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# Managing Safety/Regulatory Issues in Clinical Development in China: The Role of CRO

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# Presentation Topic

- Differences in Safety Handling between China vs. ICH
  - Safety handling in IND studies
    - Phase I
    - Phase II/III
  - Post-marketing Safety Surveillance
- Outsourcing of Safety Handling
  - Opportunities
  - Challenges
- Upcoming changes
  - SFDA
  - Sponsors

# Safety Handling In China

- Definition of AE/SAE: drug vs. device trial
  - SAE definition are different (hospitalization)
- Safety reporting
  - Reporter: PI and sponsor/CRO
  - Reported cases: all SAEs immediately for IND studies.
  - Reporting timelines for post-marketing (July 1, 2011):
    - Drug:
      - 24 hours for Death Case and Group Events
      - 15 days for New SAEs
      - 30 days for AEs
    - Device 医疗器械不良事件监测工作指南（试行）(Sept 29. 2011):
      - 24 hours for group/series of SAEs
      - 5 days for death case,
      - 15 days for other SAEs
  - New requirement for registering safety handling officer

# Safety Handling in China

## ✚ Safety database

### ▣ Coding

- Normally use WhoArt or CoStar
- MedDRA (Chinese version 12.1) has not been the generally accepted; Training just started recently

### ▣ No guidelines for DM, thus no guidelines for safety database either

- Only one or two GCP centers adopted Oracle Clinical or ClinTrace.
- No dominant safety database system is available yet

## ● Requirement for the report of AE/SAE events outside of China

### ▣ Reporter; importer for imported product

### ▣ Timeline:

- 1 month for initial reporting
- 5 days for any follow-up requested by SFDA

# Safety Handling in Phase I trial

## ✚ Tolerability trial

- Risk Minimization Plan
- NCI-CTCAE (common terminology criteria for adverse events 4.0): acceptance and training
- DLT handling
  - Tend to be conservative
  - Ethical argument
- DSMB
  - Guidelines
  - Practice

# Safety Handling in Phase II/III

## ✚ Safety Reporting issue

- ▣ Dual reporting: from site and from sponsors/CROs
  - Reconciliation
- ▣ Abnormal lab value
- ▣ Under-reporting vs. over-reporting
- ▣ Periodic safety surveillance meeting

## ✚ Signal detection practice

- ▣ Just started

## ✚ Global vs. local trials

- ▣ Qualification of personnel

# Safety Handling for Device Trials

## ❁ Adverse Event Handling for Medical Device Operation and its Re-evaluation 医疗器械不良事件监测和再评价管理办法（试行）

- ❁ Issued on Dec 29, 2008

- ❁ Record keeping:

- validation date+2 more year;
- Minimum 5 years

- ❁ AE/SAE collection: manufacturing

- ❁ Reporting: manufacturing, distributors and users

# Safety Handling for Device Trials

## ● Adverse Event Handling for Medical Device Operation and its Re-evaluation 医疗器械不良事件监测和再评价管理办法（试行）

### ■ Reporting timeline

- Pandemic or group SAEs: 24 hours
- Death: 5 days
- Other SAEs: 15 days
- Class II/III products: annual report (Jan, each yr)
- Different from drug SAE reporting timeline

### ■ Report to

- Provincial SFDA safety department
- Can report directly to SFDA in Beijing



# Safety Outsourcing in China

## ✚ Safety handling by CROs in China

- ✚ AE/SAE event collection and monitoring
- ✚ Coding
- ✚ Reportability Assessment
- ✚ Reporting
  - SFDA
  - Sponsor
  - FDA/EMA (via sponsor or via offices outside of China): global CRO with China operation
- ✚ DSMB
- ✚ Signal Detection

# Outsourcing of Safety Operation

## ● Opportunities

### ■ China has talents:

- Academics
  - GCP trained clinicians: more than 200 GCP centers
  - More investment by MOST/MOPH
- Industry
  - Pfizer global safety operation team in China
  - CRO to handle outsourced safety handling work

# Outsourcing of Safety Operation

## 🌀 CRO's safety handling services in China

### 🏢 General safety process handling

- Safety event information collection
  - Paper-based or via EDC
- Coding: MedDRA v12.1, with China user-supporting group
- Reportability assessment and Regulatory filing
- DSMB and Periodic Safety Surveillance Meeting
  - FIM consideration and global acceptance of safety data.

