

# Rethinking Active Packaging

## New Material Science Solution to Old Challenges

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# About Aptar CSP Technologies



- Joined AptarGroup August 2018
- Material science specialist delivering innovative, highly-engineered, active packaging solutions
- Headquarters Auburn, Alabama, USA, with global footprint
- + 1 billion components manufactured annually, 4 manufacturing locations worldwide
- + 500 worldwide patents



Auburn, AL USA



Atlanta, GA USA



2018 Expansion - Auburn, AL USA



Niederbronn-Les-Bain, France



Guangzhou, China

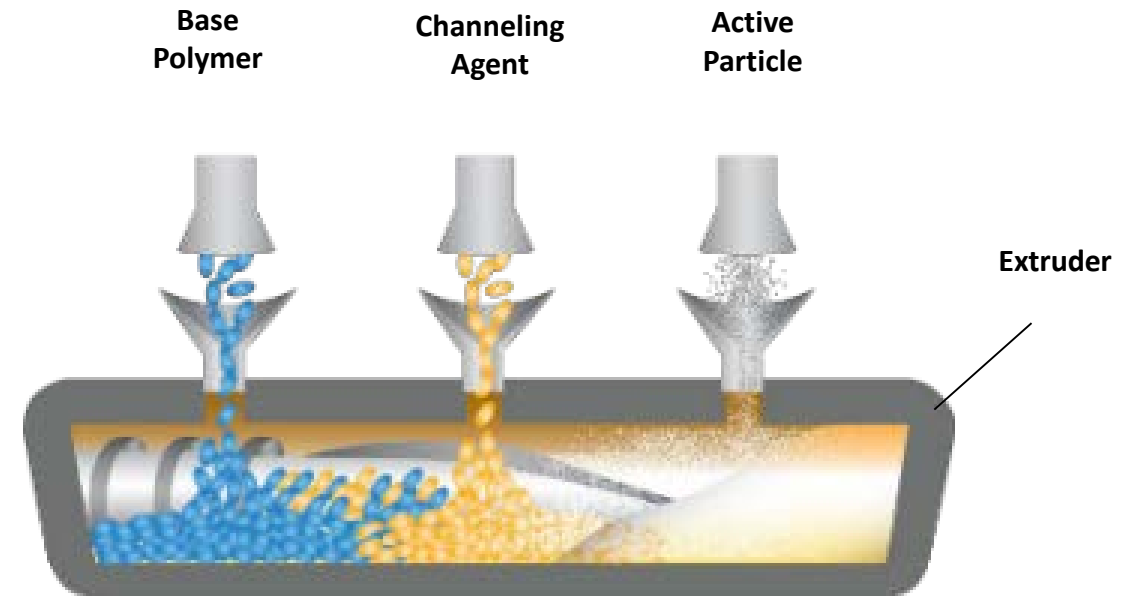
# **3-Phase Activ-Polymer™ Material Science**

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

## Material Science: Adding Chemistry to Polymers

### 3-Phase Polymers

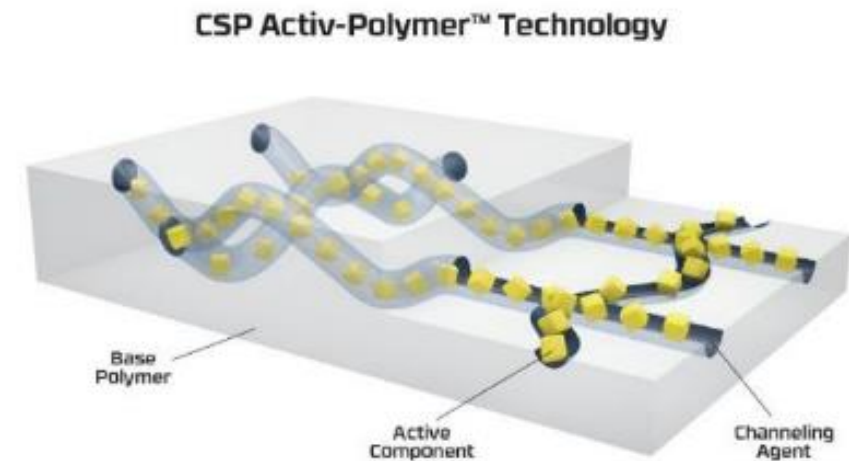
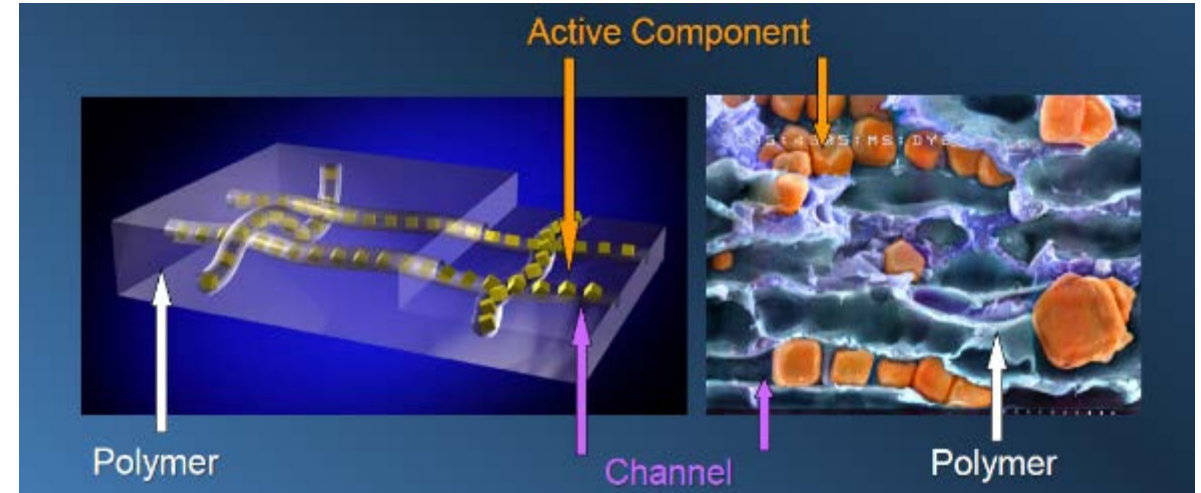
1. **Majority Polymer**: Base structure component
2. **Particle**: Adsorbing/absorbing – active component
3. **Minority Polymer/Channeling Agent**: Immiscible in majority polymer





# Material Science: Adding Chemistry to Polymers

- 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)
  - **Release** (aromas, biocides, nutrients, carbon dioxide)
- **Gas diffusion** is controlled through the channel composition

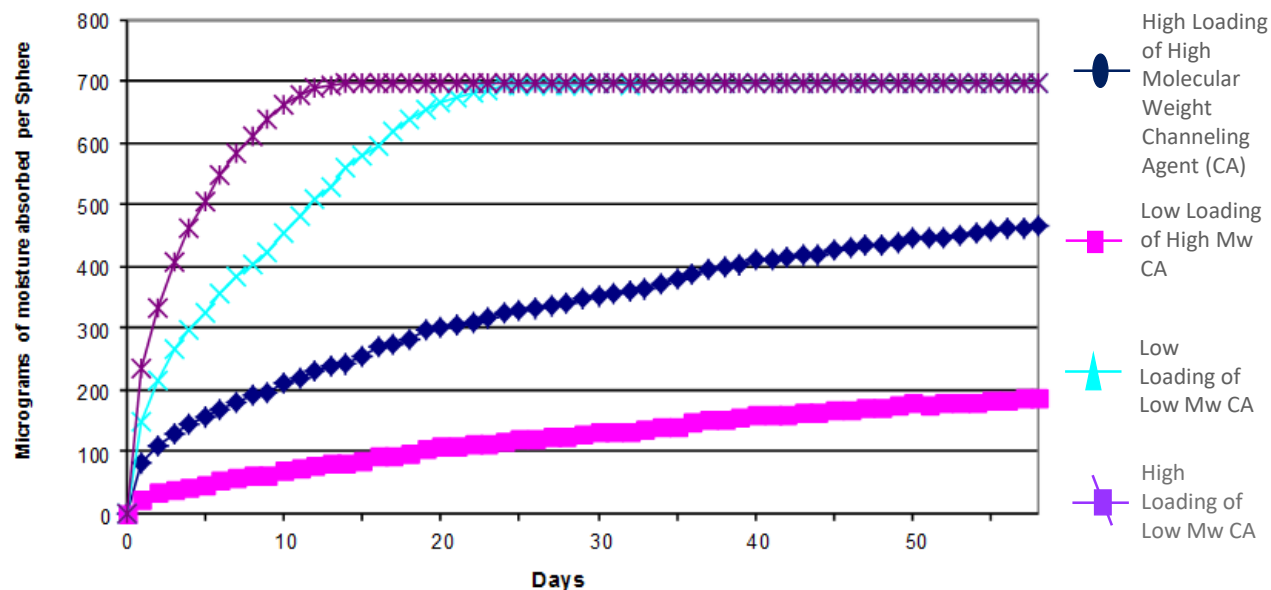


**3-Phase Activ-Polymer™ material** allows the **control of kinetics** based upon formulation

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

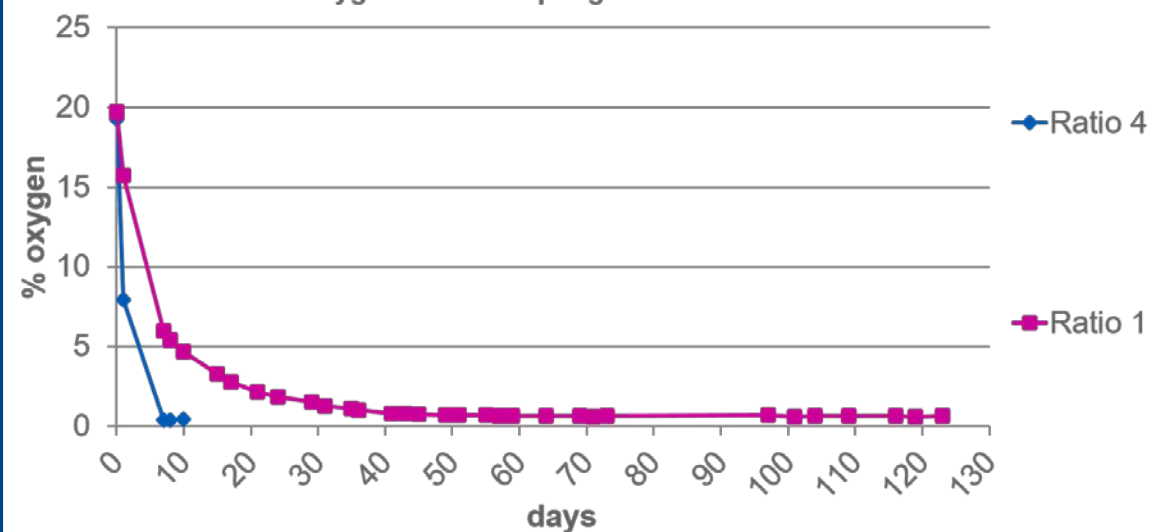
### Customized Absorption Rates

ACTIV-TAB Sphere (0.00565gram) Rate of Absorption at 10% RH and 72 °F.  
(Desiccant percentage and Polymer remain constant for each formula)



### Oxygen Scavenging Customization

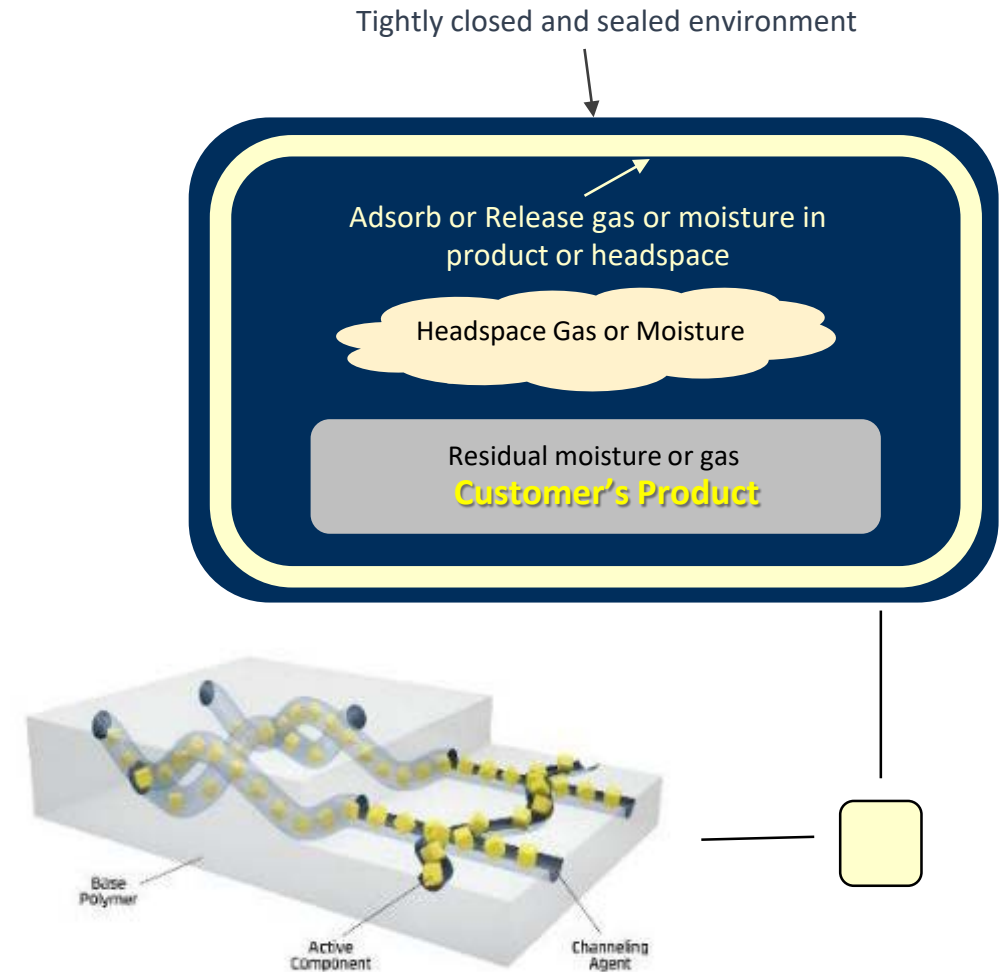
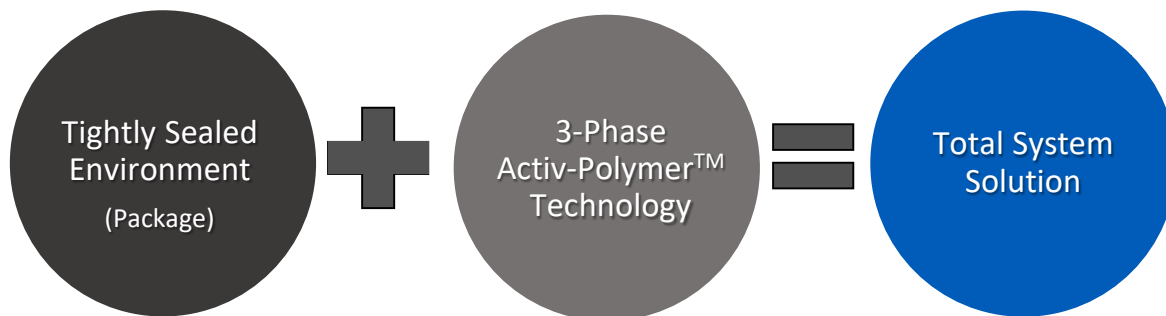
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(Ratio represents =Total capacity of piece/available oxygen volume)  
Oxygen absorbed per gram of film=30cc



