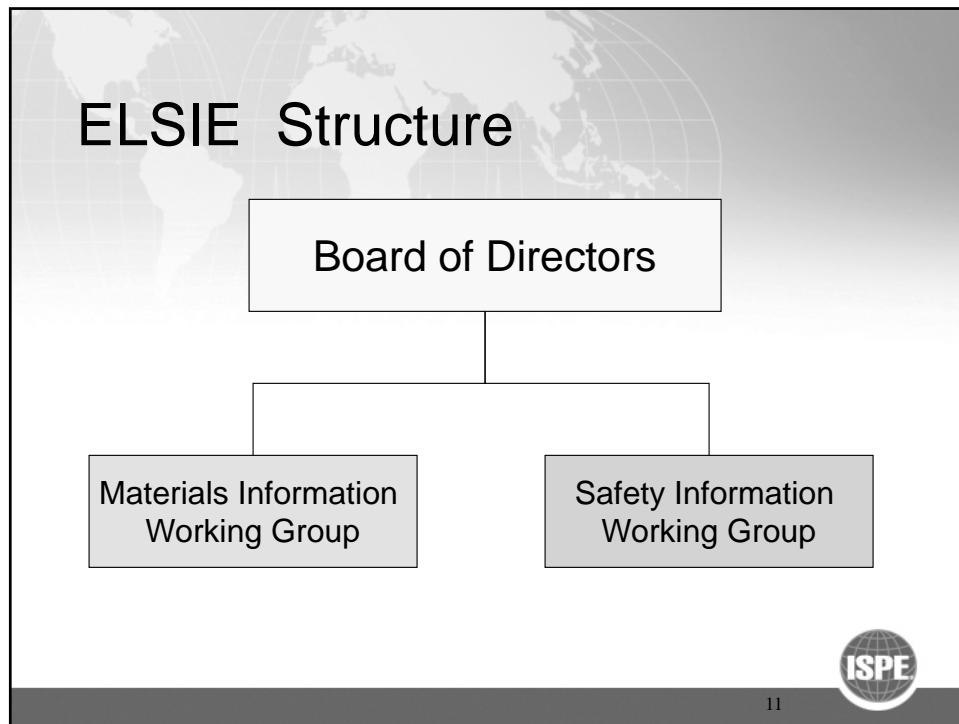
Membership

Abbott	GSK
AstraZeneca	Merck Serono
Baxter	Novartis
Boehringer Ingelheim	Pfizer
Eli Lilly	sanofi-aventis

All pharmaceutical, biotechnology, and medical device companies are invited to join ELSIE. Several additional companies are actively considering membership.



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Core Objective

ELSIE's core objective is to establish a comprehensive database that will provide a jointly-developed and credible source of

- Safety information on extractables and leachables and
- Extraction profiles and standardized study protocols for a range of materials commonly used in pharmaceutical, biological and device applications and processes (e.g., container closure systems, devices, manufacturing/processing)

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ELSIE Outreach to Regulators

- FDA (CDER and CDRH) have expressed interest in the ELSIE effort
 - CDER indicated interest in a future meeting once further data and progress has been made
 - CDRH indicated interest in continuing dialogue with ELSIE
- MHRA have expressed interest in the effort and in regular updates



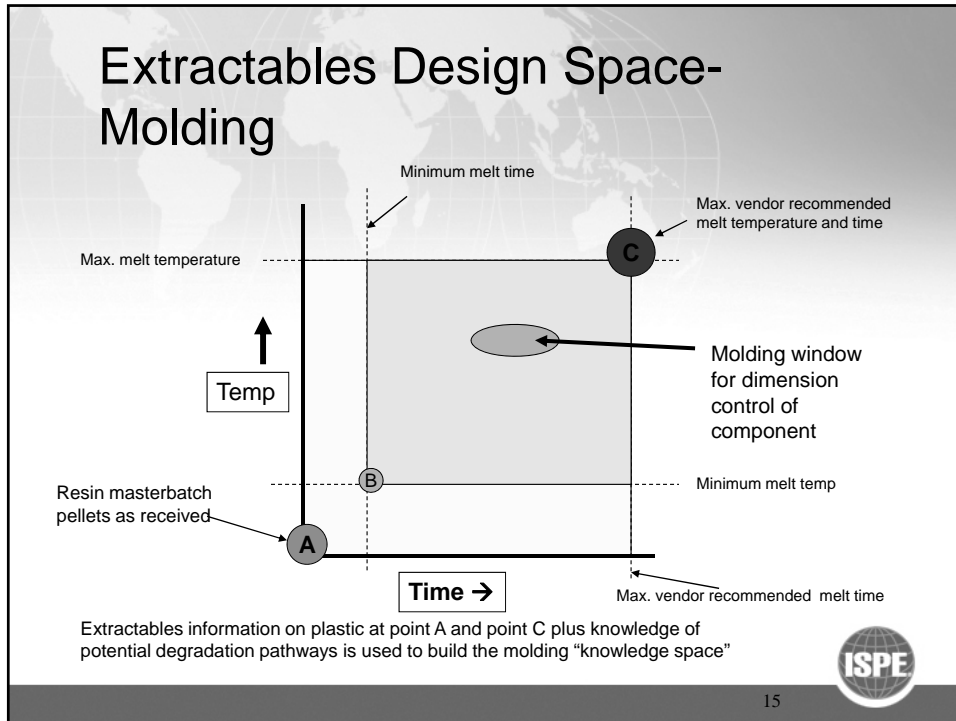
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Materials Information Working Group Core Goal