### 🏢 Organ system-focused safety handling

- Cardiovascular
  - EKG central reading: QT measurement

# Outsourcing of Safety Operation

## ❁ Challenges

### ❏ Experience of Drug Safety Handling personnel

- PI experience in safety handling
  - Reporting consideration
- CRO experiences
  - Global vs. local trials
- Handle the differences among different regulatory systems

### ❏ Safety Database consideration

- Would CRO can access to sponsor' s database?

# Manage CRO for safety outsourcing

## ✚ Selection of CRO

- ▣ People/system/track record

## ✚ Management of CRO operation

- ▣ Integrated approach for long-term relationship

- SOP synchronization
- Training plan
- Implant a PM inside a CRO
- Database consideration

## ▣ Short-term relationship

- Communication!
- Plan B

# Upcoming Changes: SFDA

## ● SFDA' s effort

- SFDA' s management system: IND vs Post-Marketing Surveillance
- Revise safety guidelines
  - AE/SAE forms
- eAE reporting system
  - Nation-wide system
  - Access to the Safety Database
- Data Management guidelines

# Upcoming Changes: Sponsors

- More in line with ICH standard
  - Sponsor would have more qualified safety handling persons
  - Training will be in huge demand
  - Local trial vs global trial would be more converged on safety handling
  - EDC adoption would be increased
  - DSMB and Risk Management practice would be popular

# Additional Changes

## ✚ SFDA

### ▣ Personnel Changes

- Leadership
- CDE: complete change

## ✚ Management Structure Change

### ▣ CDE: separation of NCE vs. Generic Review

## ✚ Technical guideline development

## ✚ Communication with SFDA

### ▣ IND

### ▣ End of Phase II



# IND in China

## Two pathways:

### Standard Process:

- 9~12 months (up to 15 months)
- Requirement for CMC and Long Tox data
- No pre-IND consultation

### Special Handling Procedure

- 6~12 months (min 4 months)
- For NCEs, un-med medical need, orphan indication
- Rolling submission allowed
- Pre-IND consultation available with binding meeting minutes
- Risk/Benefit analysis required

# Special Handling Procedure (I)

## ● Equivalent to US IND

### ■ Applicable:

- Class I product
- Un-med Medical need: oncology, AIDS, TB
- Orphan Indication
- New combination of herbal products

### ■ Started on Jan. 7, 2009

### ■ About 30 Applications in 2009

- Oct 2011:
  - IND: 3/37 NCE 1/47 Generics ;
  - NDA: 1/43 for new drug; 0/234 for ANDA.

### ■ Shortest time for IND: 4 months

# Special Handling Procedure (II)

## ❖ NDA

- ❑ Fastest: 6 months (for both market clearance and manufacturing certificates)