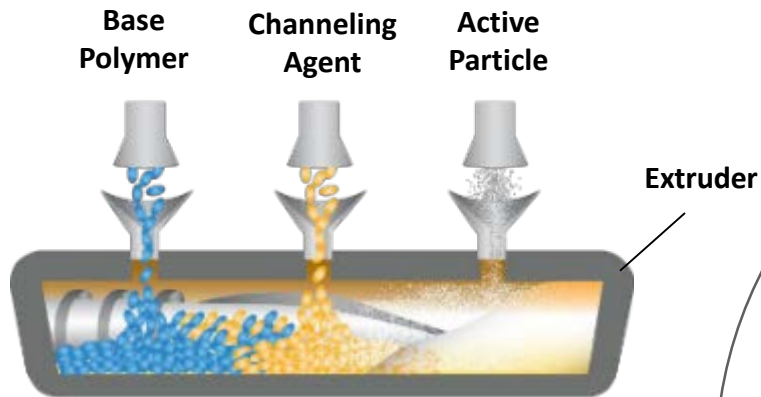
# Active Packaging – Putting Chemistry into Polymers

Utilizing **3-Phase Activ-Polymer™** 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

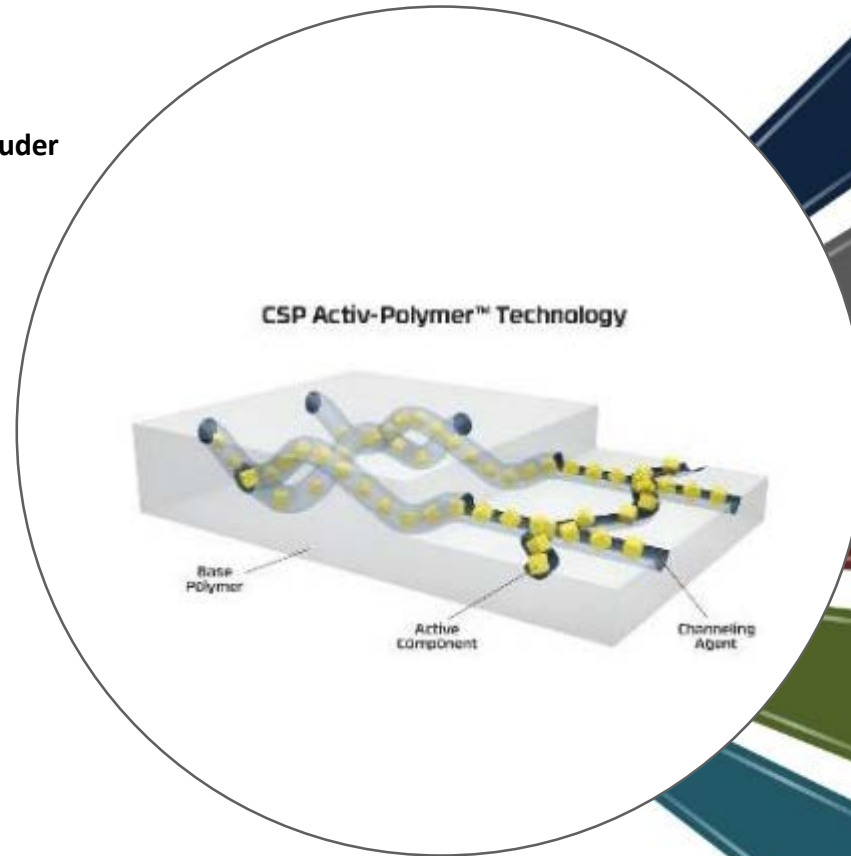


# Three Phase Material = Platform Material



## Active Packaging Management

- Moisture Control
- Scavenging
- Antimicrobial
- Emitters
- Odor removers



Injection molding

Thermoforming

Extrusion film

Extrusion blow molding

Hot melt



# Platform Technology Serving Broad Therapeutic Areas

Material science deployed in key therapeutic areas



Activ-Vial™, Activ-Seal™, Pharmapuck™, and Activ-Film™

Oral Solid Dose

Transdermal

Drug Delivery

Diagnostics

Probiotics

Medical Device



Immunodeficiency  
Treatment

Hormone  
Patch

Anti-Fungal

Blood Glucose  
Testing

Dietary  
Supplement

Implant  
Neurostimulator



# **Application Field: Oral Solid Dose**

# Protecting Oral Solid Doses from O<sub>2</sub> / Moisture

- **Secondary packaging with sachets**
  - Adds materials and size to packaging
  - Complexity for end-user
  
- **Fishbone designs**
  - Adds materials and size to packaging
  - Complexity for end-user



- **Cold form foil**

- Excellent barrier protection
- Does not address initial water content or headspace moisture/oxygen
- Increased blister card size vs. thermoform
- Compliance (tablet not visible)

- **Foils with integrated desiccants**

- Mitigates ingress through edges
- Fixed desiccant capacity per blister



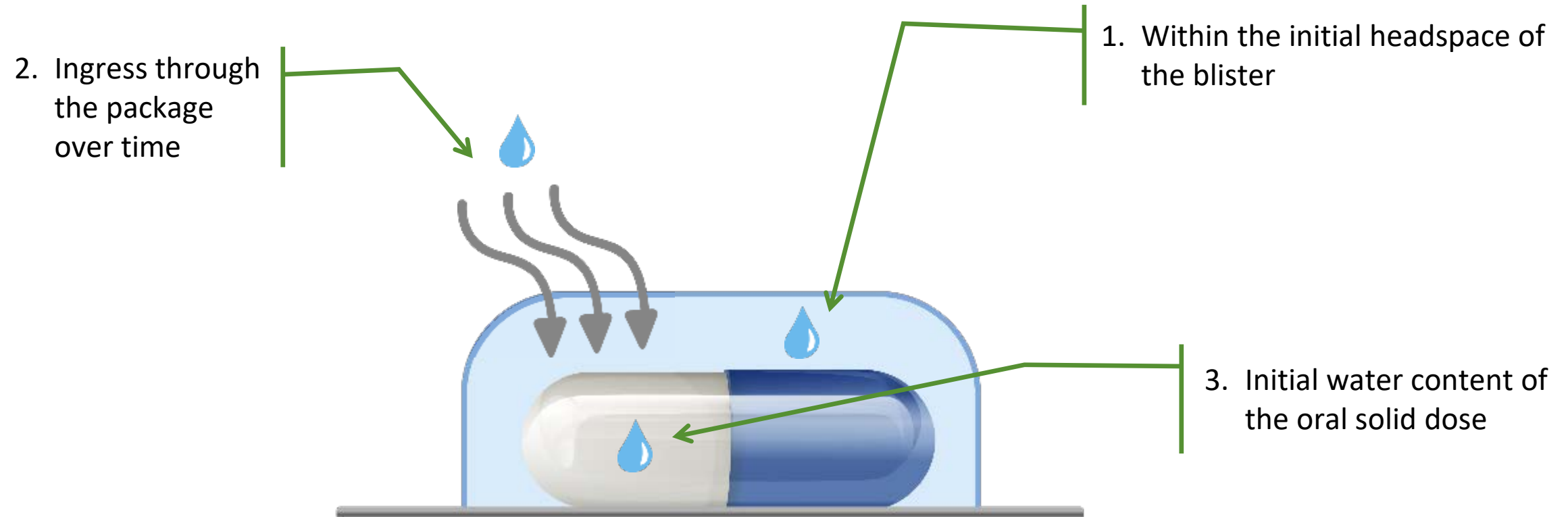
# Protecting Oral Solid Doses from O<sub>2</sub> / Moisture

- **Nitrogen Purging (reduce/eliminate oxygen)**
  - Difficult to validate; often a custom solution
  - Adds time to line stoppages
  - Operator safety – monitor room oxygen levels
  - Below 8 - 10% oxygen, can be difficult to achieve
  - Does not address oxygen ingress



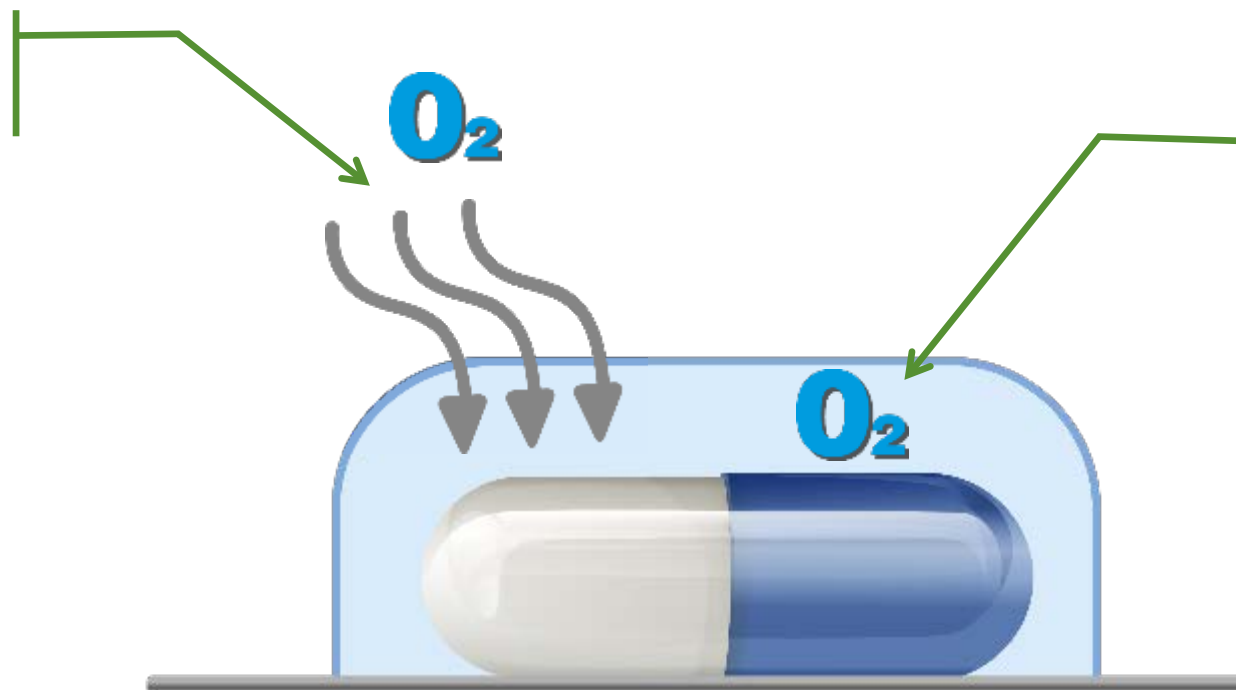


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2. Ingress through the package over time



1. Within the initial headspace of the blister

## Activ-Blister™ Solutions

- Management of all sources of moisture & oxygen
  - Silica Gel and Molecular Sieve desiccants
  - Combination options available (e.g. moisture + oxygen)
- Customized capacity and uptake rates
- Oxygen products do not require moisture to be active
- Integrate into existing and new packaging lines



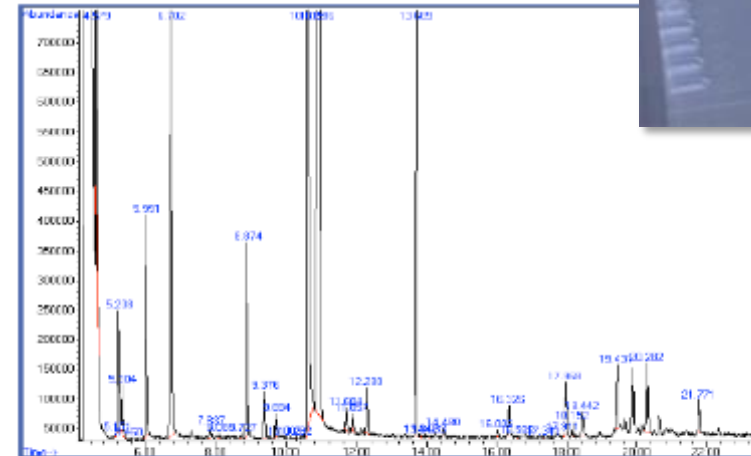
## Proprietary Heat-Staking Process

## Heat-stake formulations provide adhesive-free attachment within blister

- No adhesive residual solvents
- Eliminates adhesive and backing material
- Helps to meet ICH guidelines for residual solvents

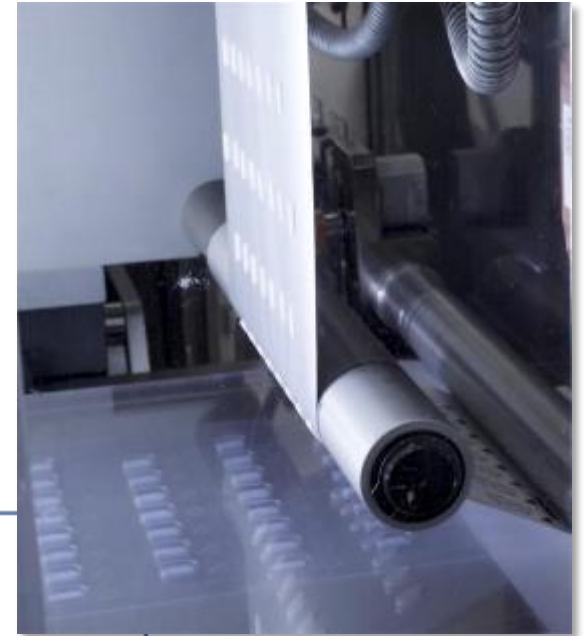
## Adhesive residual solvents can:

- Migrate into package headspace or product
- Show up in analytical tests as impurities
- Adversely react with the drug product
- Create odors



**Major solvent peaks:** Ethyl alcohol (class 3), Isopropyl alcohol (class 3), Benzene (class 1) and Toulene (class 2)

Chart above shows a typical GC chromatogram of solvent outgassing from a medical grade adhesive.



