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Neues Konzept der EU Referenzlaboratorien

Anforderungen, Stand der Umsetzung und Perspektiven für das PEI

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Content



- IVD classification

- EURL concept
 - ↳ Scopes
 - ↳ Criteria and tasks
 - ↳ Current status
 - ↳ Gaps

- PEI as EURL candidate

New Elements of IVD Regulation (EU) 2017/746



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- **IVD definition** covers also
 - genetic tests
 - companion diagnostic
- Risk based **classification rules** for IVD classes A – D
 - ↪ No longer lists of devices with cumbersome updating (Annex II, list A; list B)
- More stringent **pre-market review of high-risk devices** (class D)
 - ↪ EU Reference Laboratory
 - ↪ (pool of experts)

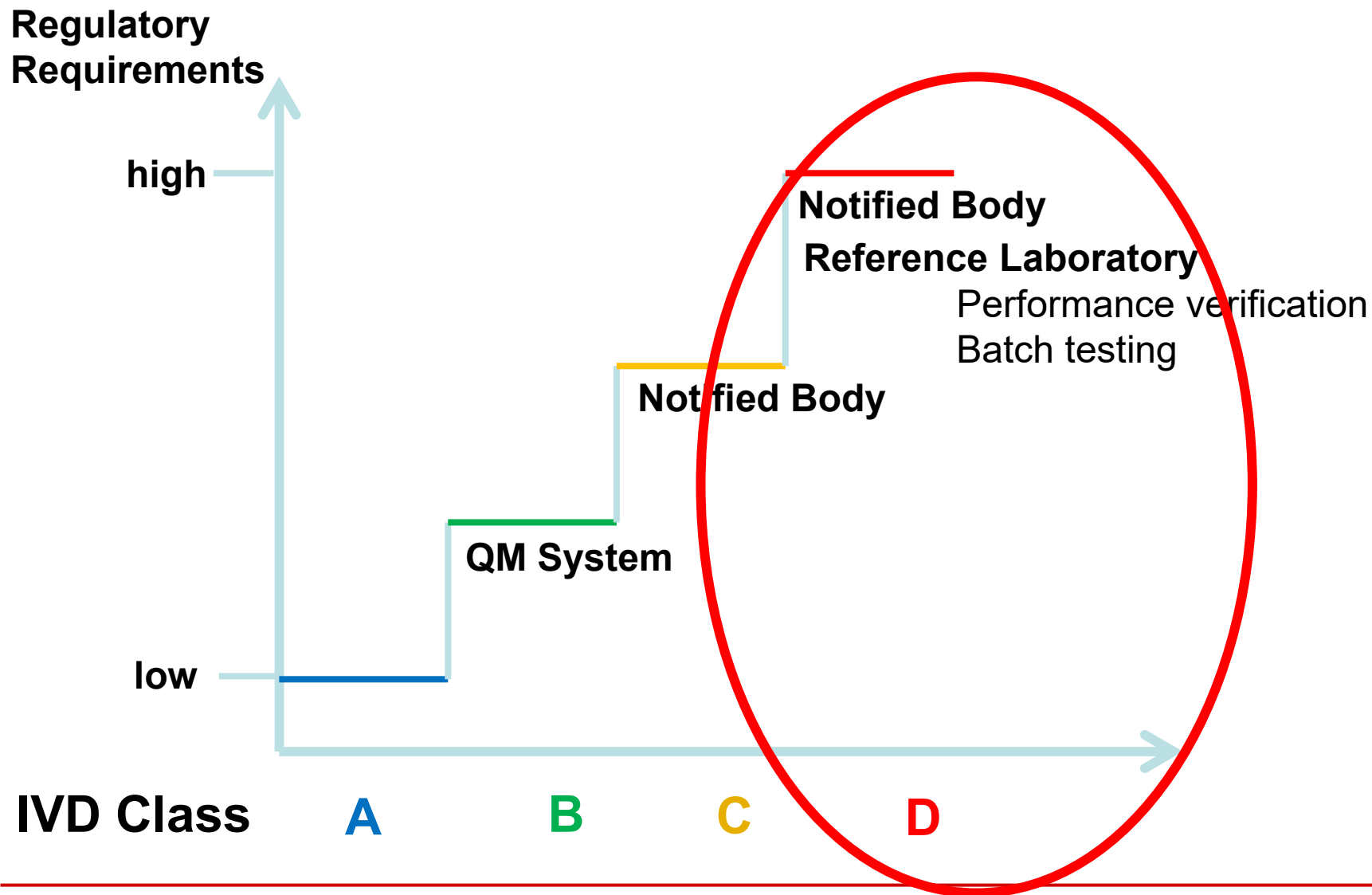
IVD Classification



Class	Health Risk		Examples
	<i>individual</i>	<i>public</i>	
	<i>low</i>	<i>low</i>	<i>Annex VIII, Classification Rules 1 - 7</i>
A	low	low	Clinical chemistry analyser, culture media
B	moderate	low	Vitamin B12, pregnancy self testing, anti-nuclear antibody, urine test strips
C	high	moderate	HLA typing, PSA, Rubella, cancer IVDs, genetic tests, companion IVDs,
D	high	high	HIV, HBV, HCV; CMV, EBV; Ebola; ABO, Rhesus