- Define the extractables knowledge space for container closure systems and devices that could:
 - Provide a basis to reduce the risk of selecting “unacceptable” materials; and
 - Expedite further product-specific extraction and/or leachable studies



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Safety Information Working Group: Core Goal

- Develop database of safety information on extractables and leachables



Safety Information Working Group: Summary of Activities

- Developed safety information template
 - Chemical Summary
 - Safety Summary
 - Key government assessments
 - Details on types of studies
- Flow and structure of the database follows the Common Technical Document (CTD)
- Developed detailed “user requirements” for safety database, including search capability and other tools



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Safety Information Working Group: Summary of Activities (II)

- Compiled initial list of leachables and extractables for inclusion in safety database
 - Approximately 210 compounds
 - Will grow over time and based on member company needs
 - Facilitates priority-setting
 - Continuously updated with new compounds of interest
- Created prototype database meeting user requirements
- Developed protocols for data entry, updating and quality control under development



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Populating the Safety Database

1st Phase: Publicly Available Information

For example:

- Peer-reviewed journal studies
- Government reports
- Industry reports (where available)
- MSDS (where available, and relevant)



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Populating the Safety Database

2nd Phase: Proprietary Information

- Promote sharing of member company safety study information when:
 - There are specific gaps in publicly available information
 - Members agree on need for that specific information
- Possibility for joint prospective safety studies to be conducted
- Issues of confidentiality will be carefully managed



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Update on Recent Progress

- Members identified priority compounds (from the list of ~210)
- Consortium engaged: (i) dedicated toxicologists to compile safety information and (ii) developer to transition prototype database into secure, web-based system meeting identified user requirements
- Operational Safety Information Database will be launched soon with approximately 40 compounds
- Goal is 100-150 compounds in database by end 2011 and by 2012 fully populated with initial 200+



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Example Compounds in Database

Irgafos 168 phosphate	Calcium Stearate
Tinuvin 326	Irganox 1330
Erucamide	Diocetyl sodium sulfosuccinate
Oleamide	MBT
Irganox 1310	o-toluenesulfonamide
Tinuvin 320	Dehydroabietic acid
Irgafos PEPQ	Diisodecylphthalate
Dibenzylamine	Butanal
Millad 3905	Butylated hydroxytoluene
2,2'-Methylene-bis(6- <i>tert</i> -butyl-4-methylphenol)	DEHP
Irgafos 168	Bis-phenol A
Stearic Acid	Palmitic acid
2-ethyl-1hexanol	Benzophenone
2-4-di- <i>t</i> -butyl phenol	Oleic acid
Irganox 1010	Caprolactam
Irganox 245	T-butanol
Irganox 1076	Dibutyl phthalate



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Demonstration of ELSIE Safety Information Database



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Next Steps

- Continue to populate the database (both safety and materials information)
- Publish key outcomes and information
- Provide progress updates to international regulatory bodies



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Questions?