# Case Study

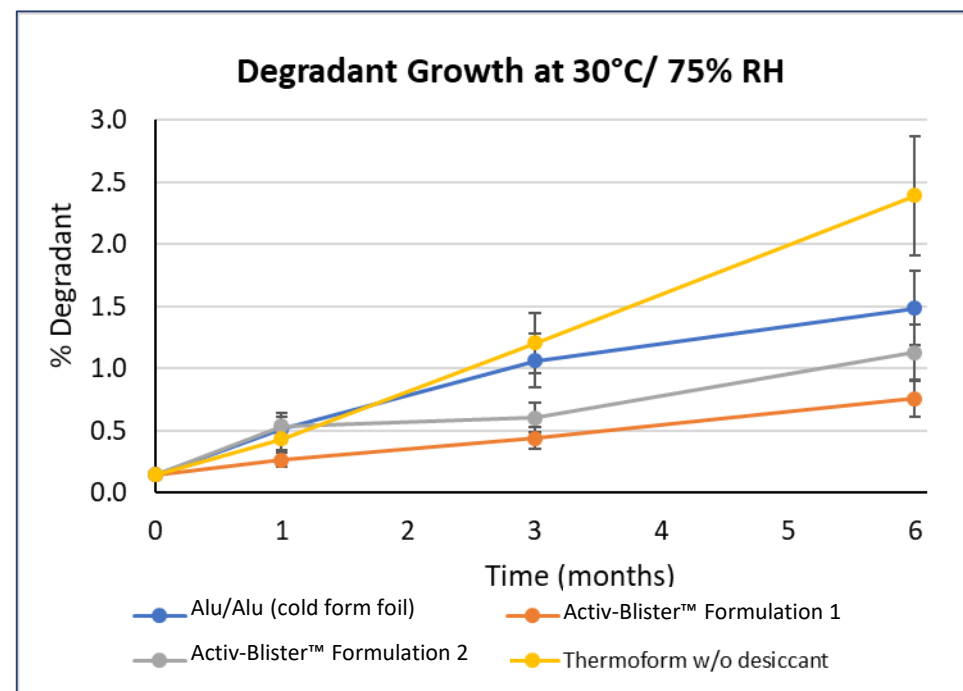
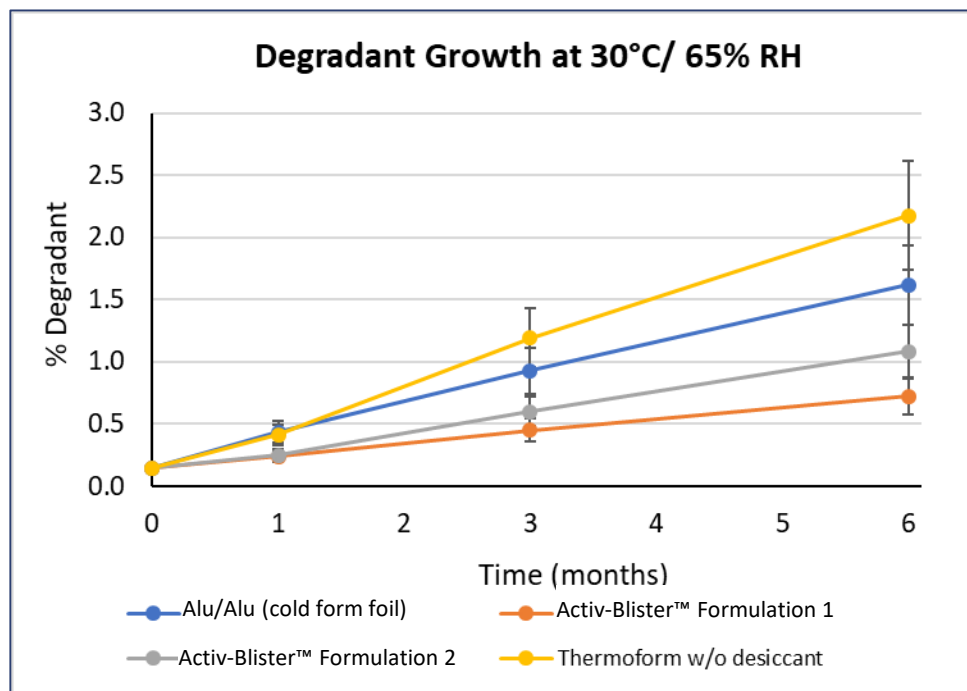
**Objective:** Compare efficacy of Activ-Blister™ packaging configurations with cold-form foil in maintaining the stability of a model tableted drug product.

## Blistering & Storage Conditions for Stability Study:

Packaging Configuration	Low Water Content, 25°C/60% RH	Low Water Content, 30°C/65% RH	Low Water Content, 30°C/75% RH	Low Water Content, 40°C/75% RH	High Water Content, 25°C, 60%RH
	1, 3, 6 months	1, 3, 6 months	1, 3, 6 months	1, 3, 6 months	1, 3, 6 months
Thermoform Activ-Film™ Formulation 1 (Activ-Blister™)	X	X	X	X	X
Thermoform Activ-Film™ Formulation 2 (Activ-Blister™)	X	X	X	X	X
Cold-form foil	X	X	X	X	X
Thermoform without Activ-Film™ (Activ-Blister™)	X	X	X	X	X



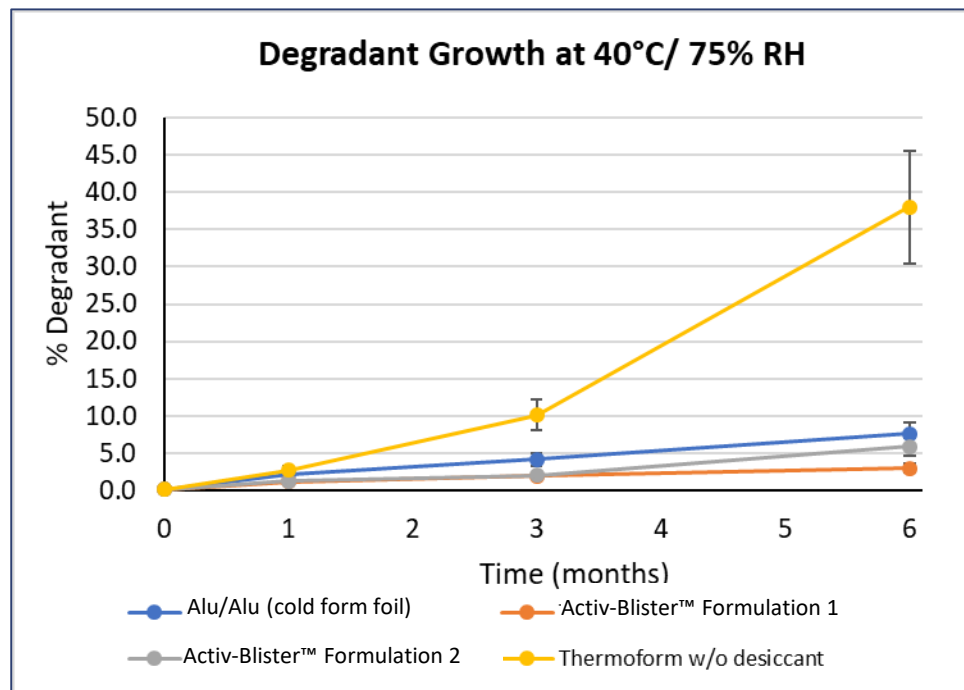
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# Case Study – Data

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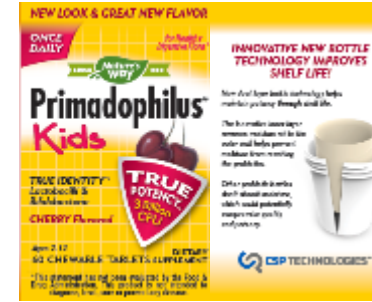
# **Application Field: Probiotics**

# Major Customer Probiotic Brands Utilizing Aptar CSP Technologies' Active Packaging Solutions



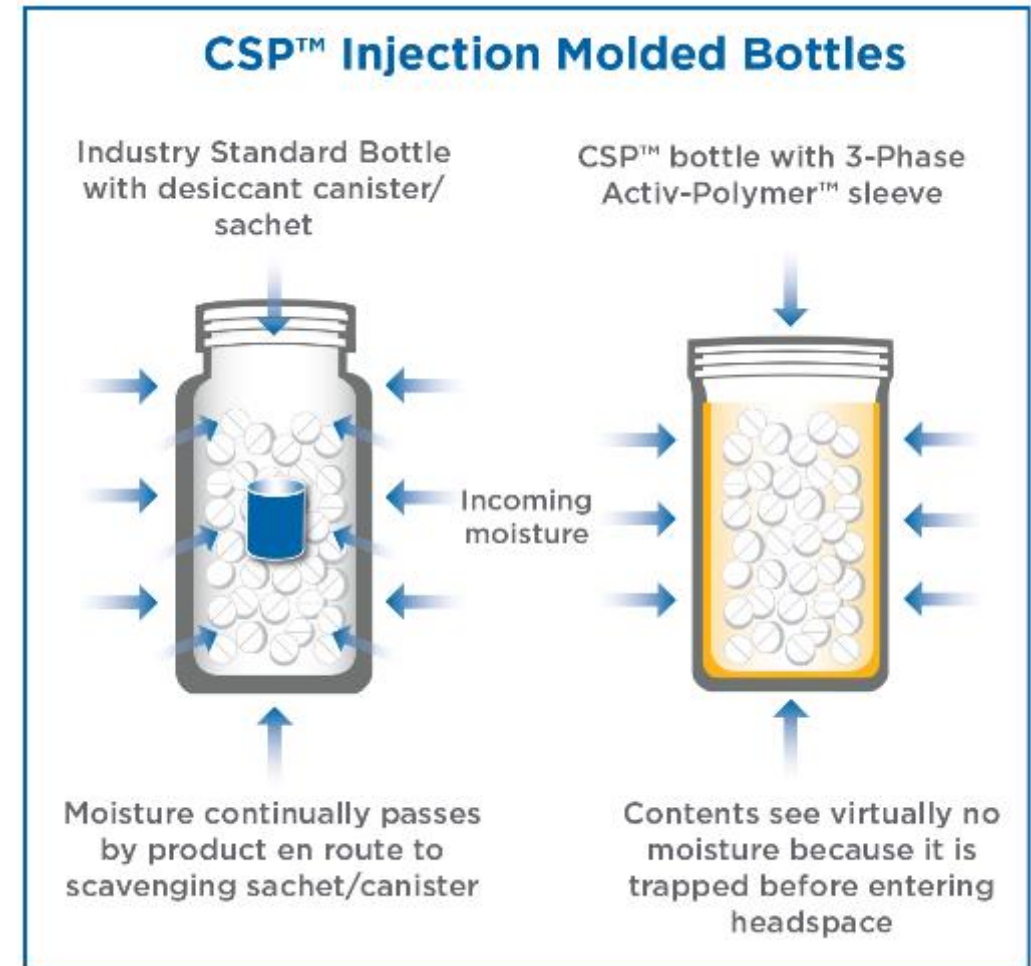
## Advanced Tube Technology

- ✓ Greatest product stability
- ✓ Guaranteed potency and freshness until expiry
- ✓ Protection from moisture



# Technology Applications

- **CSP™ Flip-Top Activ-Vial™** with integrated 3-Phase Activ-Polymer™ sleeve
- Patented “Close In The Mold” Technology Ensures **Moisture-Tight Seal**
- Maintains seal integrity throughout shelf life and consumer use life
- Child-Resistant/Senior-Friendly Closures