IVD Classification



Class D IVDs (1)



Annex VIII, Rule 1

Detection of

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| ➤ transmissible agents | <i>EU Directives: minimal testing</i> |
| ↳ blood transfusion | <i>2002/98/EC</i> <i>HIV1/2, HBV, HCV</i> |
| ↳ organ transplantation | <i>2010/53/EU</i> <i>HIV, HBV, HCV</i> |
| ↳ tissues and cells administration | <i>2006/17/EC</i> <i>HIV1/2, HBV, HCV</i>
<i>„optional“: CMV, EBV, HTLV-I, T pallidum,</i>
<i>Plasmodium spp, Toxopl gondii, Tryp cruzii</i> |
| ➤ transmissible agents | |
| ↳ life threatening disease | <i>Ebola, Marburg, Lassa; vCJD</i> |
| ↳ high risk of propagation | <i>SARS CoV, MERS CoV, smallpox, highly virulent
pandemic influenza</i> |

Monitoring of

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| ➤ infectious load of life-threatening disease | <i>HIV, HBV, HCV viral load</i> |
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Class D IVDs (2)



Annex VIII, Rule 2

Blood grouping, tissue typing

- AB0 [A (ABO1), B (ABO2), AB (ABO3)]
- Rhesus System [RH1 (D), RHW1, RH2 (C), RH3 (E), RH4 (c), RH5 (e)]
- Kell System [KEL1 (K)]
- Duffy System [FY1 (Fya), FY2 (Fyb)]
- Kidd System [JK1 (Jka), JK2 (Jkb)]

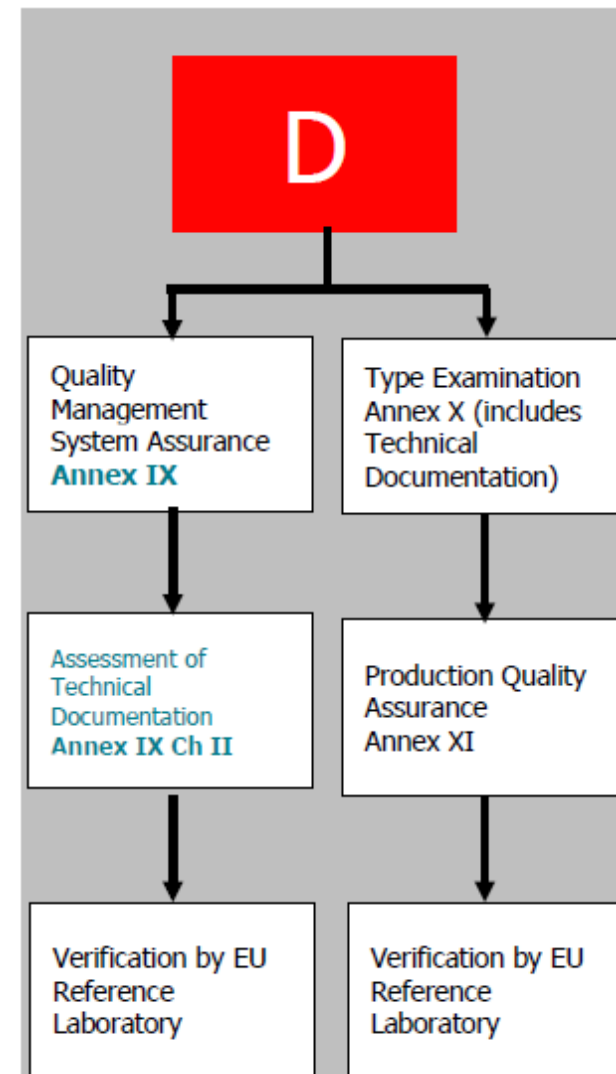
Potential EURL Scopes (Competence Areas)