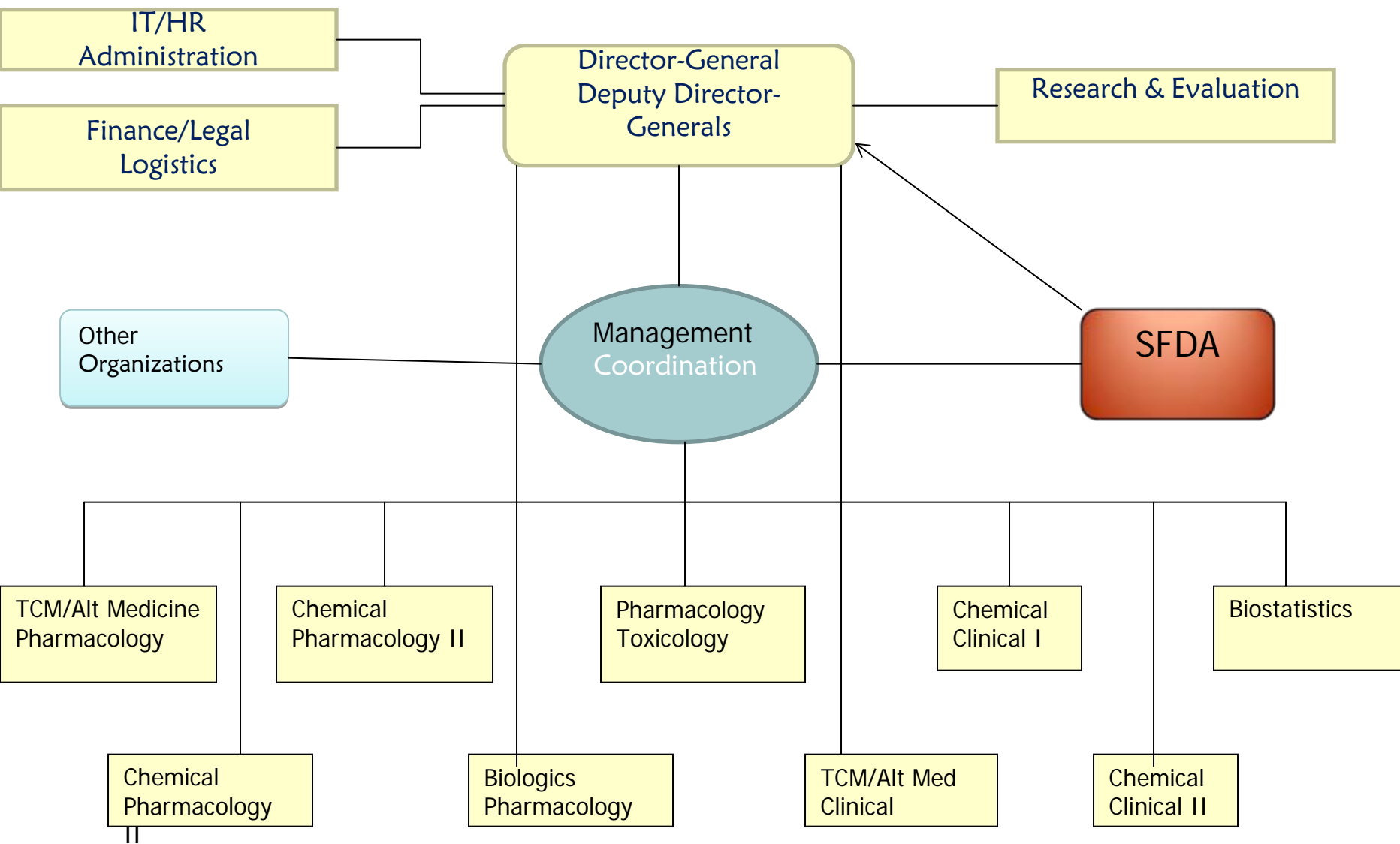
## ❖ Government Sponsored Projects

- ❑ 12<sup>th</sup>-5 Year National Key Drug Development Program
  - *International Collaborative Program*

## ❖ Could speed up further

- ❑ New CDE management system and policies
- ❑ More reviewers on NCEs
- ❑ More training for reviewers

# Organization Chart: CDE



# NDA in China

- ⊕ Timeline: 6 months ~24 months
  - ⊞ CTD (July 1, 2011) application faster, efilings has started
- ⊕ Total Number of Patients needed
  - ⊞ Diabetes: 500 patient-years
  - ⊞ Drug-Eluting Stent: 1200 patients
- ⊕ Pivotal Study
  - ⊞ No requirement for two pivotal studies
  - ⊞ End of phase II meeting is possible for certain products
- ⊕ No User-fee system; No 505 b(2)
- ⊕ Accelerated approvals possible for certain products/indications

# NCE vs. Generic Approval

## ● IND/NDA approval process

### ■ NCE:

- Parallel process
- Rolling submission
- Pre-IND & End of phase II meeting
- Open NDA review meeting

### ■ Generics:

- Sequential process
- One-step submission
- No Pre-IND & End of phase II meeting