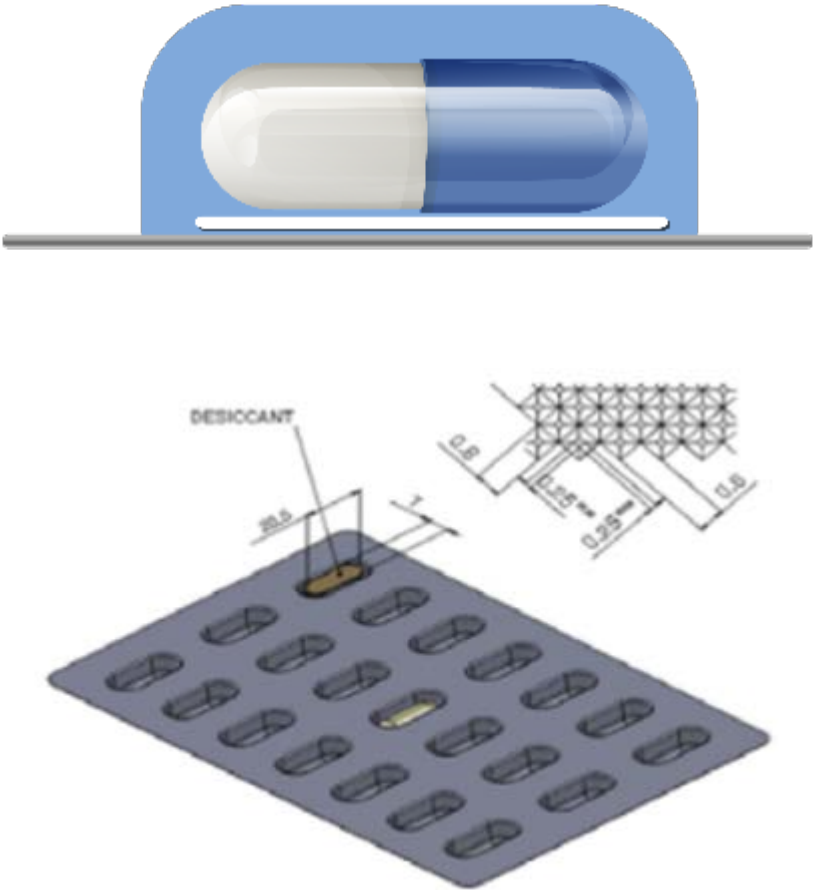




## Results of Aclar-type thermoformed blisters + Activ-Film

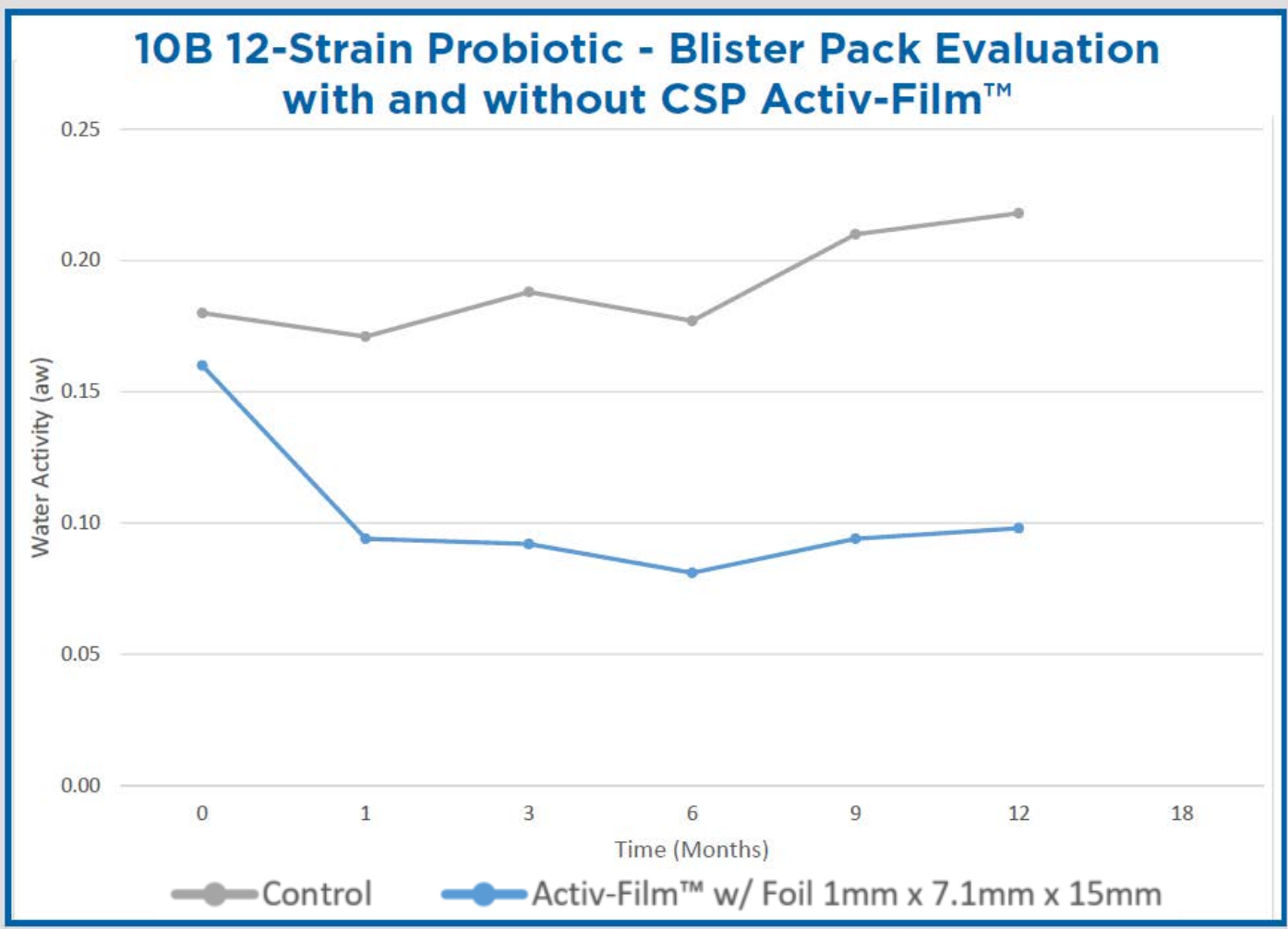
Aclar® type	Temp/RH (°C/%RH)	Days to saturation
Rx160	25/60	209
Rx160	30/65	71
Rx160	40/75	21
UltRx2000	25/60	370
UltRx2000	30/65	220
UltRx2000	40/75	71
UltRx6000	25/60	1036
UltRx6000	30/65	647
UltRx6000	40/75	209

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



# Probiotic Capsule Water Activity

(Standard PVC.PvdC Blister Packaging vs. Activ-Blister™ Packaging with CSP Activ-Film™)



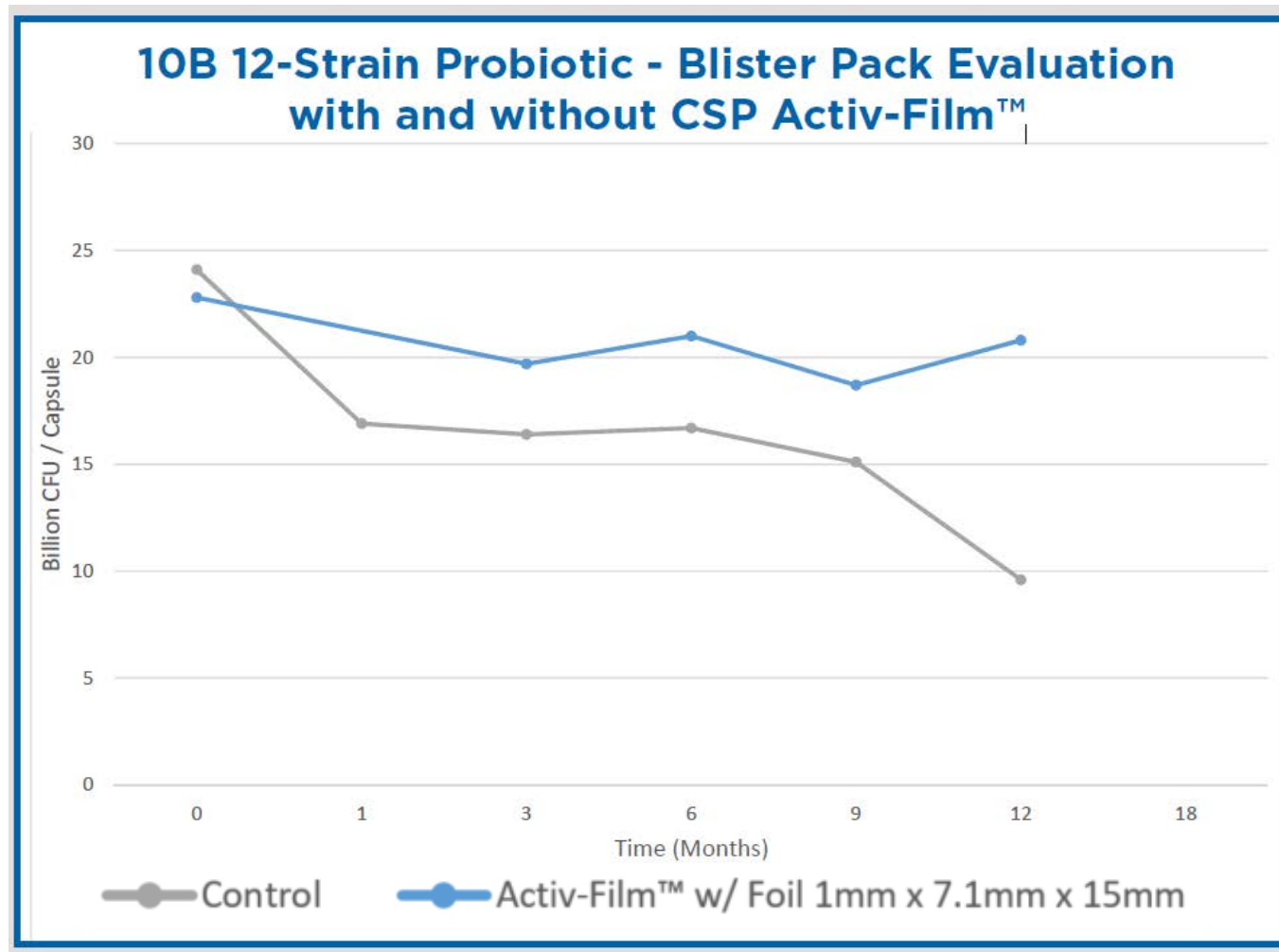
**Storage Conditions:**  
22°C ± 2°C  
40% ± 5% RH

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# Probiotic Capsule Potency

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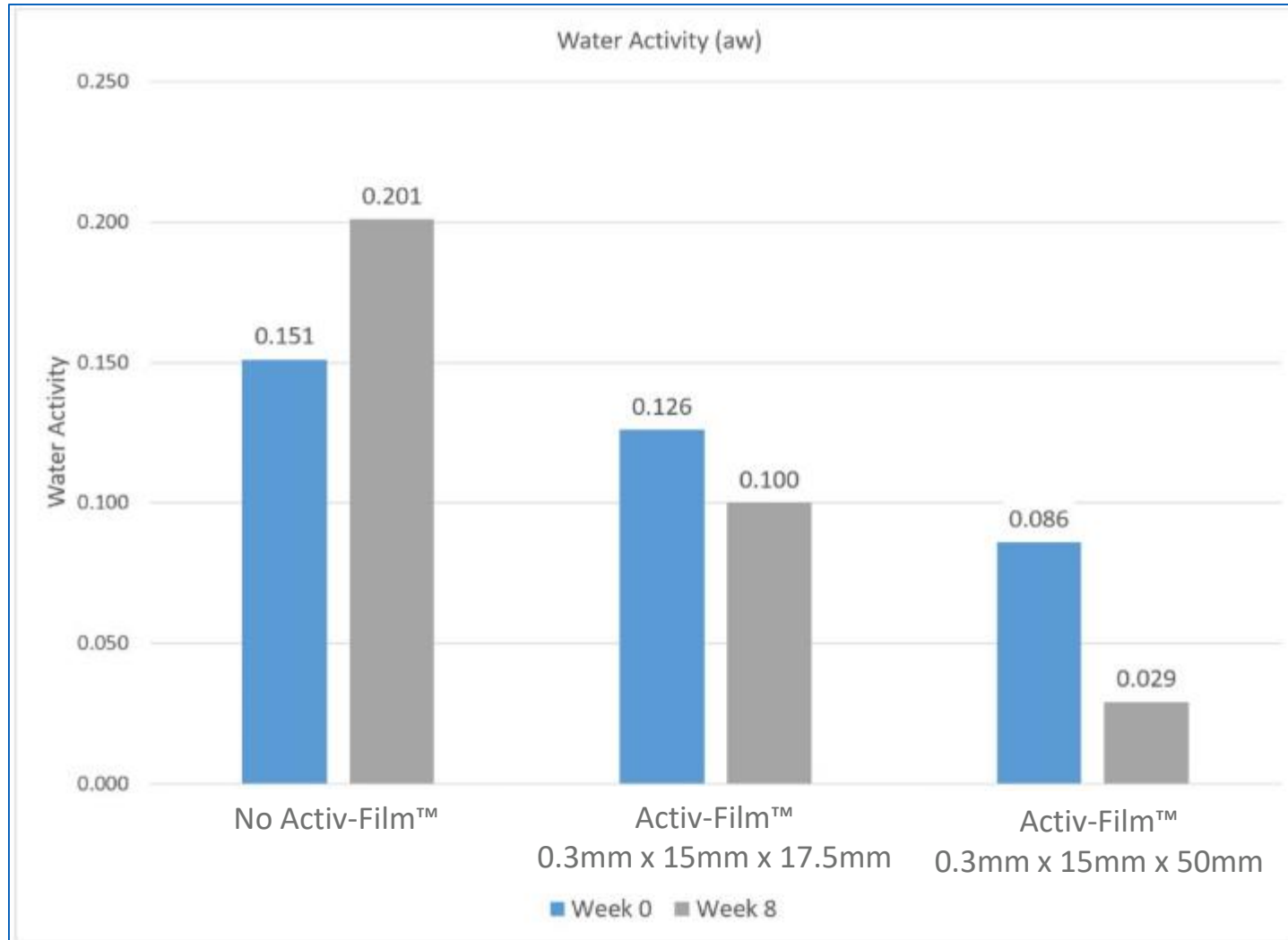
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# Probiotic Stick Pack Water Activity

