



DOW DEVELOPMENT
LABORATORIES, LLC

Topical Expertise.

Client Focus.

About Dow Development Labs



- Development, testing and manufacture of semi-solid and liquid drug products
- FDA registered & GMP compliant facility located in Northern California (~23,000 sf)
- Subsidiary of Symbio, a global dermatology-focused clinical CRO founded 2002
- Clients range from start-ups and early stage companies through mid-sized and large pharmaceutical companies

R&D Formulation Development Laboratory



Recent Client Success Story: Zoryve® Cream

Successful Topical Product Development Provided by DDL:

Dow Development Labs provided support for the development of Zoryve® (roflumilast) cream 0.3% for plaque psoriasis from inception through to FDA approval in 2022, including formulation optimization, analytical methods development and validation, manufacturing of drug product batches for GLP non-clinical studies, and manufacture, fill, release and stability testing of GMP clinical batches.



DDL Services Overview

- Full spectrum of services from pre-formulation studies through packaging, labeling and distribution of clinical supplies



- **Liquid and semi-solid drug products
(gels, creams, ointments, solutions, sprays, suspensions)**
- **Experienced with new chemical entities (NCEs), approved drugs,
combination products, small molecules, oligos, peptides and proteins**
- **Rx, OTC and generic products**

Typical Therapeutic Indications

Acne

Atopic
Dermatitis

Onycho-
mycosis

Psoriasis

Wound
Healing

Rosacea

Anti-
infectives

Ophthalmics

Women's
Health

Initial Steps of Formulation Development

- **Based on the physio-chemical properties of the molecule, development of Target Product Profile:**
 - **Cosmetically elegant/aesthetically pleasing**
 - **Excipients and dosage form compatible with the therapeutic indication**
 - **Appropriate tissue penetration (or residence time and tonicity, if ophthalmic)**
 - **Chemical stability of the API in the product**
 - **Physical stability of the drug product for desired shelf life**
 - **Excipients and their levels selected from FDA's IID so as to be compliant from a regulatory perspective**
 - **Appropriately preserved**
 - **Scaleable process leading to robust product**

Formulation Development

Following QbD principles and with the patient in mind

- **Pre-formulation studies** - single and binary solvent solubility studies; pH profile; excipient compatibility
- **Formulation development** – prototype design including excipients such as anti-oxidants, gelling agents, emulsification systems, surfactants, emollients, preservatives
- **Screening of prototypes for lead selection:**
 - accelerated R&D stability evaluations
 - use partners for *in vitro* skin penetration studies and/or *in vivo* animal models (irritation, efficacy)
- **Optimization/process/scale up:**
 - Identification of CMAs, CPPs based on QTPP



Methods and Testing

- API and drug product method development and validation to support testing of toxicology supplies and release of GMP supplies (HPLC, UPLC, LC/MS, GC, IR)
- Stability Testing (R&D, ICH)
- Raw material testing and release



Product Testing

- Appearance
- pH
- Microscopy
- Viscosity
- Osmolality
- Weight loss
- Water content
- Package integrity
- IVRT
- Conductivity
- Assay

In Vitro Release Testing (IVRT)



- Assess release rate of the drug from the formulation over time
- Support product scale up or process changes
- Compare formulations

Manufacturing

Manufacturing and Filling Operations

- R&D batches for screening and stability testing
- Batch preparation for use in GLP toxicology studies
- GMP manufacturing & filling of clinical supplies (up to ~40 kg/batch), 4 compounding suites
- Filling into tubes (laminar, aluminum), syringes, vials, bottle, jars, sachets
- Tech transfer to CMO for large Phase III / commercial manufacturing

California FDA drug
manufacturing
license no. 74824



Four ISO 8 / Class 100,000
production rooms for GMP
manufacturing and filling

Example of Dedicated Manufacturing Equipment: ~40L scale, jacketed glass reactors (ChemGlass) with VWR temperature control unit (R&D, GLP, GMP)



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ICH Stability

Fully qualified temperature and humidity controlled stability chambers maintained at ICH conditions:

- Temperature- and humidity-controlled chambers for long term and accelerated stability evaluation (reach-in chambers and walk-in chambers)
- Shelf life determination in qualified ICH stability chambers
- Stability data tables and reports with QA review



ICH Conditions

5°C

25°C / 60% RH

30°C / 65% RH

40°C / 75% RH

Clinical Labeling & Distribution

Custom Packaging, Labeling, & Worldwide Temperature Controlled Distribution

- Custom label design, kit design, and distribution plan, any dosage form
- Packaging and labeling of clinical Phase I, II and III supplies
- Inventory management
- Temperature tracking during transit
- Destruction
- Dedicated GMP labeling suites

Qualified packaging
15-30°C | 2-8°C

Custom Kit Design

Random Code Generation

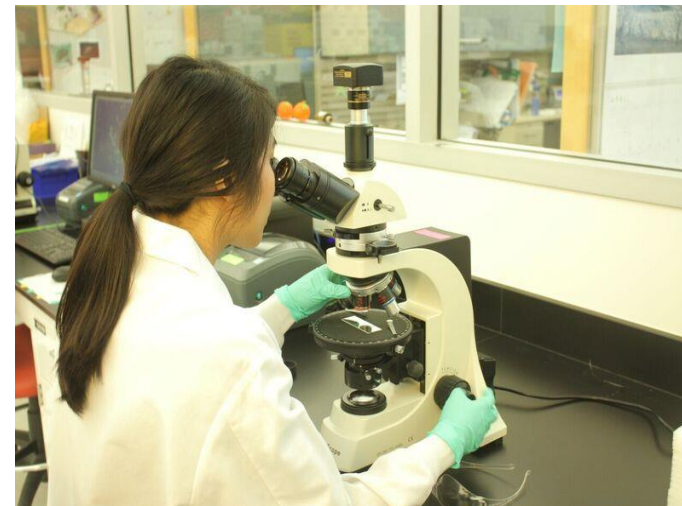
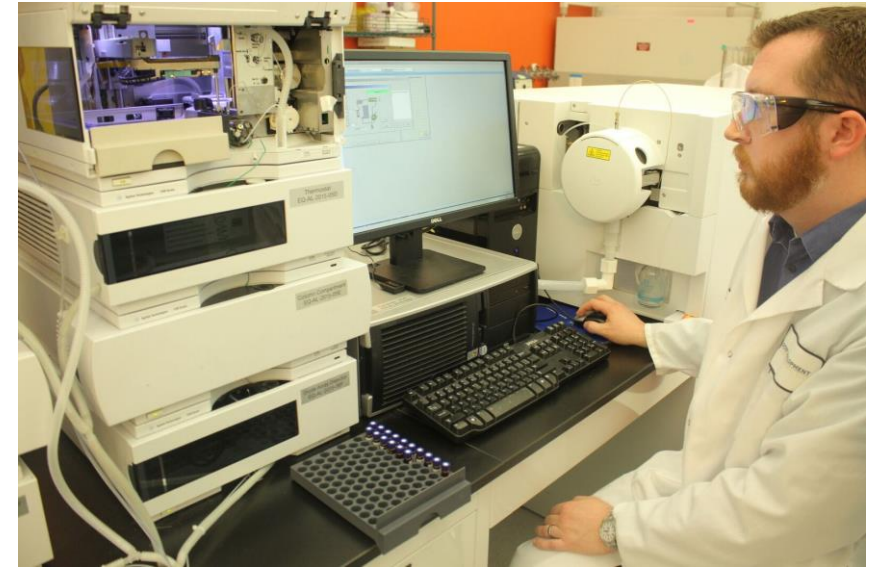


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Dow Development Labs

Experienced, Focused, Flexible, Responsive

- Focused exclusively on topical drug products
- History of success
- Dedicated project teams meeting deadlines
- Project managers provide frequent communication
- Flexible, responsive and able to react quickly to the changing needs of our clients



Thank You



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