Current model of global trials ---

China integrated into global  
development-Simultaneous filing

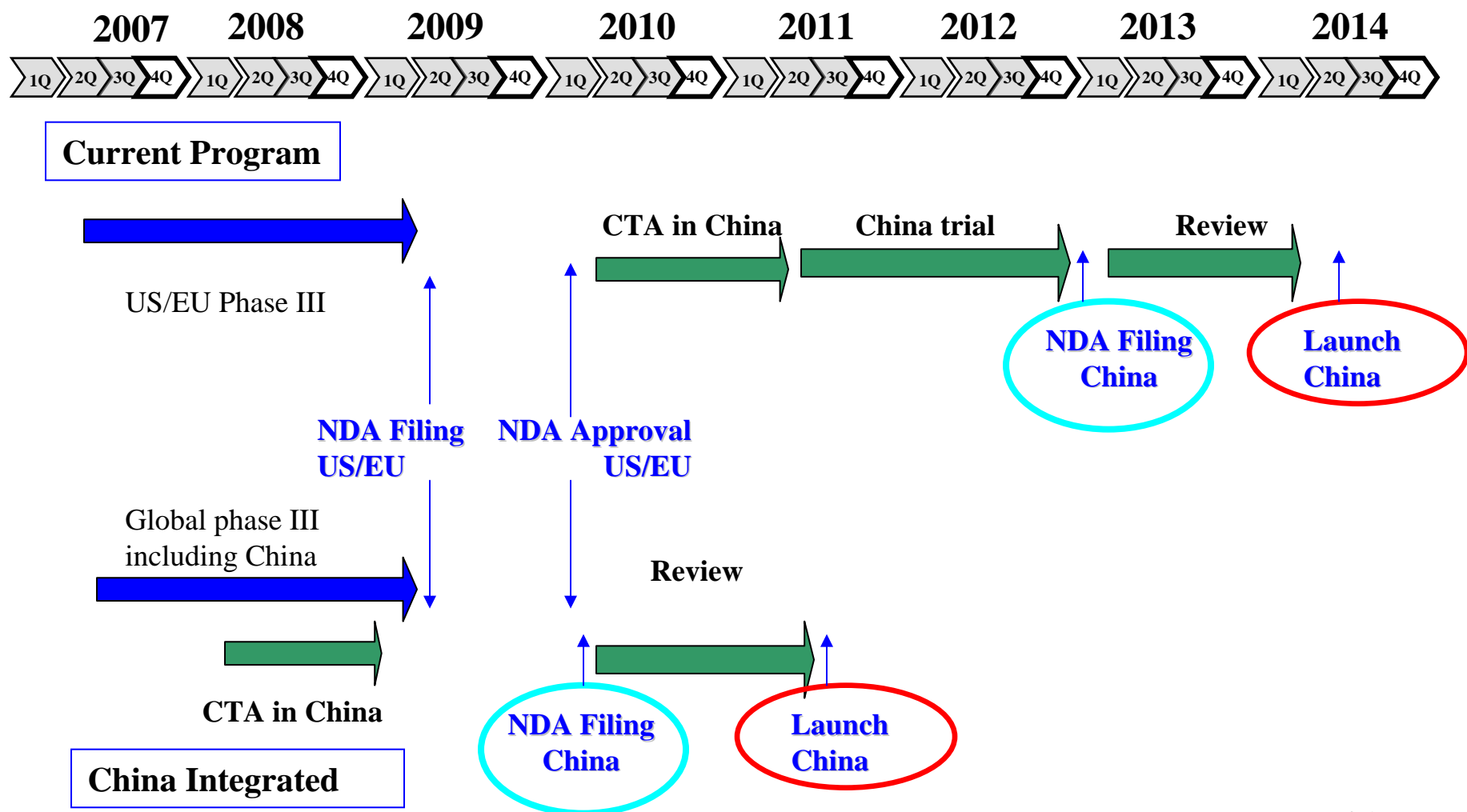


## Advantages of China integrated into global development-Simultaneous filing

- Significantly shortens time to launch in US/EU market
  - Faster enrollment in China speeds up global trial timeline
- Significantly shortens time to launch in China
  - Three year earlier access for world's #5 market
  - Potential to qualify for “green channel” in obtaining CTA from SFDA