*(CSP™ Activ-Film™ vs. No Activ-Film™, Ambient Conditions)*

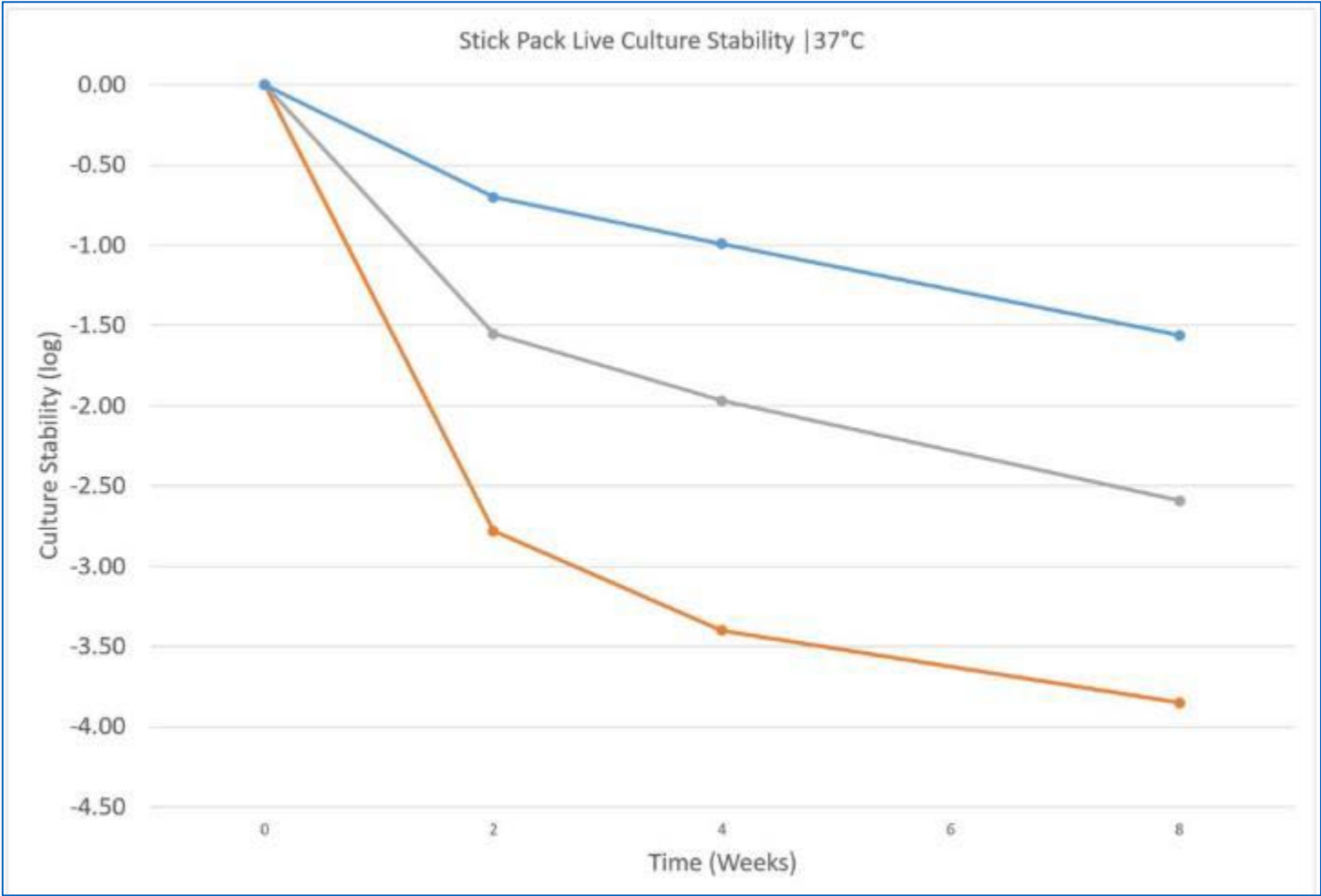


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# Probiotic Stick Pack Stability

(CSP™ Activ-Film™ vs. No Activ-Film™)



- No Activ-Film™
- Activ-Film™  
0.3mm x 15mm x 17.5mm
- Activ-Film™  
0.3mm x 15mm x 50mm

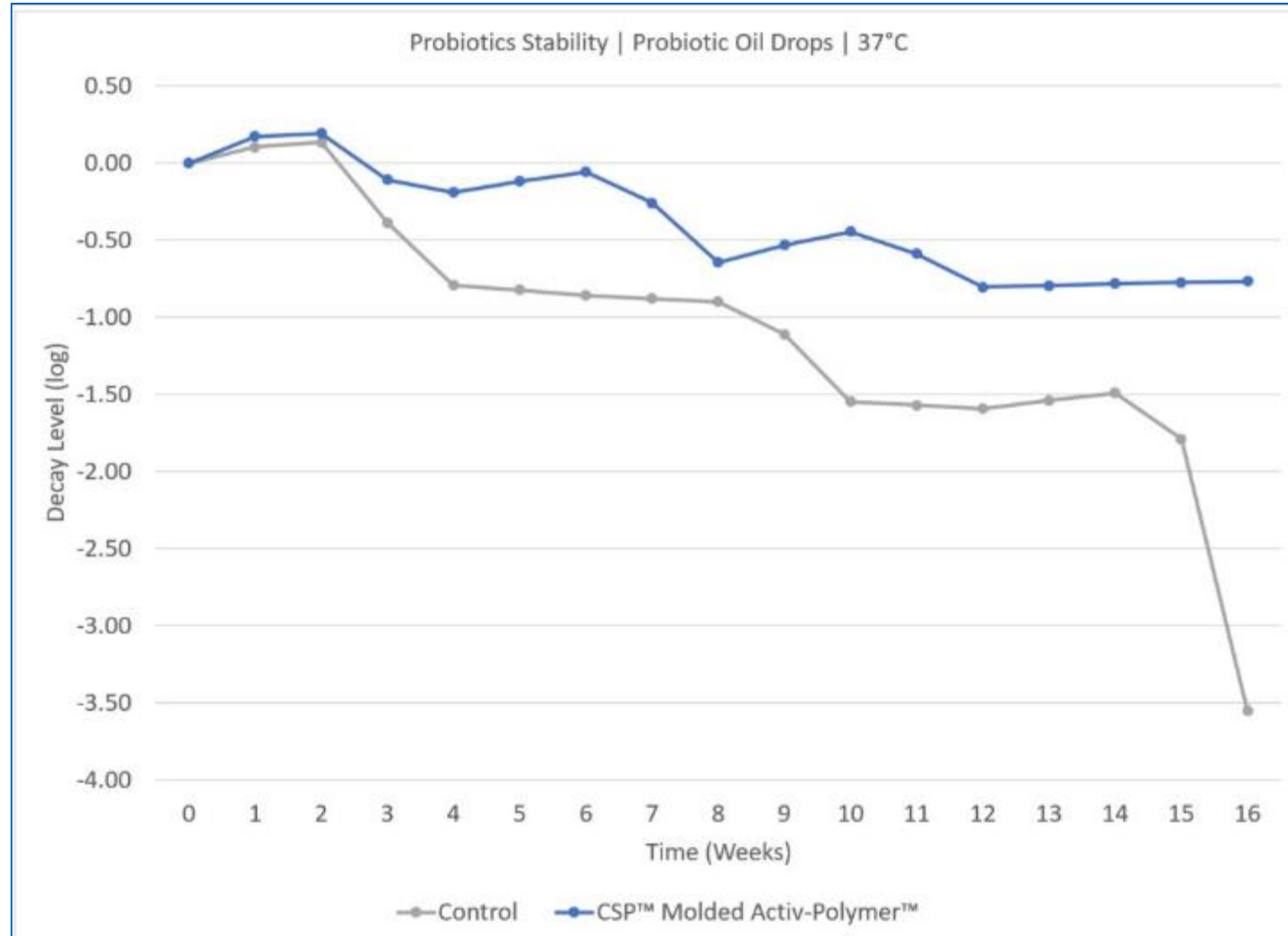
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# Probiotic Oil Drops Stability

*(CSP™ Molded Activ-Polymer™ vs. Control)*



***CSP™ Molded Activ-Polymer™ in graph uses 1 Tablet:***

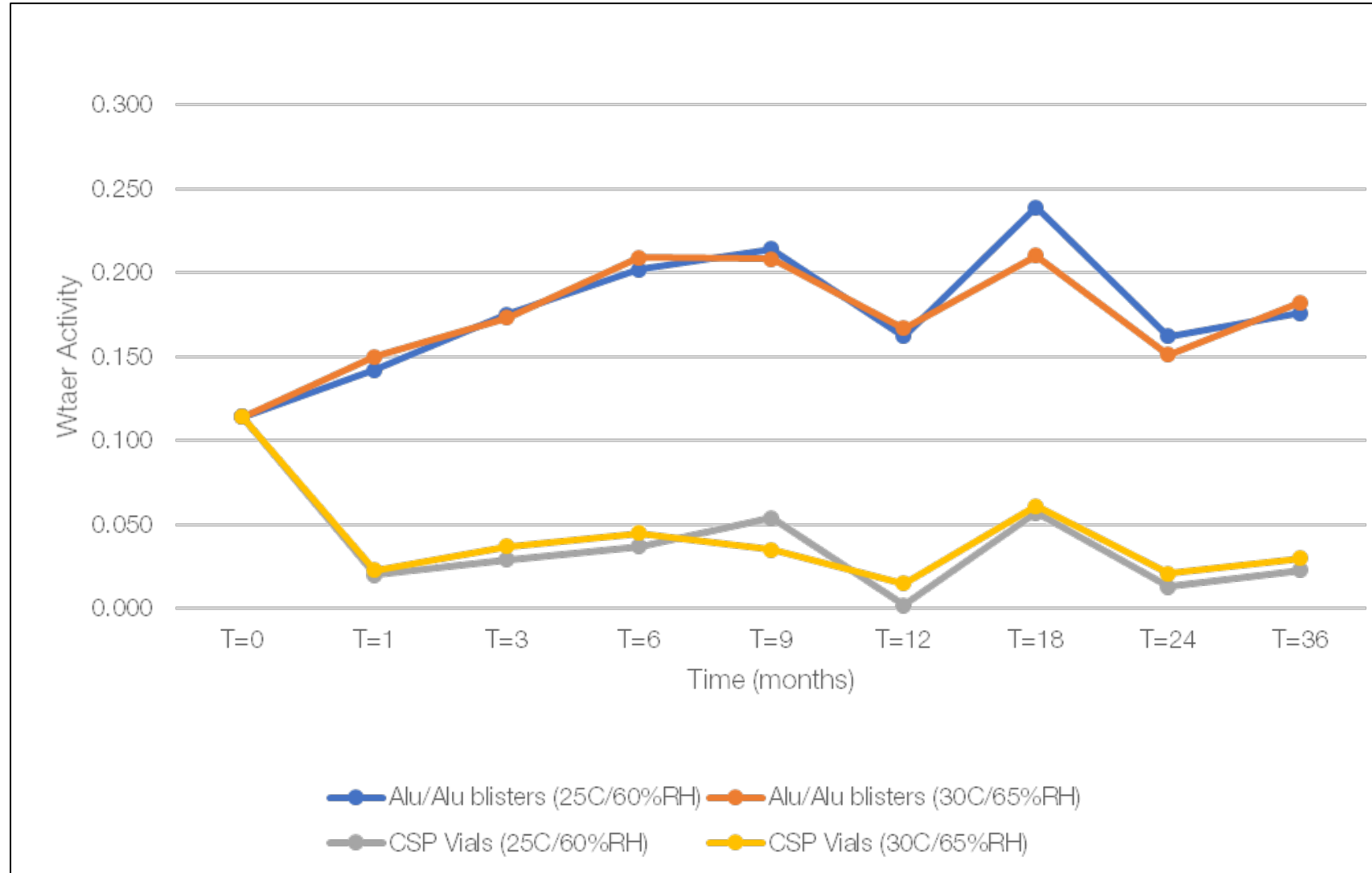
- 3mm thick x 8mm OD
- 0.2 gram

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# Probiotic Capsules – Water Activity

