### **Pioneering Cell Therapies for the Next Generation** ISPE Boston Product Show

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**Cell Therapy Discussion** 

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At Vertex, we invest in scientific innovation to create transformative medicines for people with serious diseases with a focus on specialty markets.









# **Vertex Pharmaceuticals Pipeline Approach**

Multiple medicines, multiple modalities





**Gene Editing** 



**Gene Therapies** 



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#### **Cell Therapies**



### **Vertex Pipeline: Cell Therapy, Two Different Approaches**





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# **Cell Therapy Primer, Autologous vs Allogeneic**



Allogeneic

**Healthy Donor** 

Scale "Up"

Days

**Risk of GvHD** 

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Cell Source: Scaling Strategy: **Delivery Timeframe:** Safety Profile: Cost:

Patient Specific Scale "Out" Weeks – Months CRS, Neurotoxicity \$\$\$\$







### **Vertex Pipeline: Cell Therapy, Two Different Approaches**







# **Gene Editing 101**

- Ability to add, delete, or alter, genes at a precise location
- Viral, non-viral approaches available for delivery
- Used in combination with cell therapy for "ex vivo" applications







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## **Scale Up Considerations**

technology platform	cell expansion*	Cell Processing	業 Filling
"Scale Out" Autologous Cell Therapy <sup>1</sup>	Maintenance		
"Scale Up" Allogeneic Cell Therapy <sup>2</sup>			

- 1 Gene editing step is unique per product
- 2 Media, Media, Media
- 3 Critically connected to cold transport



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## **Autologous Scale Up Considerations**

Lifecycle stage	<b>Process Description</b>	Room Grades	Fa
FIH / Phase 1 "1 patient"	Laboratory GMP Process Very manual Very "open"	Entirely Grade B Ballroom style	1 Train Increase thr Maximizing bottlenecke
Phase 2 / 3 "Scale Out"	Process improvements (e.g. yield) "Closing" process steps Less manual	Reduced Grade B Some Grade C B/C operations grouped around open-processing steps	Multiple Tra Added equi Filling likely bottleneck.
Late Phase / Commercial "More Scale Out"	Continuation of above	Majority Grade C B space minimized Room setup dictated by personnel/material flows	Continuation Throughput layout



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## **Allogeneic Scale Up Considerations**

Lifecycle stage	Process Description	Room Grades	Fac
FIH / Phase 1 "1 patient"	Laboratory GMP Process Very manual Very "open"	Entirely Grade B Ballroom style	1 Train Throughput by differentia
Phase 2 / 3 "Scale Out or Scale Up"	Process improvements (e.g. yield) "Closing" process steps Less manual	Seed only Grade B Grade C operations either ballroom or suite style	Multiple Trai
Late Phase / Commercial "Scale Up"	Continuation of above Bulk media/factor preps (SU vs SS)	No change	Continuation Throughput layout



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### Scale Up Considerations: CDMO vs In-house Manufacturing



- Faster timeframe to manufacture
- Experienced staff
- Limited opportunity for specialized products

#### In-house

- Greater control over IP
- Facilitates Tech Transfer
- Longer timeframe, investment for facility buildout





## **Scale Up Summary**

How do we as engineers plan & build a manufacturing facility for producing at-scale for an unknown process 2-3 years in the future?

Distill process to fundamentals and understand:

- Autologous & allogeneic scale differently
- Every process is unique: review N=1 process for scalability & closure
- Allogeneic scale-up similar to traditional biologics
- Autologous at scale requires dynamic analysis of personnel/material flows
- Drug delivery method impacts facility design & throughput
- Control of DP after filling is key input to facility design
- CDMOs limited operator experience vs in-house manufacturing

#### Questions for peers

- can OEMs create modular equipment for autologous scaling-out
- Method for concurrent autologous DP fills





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### **Facility Design Case Study: Two Different Products, Two Different Facilities**





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## Facility Design Case Study: Autologous Cell Therapy Facility

#### Facility Highlights:

- Gene therapy + cell therapy under one roof
- Grade C corridors
- Grade B CT Suites, VV filling
- Shared locker rooms
- Uni-directional GMP flows







### Facility Design Case Study: Allogeneic Cell Therapy Facility

#### Facility Highlights:

- Cell therapy scale up to 2000L bioreactors
- Media Prep in-house vs. pre-purchased
- Grade D corridors
- Uni-directional GMP flows







### **Facility Design Case Study: Facility Metrics Comparison**

#### Approach 1: Autologous Cell Therapy

Scale:

Individual Patient

Patient Population:

Facility Square Footage:

Manufacturing Duration:

**Final Product Format:** 

~500 PPY

50,000 ft2

5-7 Days

Cryopreserved

#### Approach 2: **Allogeneic** Cell Therapy



- Up to 2000L Bioreactors
  - >10,000 PPY
  - 100,000 ft2
  - 60 Days
- Fresh Three Day Window





Multiple modalities are being pursued to develop therapies for a given indication

Scale up to allogeneic production has limited equipment options, equipment closure is key to downgrading cleanrooms

Autologous production is more conservative due to inherent risks with multiple products within the same facility

Allogeneic production can scale to >2000L to address large patient populations, although primarily theoretical in nature