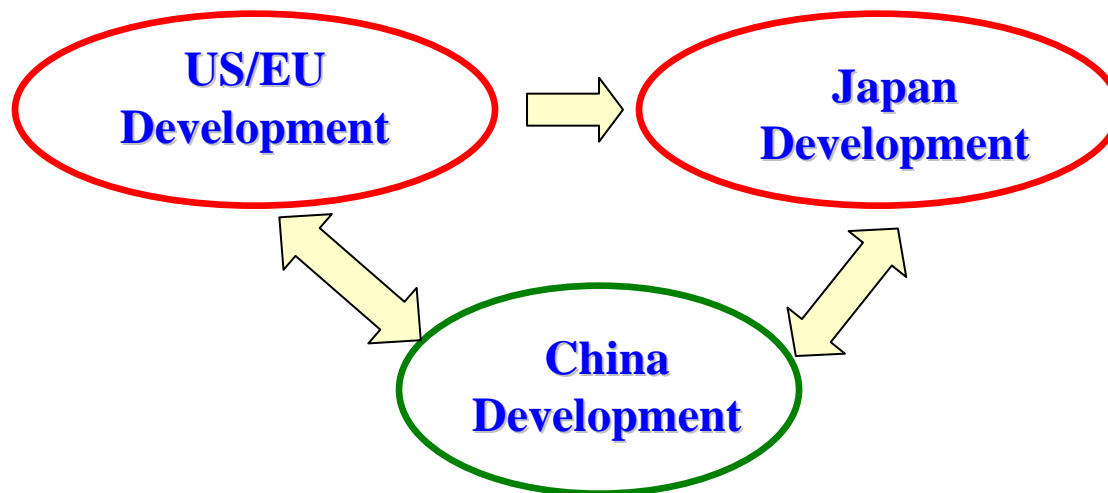


# Development Program-China Prior to NDA vs China after



# Regional Harmonization

- China-Japan-South Korea discussion
  - Data from China support US/EU filing and Japan filing
- China-Taiwan: ECFA 6



# Regulatory Application Process & Timeline



# Partnership with Locals

## Format: various

- Academic Centers vs. Commercial Entity

## Funding

- National and local grant

## Regulatory Affairs

- First-In-Man study
- NDA application
- Speed for approval
- Speed for enrollment
- Liability consideration

# “Thousand Talent Program”

- Program to attract top talent globally
  - One quarter for Life Science/Biotech Talents
  - Influence on SFDA
  - Influence on MOST/MOPH funding allocation
  - Priority Funding for the talents admitted
    - Grant
    - VC/PE
- Expanding
  - Young Talents
  - More sub-specialties

# SFDA: Next Step

- ✚ More Personnel Changes in next 6~9 months
  - ▣ More professional managers in power
  - ▣ More technical reviewers
  - ▣ Short-term pile-up of applications
- ✚ More Emphasis on Safety Handling
  - ▣ Pharmacovigilance for marketed drugs
  - ▣ Pharmacovigilance for medical devices
- ✚ More Improvement on Technical Review Process
  - More technical guidelines issued toward ICH
    - More clinical development guidelines
      - Phase I and PK guidelines
    - Statistical guidelines
    - EDC guidelines

# SFDA: Next Step

- ✚ Accepting Non-Clinical Data outside China
  - ▣ Revision for the tox data required
- ✚ eFiling
  - ▣ Electronic Safety Handling System
- ✚ Impact to the Industry
  - ▣ More communication between SFDA and Industry Representatives
    - RDPAC
    - Bayhelix
  - ▣ Regulatory Professionals
    - Need more clinical personnel
    - Need more safety personnel
- ✚ More Transparent

# New Update on SFDA

## ● Personnel Changes

### ■ A new commissioner

- From MOPH, Mr. Li Yin, former Chief of Department of International Collaboration
- Young

### ■ A new acting head of CDE

- Dr. Zhang, Kang Kang-technical person

### ■ A complete line-up of CDE departmental head



# New Update on SFDA

## ● New ideas in year 2012

### ■ Phase I

- FIH
- Classification of phase I centers

### ■ DSMB/DMC

### ■ Speedy IND review

### ■ DM/Biostat requirement

### ■ Pivotal Studies

- end point consideration
- Design of the trial (placebo vs active control)

### ■ Safety consideration (minimum sample size)

# SFDA: Help Wanted

## ✿ Role of Industry

- ✿ Educate general public for the risk/reward of pharmaceutical R&D in China
  - Media & General public's opinion on clinical trials
- ✿ Training for KOLs
  - KOL and their advisory role to SFDA
- ✿ Training for SFDA technical reviewers
- ✿ Educate decision makers: prime minister/ministers

## ✿ Appeal for more headcounts

## ✿ Appeal for more changes

- ✿ Drug Registration Law: access to lawmakers

# FMD- Service scope

FMD provides **full line of services** for drug development process:



- **Central Lab**
  - for safety tests, biomarkers, pharmacogenomics and PK tests
- **Phase I unit**
  - for tolerability, bioequivalence, drug-drug interaction & special population trials
- **Phase II/III/IV Drug and Device Trials**
  - Cover sites in mainland China, Hong Kong, Taiwan & South Korea
- ***Regulatory Affairs***
  - for product filing in China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, South Korea & USA
- **Safety Handling**
  - Safety event collection and processing, DSMB, signal detection and risk management planning

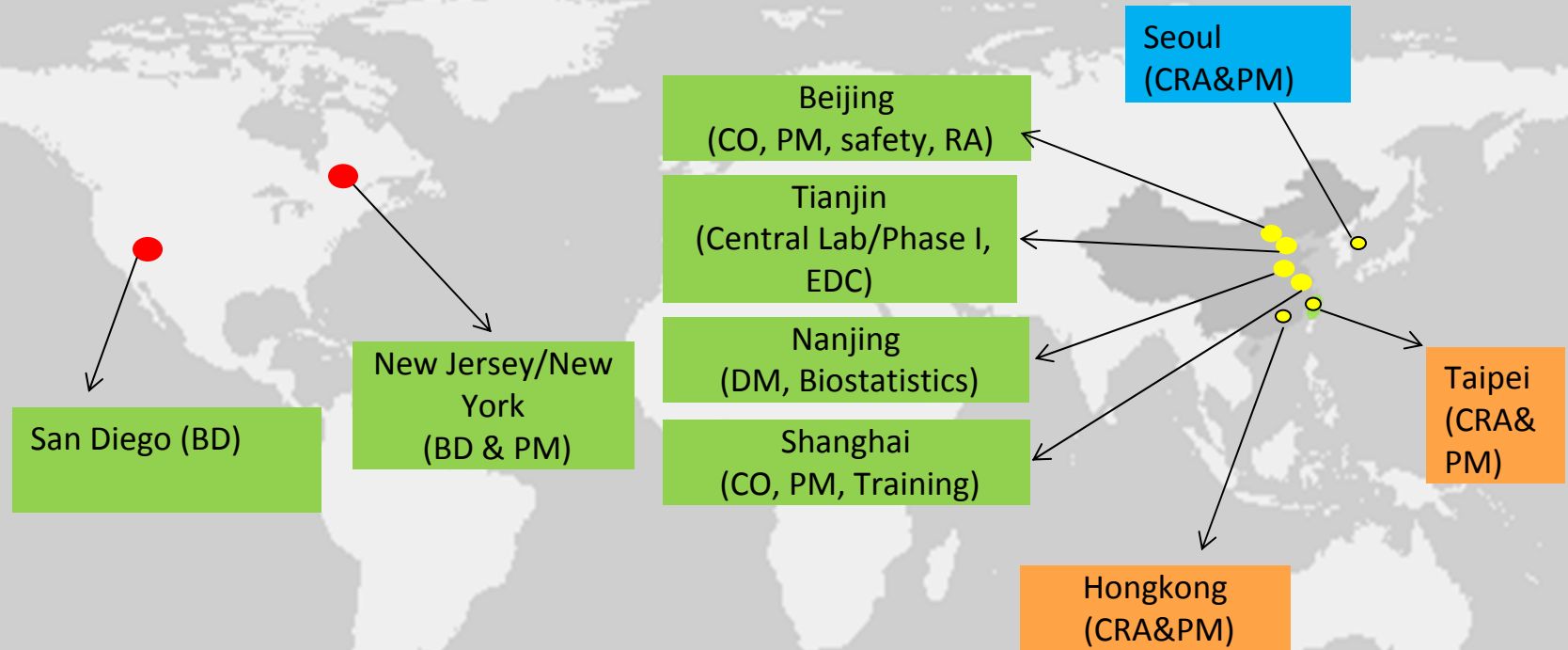
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- **Data Management and Biostatistics**
  - Data Entry, Database building & Query Management
  - Statistical planning, SAS Programming & Reporting
- **EDC (Electronic Data Capture)**
  - Both in Chinese and English
  - SFDA commissioned and US FDA 21 CFR Part 11 compliance
- **Project Management**
  - Offer PM services both in China, East Asia and USA
- **Pharmacoeconomics**
  - Re-imbursement Support
  - Pricing Support

# The Company – Geographical coverage



FMD has wide geographic coverage, not only in Asia-Pacific, but also in

US



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