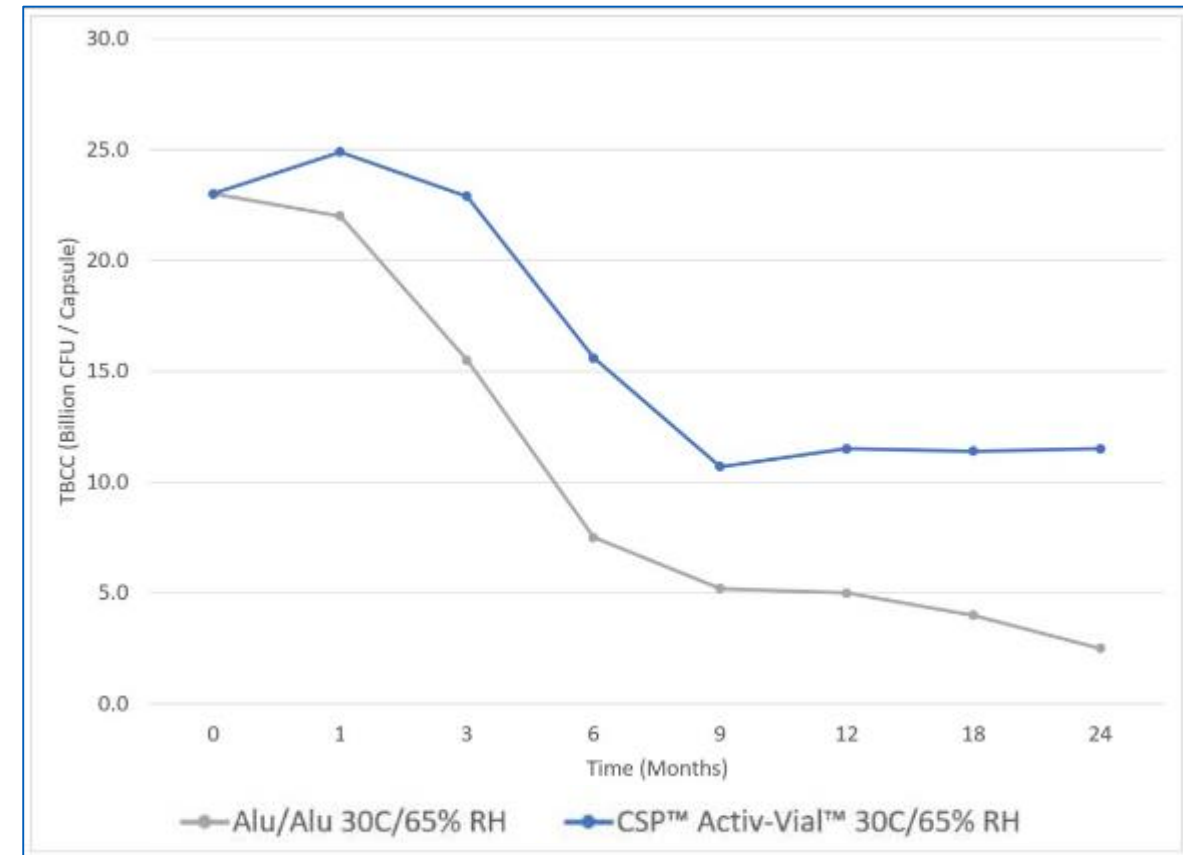
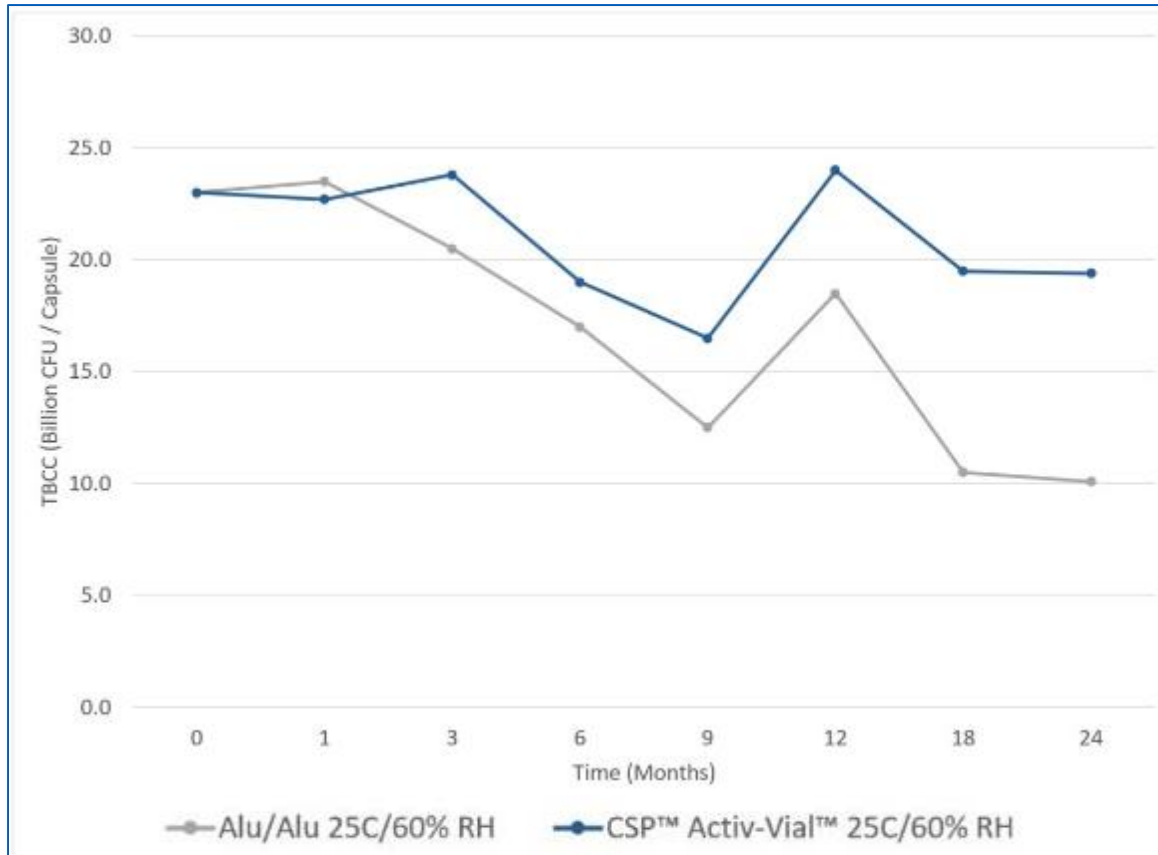
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# Probiotic Capsules – Strain Potency

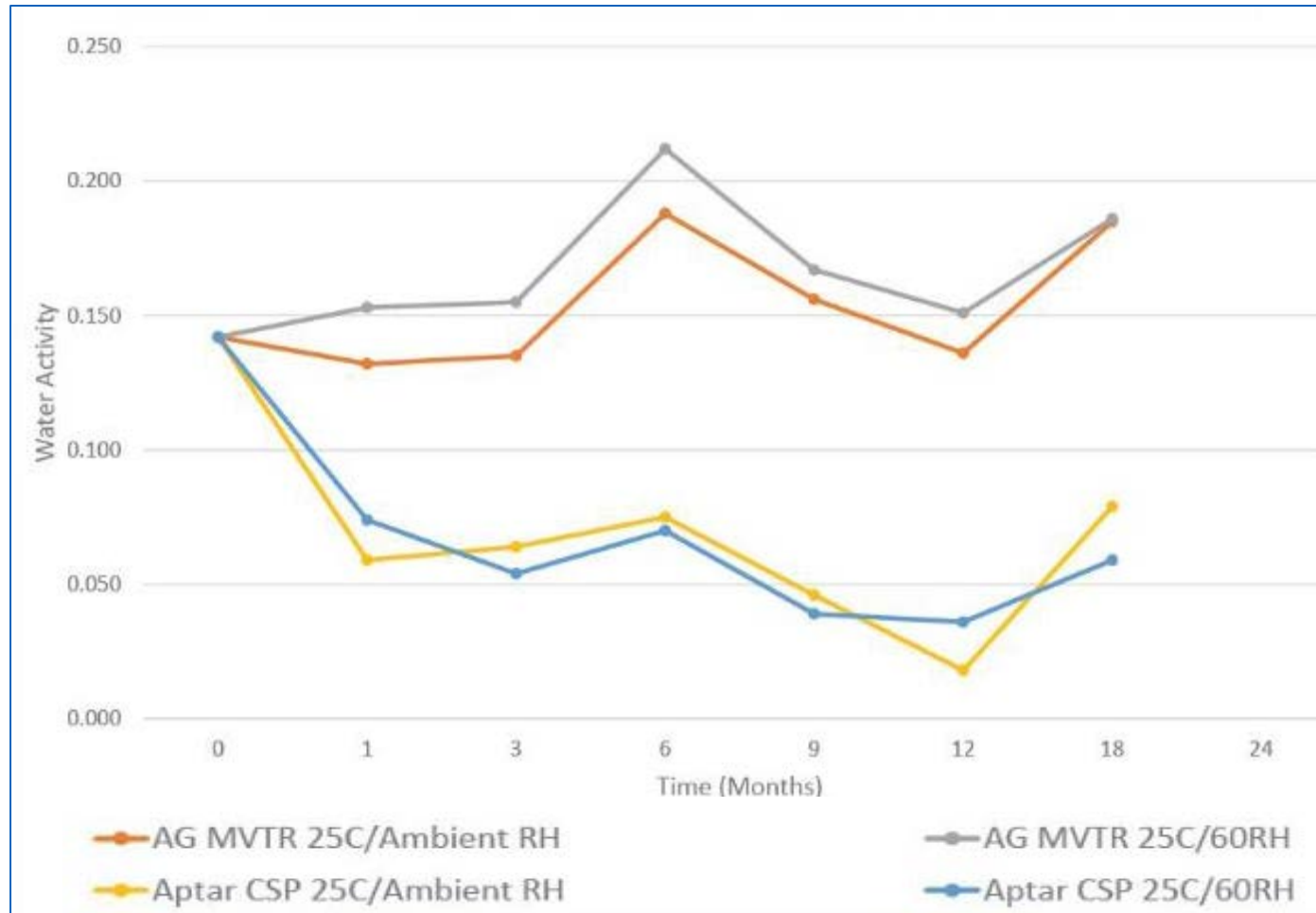
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# Water Activity in Probiotics + Cranberry

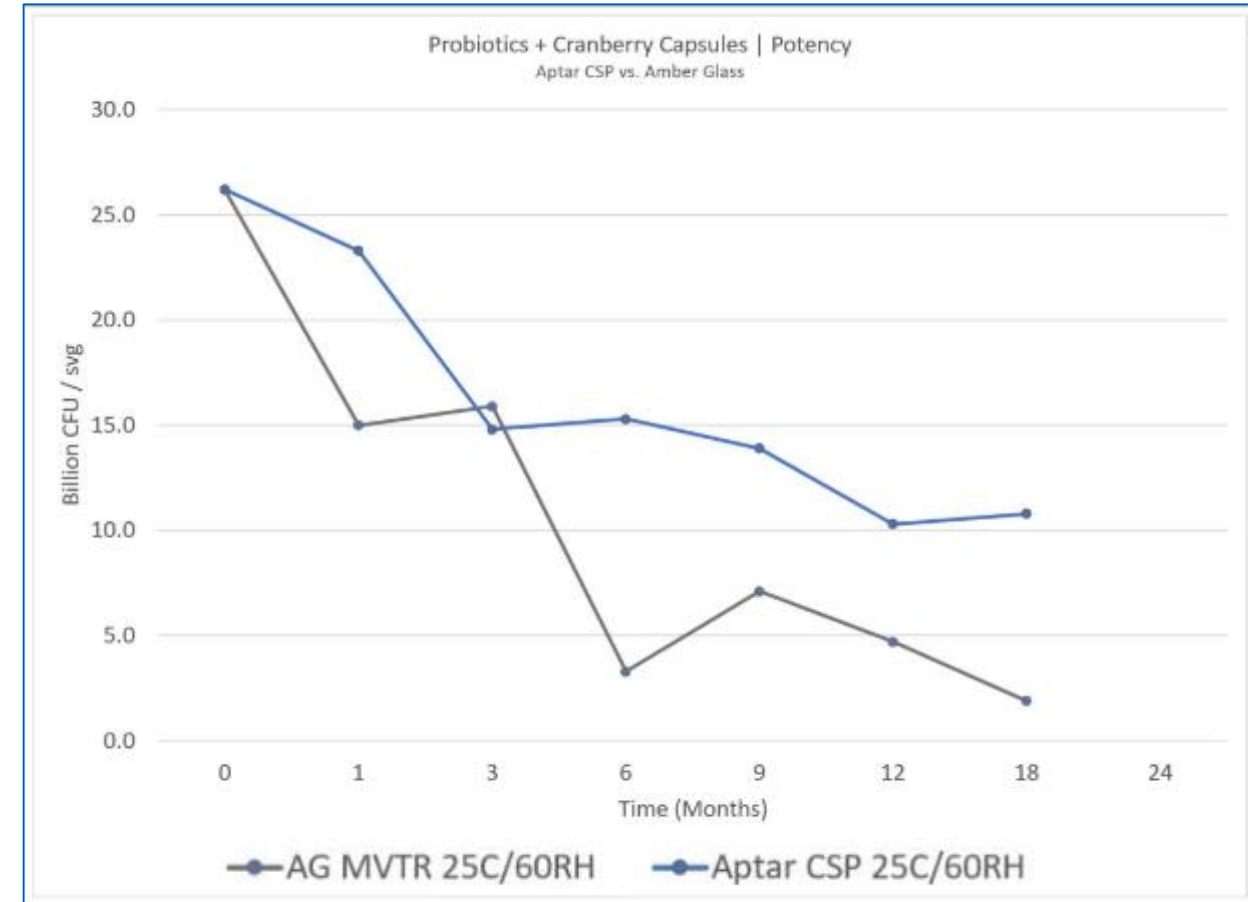
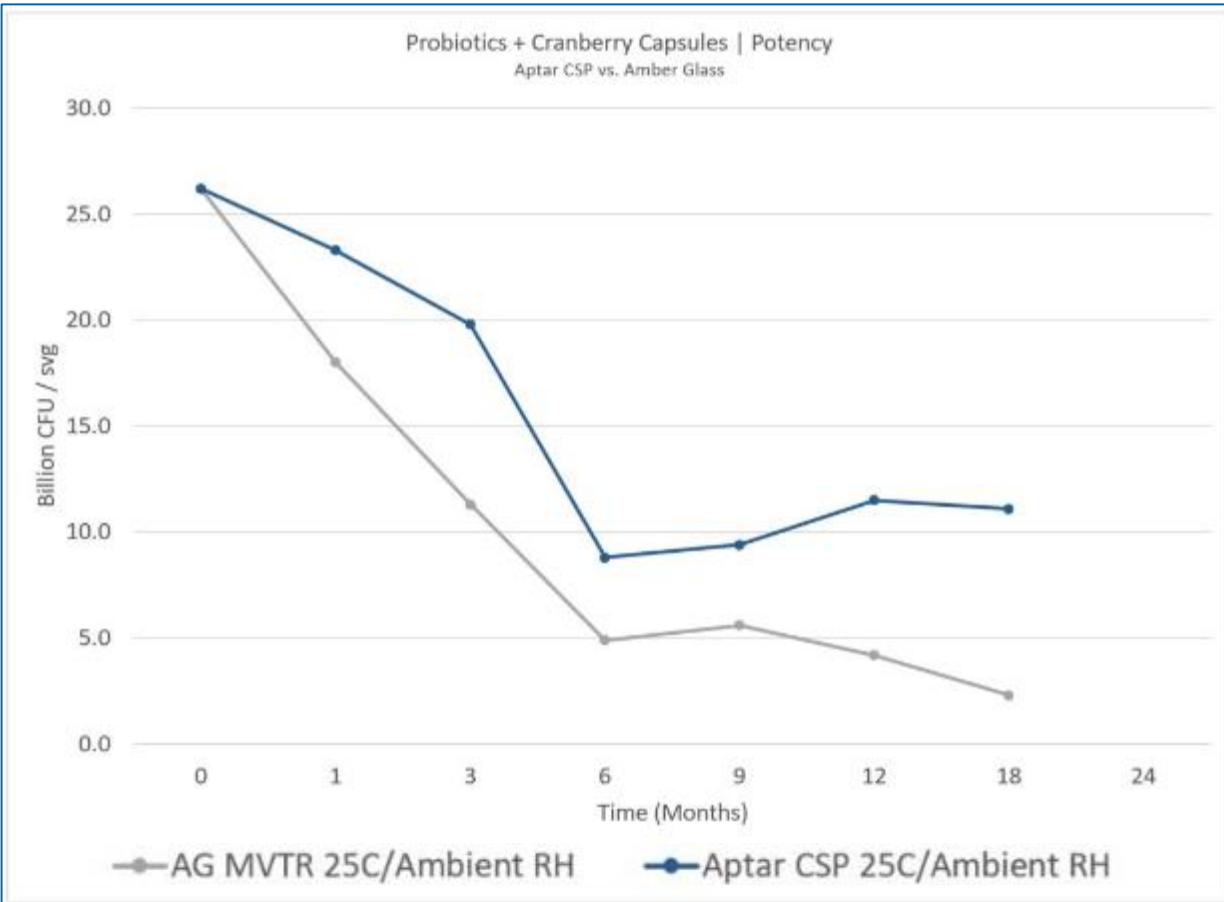
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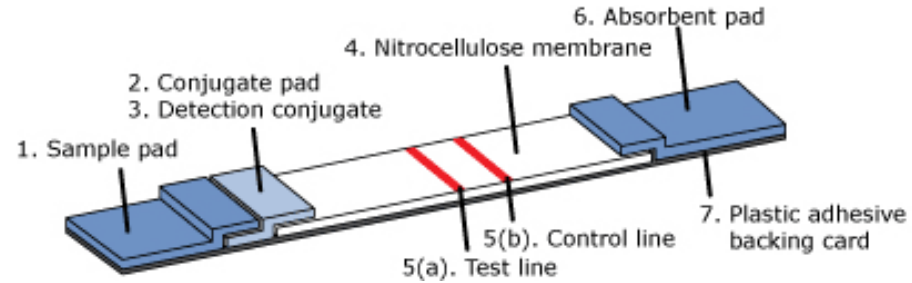