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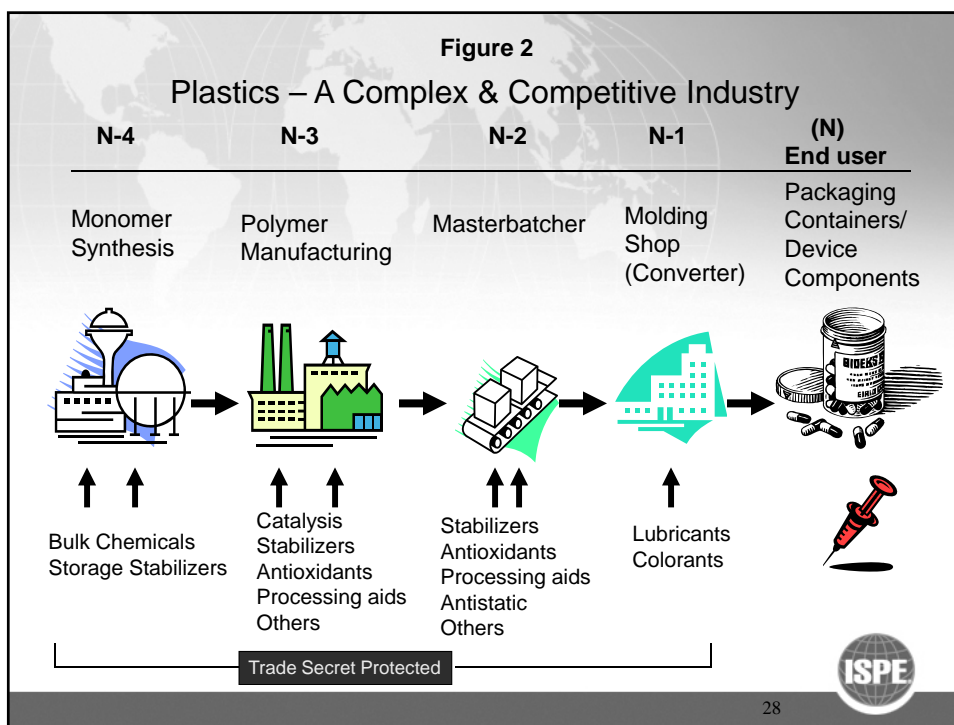


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BACK UP RESOURCE SLIDES



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Benefits – Safety Information

- Safety information needed for toxicology assessment for a given chemical compound is located in one place—
 - Eliminates hours/days of searching, reviewing and assessing toxicological data
 - Based on knowledge and experience of Consortium members (“peer-reviewed”)
- ELSIE is now considering creation of an appropriate forum for sharing more proprietary tox data and possible joint tox testing by the Consortium
 - Could significantly further reduce costs and minimize unnecessary safety studies

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Benefits – Materials Information

Materials information is readily available

- Significantly reduces cost and time for performing controlled extraction studies
- Allows streamlined and knowledge-based selection of materials for a specific application

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Additional Benefits

- Reduces duplicative testing across companies
- Minimizes delays in product development due to late-stage “surprises”
- Implements approach to building quality into products
- Provides forum for exchange of experience and perspectives among experts—an opportunity to be on the front edge of new developments in the industry
 - Allows individual members to “play bigger than their size”
- Promotes opportunities for positive and constructive interactions with regulators and suppliers



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The Database is Not...

- A replacement for risk assessments or safety qualification
 - Users must perform their own risk assessments and safety qualifications based on their product (information in database will be a valuable tool for assessment)
- A replacement for conducting leachables testing
- An “approvable” entity
 - Information from the database can be incorporated into a submission, which would then be reviewed/approved
- Specific for any one type of product



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Materials Information Working Group Database and Pilot Program

- Materials information database will include
 - Extractables profiles generated from raw materials and materials processed/molded at extremes of recommended time/temperature
 - Protocol(s) used to generate profiles
- Materials information database is linked to the safety information database
- Conducting Pilot Program with 11 CROs
 - Determine feasibility of generating useful data
 - Develop controlled extraction study protocol to serve as basis for a standard protocol that could be used on a variety of materials to generate data for database

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Materials Information Working Group: Protocol for Pilot Program

- *Controlled Extraction Studies on Materials for ELSIE Database – Qualitative and Semi-Quantitative Studies*
 - Conducted molding studies on 2 materials for pilot program: PVC and polyethylene
 - Studies to be conducted on the molded and unmolded forms
 - Covers studies for all common product types (e.g., parenterals, inhalation products, ophthalmics), therefore includes wide variety of solvents, and extraction and analytical techniques
 - Follows principals set forth in PQRI L&E Recommendations for OINDP
 - General principals and findings from the Pilot will be used to create a more focused protocol

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Protocol: Solvents

- Range of solvents to address a wide variety of end uses (organic solvents of varying polarity, water of varying pH)
 - Water at pH 2.5
 - Water at pH 9.5
 - Water
 - IPA:water (1:1)
 - IPA
 - Dichloromethane
 - Iso-hexane

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Protocol: Extraction Methods

Sonication
Reflux
Soxhlet
Sealed container
Microwave
ASE
Headspace

Results from pilot program will be used to select appropriate extraction methods for final protocol

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Protocol: Analytical Methods

Headspace GC/MS (volatiles)

GC/FID/MS (semi-volatiles)

LC/DAD/MS (non-volatiles)

ICP/MS (metal ions)



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Materials Information Working Group: Current Priority Activities

- Working with CROs to complete controlled extraction studies (pilot program)
- Engaging suppliers to determine interest and develop relationships



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