#### Rethinking Drug Product Delivery & Packaging: New Solutions to Old Challenges



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# The Problem: Maintaining Product Integrity Against Moisture & Oxygen



- API stability
- Minimize degradants
- Physical properties that can impact performance
  - Compaction
  - Dissolution
  - Flow



## **The Solution**





# Aptar CSP Technologies' 3-Phase Activ-Polymer™ Platform Technology











# Platform Technology Serving Broad Therapeutic Areas



#### **Oral Solid Dose / Probiotics / Diagnostics**

#### **Activ-Blister™ Solutions\***

\* FDA Approved Packaging for HIV Drug Commercializing in Q2 2020



#### Activ-Vial<sup>™</sup> Bottles

Injection molded bottles and vials with Activ-Polymer™ \_\_\_\_\_ Sleeve





#### Dermal / Transdermal / Inhalation / Medical Device / Diagnostics

#### Activ-Film<sup>™</sup> Material

Activ-Film<sup>™</sup> material affixed to the foil pouch to scavenge Moisture and Oxygen simultaneously



#### **3-Phase Molded Components**

Molded component integrated into MAP devices to absorb moisture





Activ-Film™ material affixed to test strip



Internal component to control RH in reservoir-based dry powder \_\_\_\_\_ inhaler





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**3-Phase Activ-Polymer™ Material = Platform Material** 



## Material Science: Adding Chemistry to Polymers

#### **3-Phase Polymers**

- 1. <u>Majority Polymer</u>: Base structure component
- 2. <u>Particle</u>: Adsorbing/absorbing active component
- 3. <u>Minority Polymer/Channeling Agent</u>: Immiscible in majority polymer



# **Material Science: Adding Chemistry to Polymers**

#### **3-Phase Activ-Polymer™ Material**

- Channels created within a polymer allow movement of gases
- "Active" particles are added to the polymer in order to:
  - Adsorb or Absorb (moisture, gases, reactive impurities, odors, formaldehyde and other volatiles)
  - o Release (aromas, biocides, nutrients, carbon dioxide)
- **Gas diffusion** is controlled through the channel composition



CSP Activ-Polymer<sup>™</sup> Technology



**PP/PEG/Molecular Sieve Film** 



# **Active Packaging Platform Technology**



Ability to incorporate single or multiple chemistries into a polymer solution that retains the performance of the chemistries while maintaining the physical properties of the polymer.



# **Active Packaging – Putting Chemistry into Polymers**



#### **3-Phase Activ-Polymer™ material** allows the **control of kinetics** based upon formulation

- Uptake rate can be increased or decreased
- Capacity can be increased or decreased



# **Active Packaging – Putting Chemistry into Polymers**

#### **Tightly Sealed Environment**

# Utilizing 3-Phase Activ-Polymer<sup>™</sup> technology requires a tightly sealed environment

- Chemistry required determined
- Gas or moisture transmission rates are reviewed
- Focus on seals associated with package
- Amount of 3-phase material required will depend on how tight of an environment it will be placed in





### **Drug Products & Active Packaging Characterization**



- Can product be over-dried?
- What is acceptable Water Activity (Aw) level of the project?
- At what RH level will Aw create physical stability issues?
- Chemical stability modeling with services like FreeThink Technologies' ASAPprime®

## **Moisture Ingress**



- Moisture ingress is defined as the amount of moisture per day adsorbing into the desiccant plastic through the seal and vial walls.
- Driving force Moisture content gradient between the external and internal headspace of vial
- Proportional relationship across different conditions exists, allowing for testing and conversion between various conditions
- Ingress testing performed at 30°C/80%RH (24.37 g/m<sup>3</sup>) and 22°C/80%RH (15.58 g/m<sup>3</sup>)

ICH Zone	Conditions	Moisture Content (g/m³)
II	25°C/60%RH	13.87
III	30°C/35%RH	10.66
IV	30°C/65%RH	19.80
Accelerated Testing	40°C/75%RH	38.47

#### **RH Maintained**





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**Buffered RH Solutions for Products Susceptible to Over-Drying** 



# RH inside an inhaler using a custom CSP 3-Phase Activ-Polymer<sup>™</sup> component throughout the storage and use life of the device.



#### Probiotic Capsules – Water Activity (CSP vs Alu/Alu Blisters)







Study performed in partnership with UAS Labs, a leading probiotic manufacturer.



### Probiotic Capsules – Strain Potency (CSP vs Alu/Alu Blisters)





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## **Predictive Stability**

ASAP*prime*® predictions compared to degradant growth in tablets stored under ICH stability conditions.

Blue lines show the mean prediction while green and red lines show the 95% confidence interval.



Study performed in partnership with FreeThink Technologies.







### **Activ-Blister™ Solutions**



#### **Results compared to Aclar-type thermoformed blisters**

Aclar <sup>®</sup> type	Temp/RH (°C/%RH)	Days to saturation
Rx160	25/60	209
Rx160	30/65	71
Rx160	40/75	21
UltRx2000	25/60	370
UltRx2000	30/65	220
UltRx2000	40/75	71
UltRx6000	25/60	1036
UltRx6000	30/65	647
UltRx6000	40/75	209

Assume ~6.6mm x ~13mm x 1mm piece for Size 0 capsule





#### **Activ-Blister™ Solutions**



#### **Results compared to other solutions**



#### NOTE: Pharmaceutical Requirements:

- Total substances <1.0%
- Unknown individual impurities <0.1%

\* Data/Graphics courtesy of Tekniplex

# Award-Winning *Xcelerate* Development Services Complete solution from R&D stability to product launch



Optimized active packaging development process offering end-to-end support, expediting speed-to-market.

## **Xcelerate Development Services**



#### **Xcelerate Development Services awards:**

*Pharma Manufacturing* magazine 2019 All-Star Innovator Award *Medicine Maker* magazine 2019 Innovation Award

# **3-Phase Activ-Polymer™ Solutions**

#### Value for Drug Product Delivery & Packaging

- Can be used to manage RH and oxygen
- 2. Multiple, customized formats available to suit any drug packaging need
- 3. Proven use across a range of commercialized products





# **Questions?**

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