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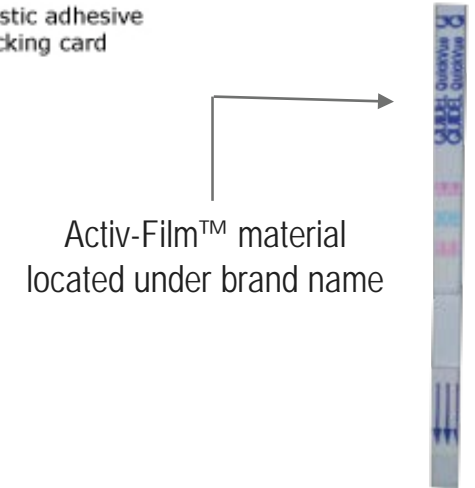
# Application Field: Diagnostics

# Lateral Flow Test Strips

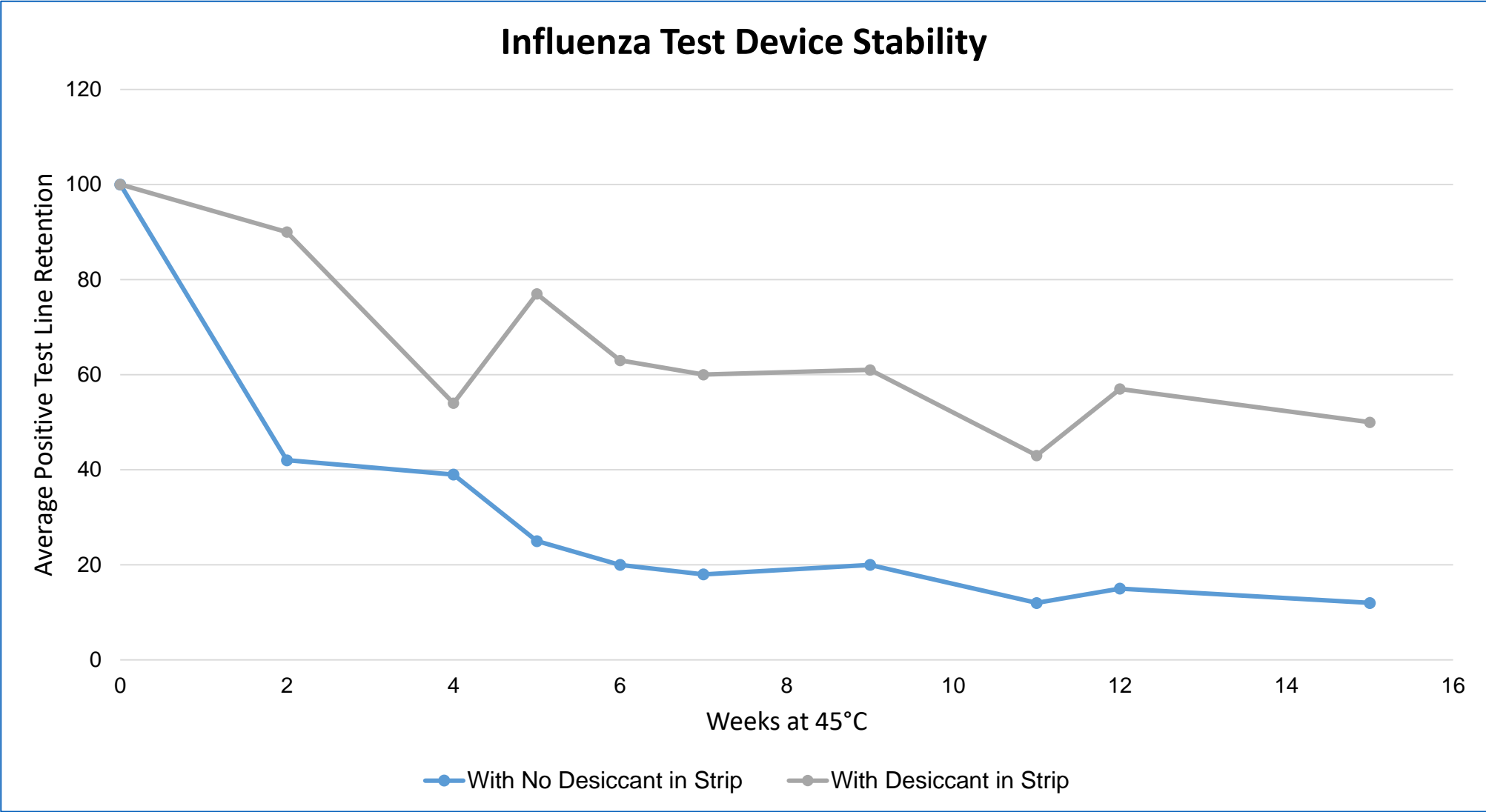
- Activ-Film™ material applied to top of the test strip without adhesive
- Method relevant to test strips with excess length
- Utilizes adhesive present on existing card stock
- Activ-Film™ material added like other test strip components

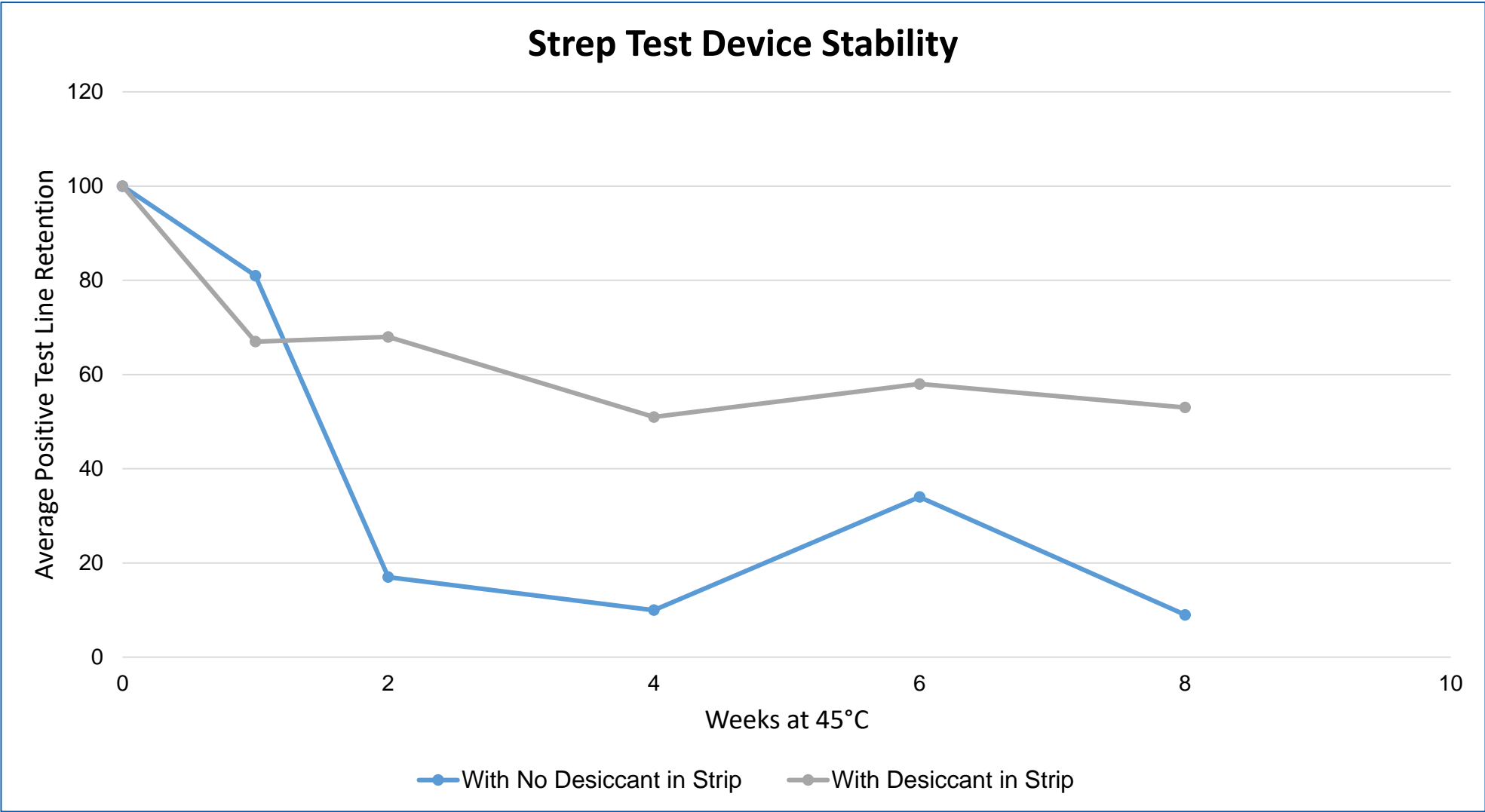


*"The device is manufactured to include an integrated desiccant within at least a test strip of the device. Addition of an integrated desiccant within the device improves signal to noise ratio, eases the manufacturing process, and saves in cost of production of the device."*









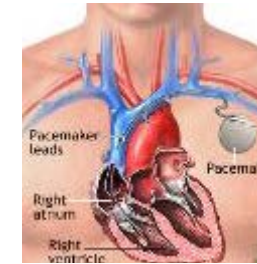
# **Application Field: Medical Device**

# Application Field – Active Implantable Medical DeVICES



**Pacemakers:** Treat patients with hearts that beat too slowly; bradycardia

- Monitor heart rate and deliver low-voltage electrical impulses to stimulate heartbeat



**ICD's:** Implantable Cardioverter Defibrillators. Treat patients with hearts that beat too fast; tachycardia

- Monitor heartbeats and deliver high-energy electrical impulses, or “shocks,” to treat potentially lethal, abnormally fast heart rhythms



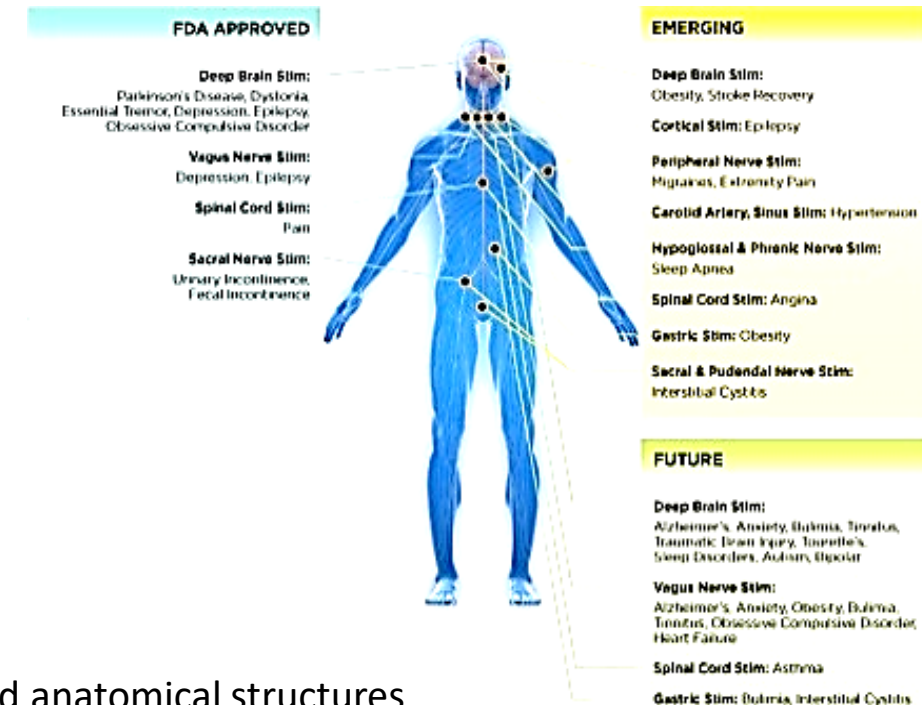
**CRT / CRTD's:** Cardio Resynchronization Therapy. Resynchronizes beating of ventricles, which can beat out of sync in heart failure patients

- Can provide defibrillation (CRTD); cardiac arrest is a risk factor for some types of heart failure
- CRT/CRTD's cleared by FDA, 2002



**Neuromodulation:** Implantable device delivers electrical current to targeted anatomical structures

- Therapies include spinal cord stimulation (SCS) for chronic pain, deep brain stimulation (DBS) for symptoms of Parkinson's disease, tremor and primary and secondary dystonia



# Application Field – Active Implantable Medical Developments

## Value Proposition

- Devices are often purged with inert gas/hermetically sealed as plastics in devices act as insulators but can emit moisture, as do PCB's
- Extends battery life by minimizing circuitry corrosion

## Features

- High Capacity
  - Controlled / Slow Uptake
- Precision die-cut film and molded parts
  - Thin film option: 0.2 mm
  - Thin film tolerance: +/- 0.05 mm
  - Die cut tolerance: +/- 0.01 mm
- Electrical Insulation – low dielectric constant

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# **Application Field: Dermal Drug Delivery**

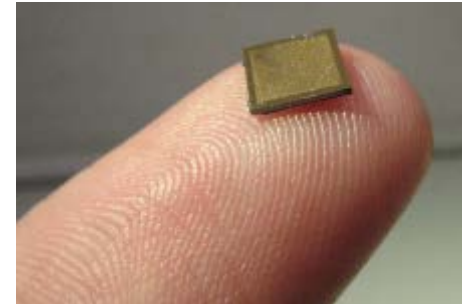
# Application Field – Dermal Drug Delivery

## Microarray Patches (MAP)

Active delivery system

Vaxxas Nanopatch™ is a novel, cost effective and safe vaccine delivery system

3-Phase Activ-Polymer™ technology incorporated into device with 2-shot component





# Application Field – Dermal Drug Delivery

## Adhesive Dermally Applied Microarray (ADAM)

Active delivery system

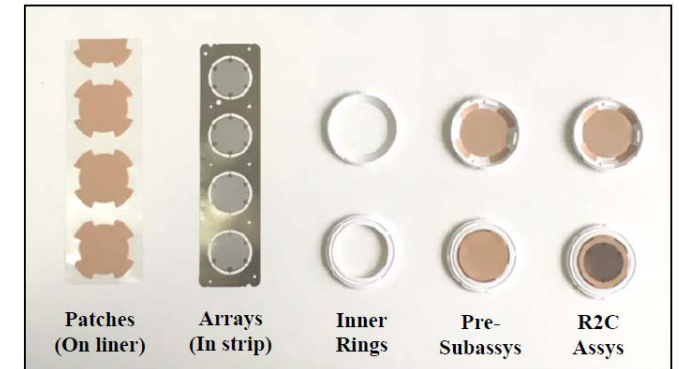
Zosano Pharma's investigational migraine treatment, ADAM Zolmitriptan Qtrypta (M207), is a novel formulation of zolmitriptan, a drug used orally and nasally to effectively and safely treat migraines.



ADAM RING ASSEMBLY ATTACHED TO APPLICATOR



APPLICATION TO THE SKIN



3-Phase Activ-Polymer™ technology incorporated into ring assembly with 2-shot ring

# Application Field – Dermal Drug Delivery

## Adhesive Dermally Applied Microarray (ADAM)

- Passive delivery system
- Estradiol estrogen hormone patch
- Hormone replacement therapy
- 3-Phase Activ-Film™ material affixed inside secondary packaging foil pouch



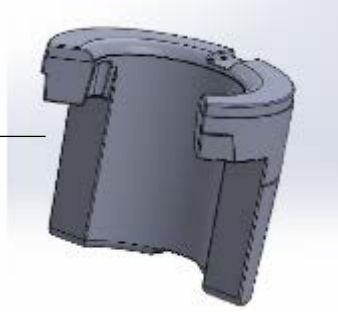
3-Phase Activ-Film™  
material



# **Application Field: Inhaled Drug Delivery**

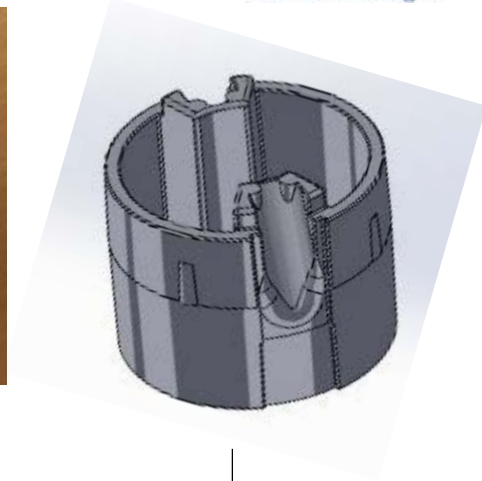
# Application Field – Inhalation

Metered dose  
inhaler component



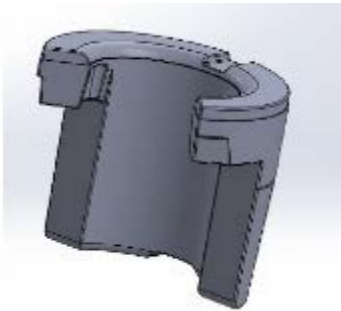
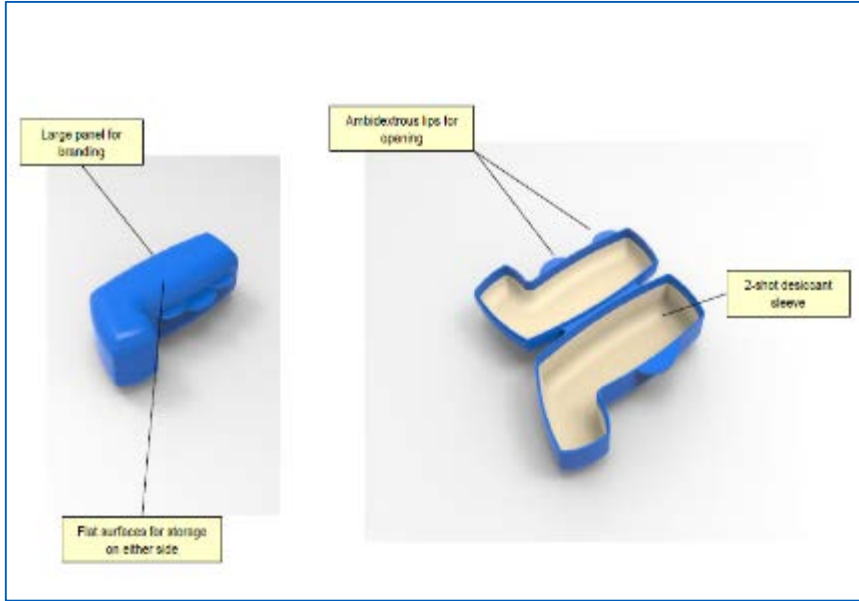
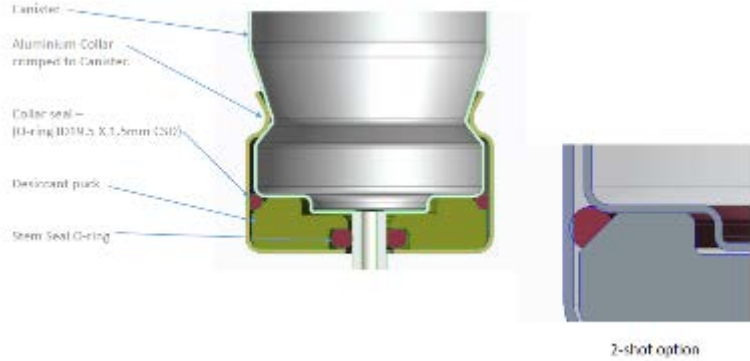
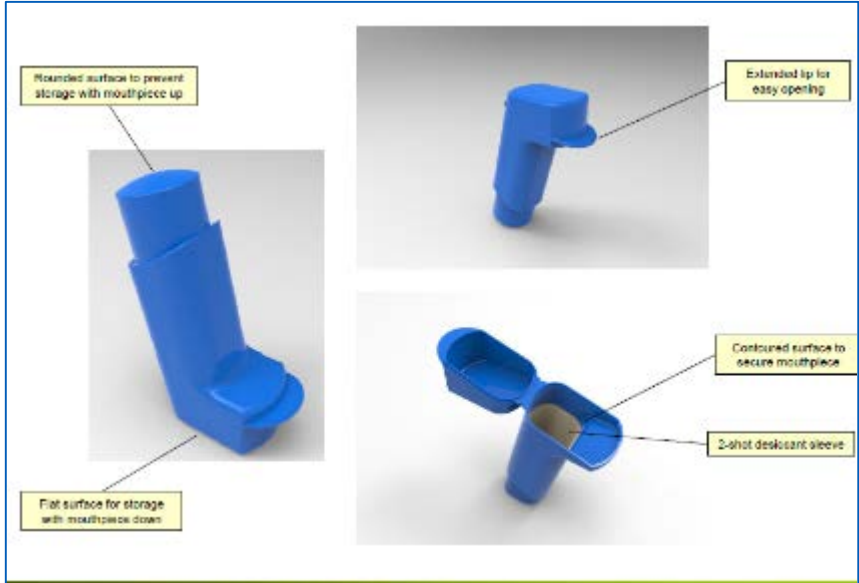
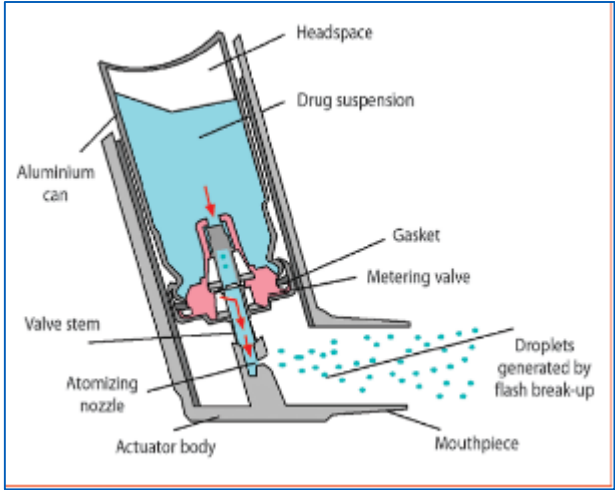
- Xhaler - Development with India Pharma company
- Breath Actuated Inhaler

3-Phase Activ-Polymer™  
material



Internal component for  
reservoir-based dry  
powder inhaler

# Pressurized Metered Dose Inhaler

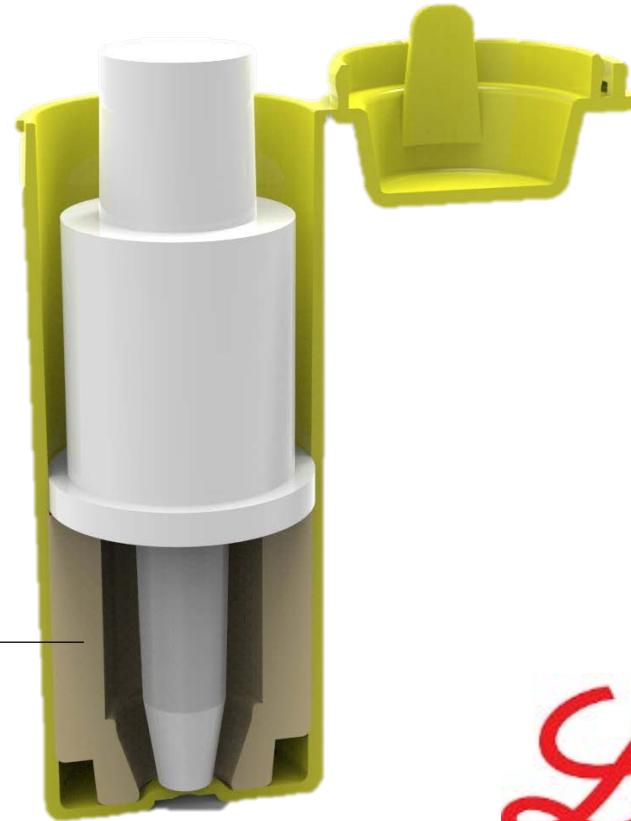


pMDI dose inhaler component

# Nasal Drug Delivery

- Glucagon to treat severe hypoglycemia
- Internal features to prevent premature actuation
- Solid relationship with customer and CMO

3-Phase Activ-Polymer™ molded plug component inserted into flip top container



*Lilly*