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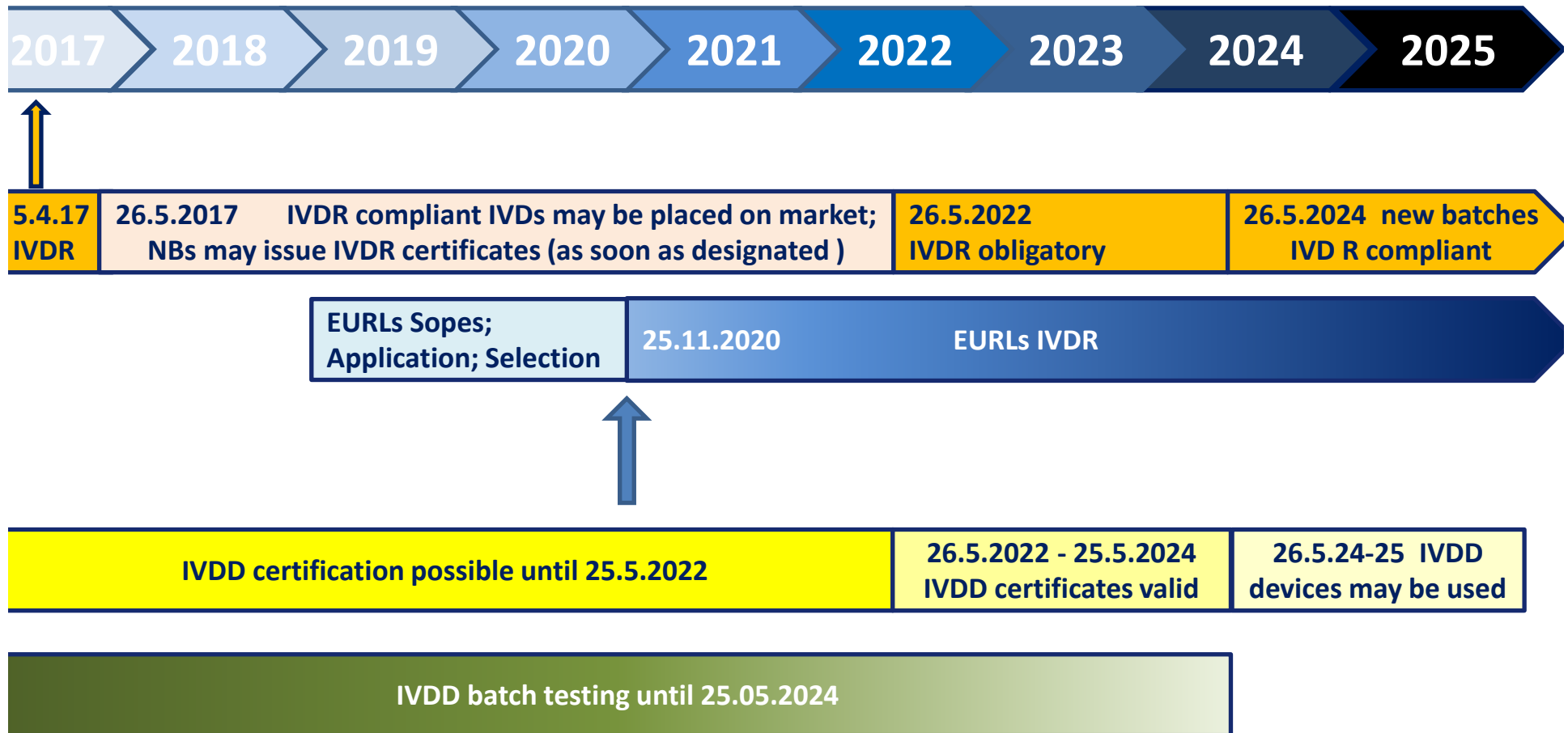


Conformity Assessment Procedures



„Pre-Market Testing” by EURL →

IVDD / IVDR Transition Timeline



EU Reference Laboratories (EURL) for IVDs



2017 / 746, Art 100 (2)

➤ Tasks

↪ **Class D IVDs**

- Verification of performance claims
- Compliance with Common Specifications (CS)

EURL laboratory testing is part of conformity assessment

Focus on analytical and diagnostic sensitivity

NB takes into account EURL report

60 days

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- **Batch testing**

EURL batch testing; batch release by NB

30 days

EU Reference Laboratories (EURL) for IVDs



2017 / 746, Art 100 (2)

➤ Tasks

➤ **Support** of European Commission, Medical Device Coordination Group, Competent Authorities, Notified Bodies

- Scientific and technical assistance
- Testing and analysis methods, best practices
- Advice „state of the art“ IVDs
- Reference materials and reference procedures

- Development of Common Specifications

➤ **Management** of network of national reference laboratories

EU Reference Laboratories (EURL) for IVDs



Several EURLs per scope necessary

- ↪ manage work load
- ↪ reduce risks of work overload
- ↪ compensate potential bottlenecks
- ↪ prevent monopoly

2017 / 746, Art 100 (5)

➤ EURL network

- ↪ harmonised methods, procedures, SOPs
- ↪ common reference materials
- ↪ uniform interpretation criteria and reports
- ↪ peer review system

EU Reference Laboratories (EURL) for IVDs



EURL preconditions

2017 / 746, Art 100 (4)

- ↪ qualified staff, IVD expertise
- ↪ appropriate structure and organisation
- ↪ equipment, reference materials
- ↪ public interest, independent, confidentiality, no conflicts of interest

Implementation Act „Tasks and criteria EURL“ (draft)

- ↪ ISO 17025 accreditation
- ↪ financial and economic standing
- ↪ details for staff qualification
- ↪ preference criteria for selection of EURLs

Implementation Act „EURL fees“ (draft)

- ↪ transparent fee structure
- ↪ cost recovery, no profit

EU Reference Laboratories (EURL) for IVDs



Current gaps

- Finalisation of Implementing Acts („Tasks and Criteria“, „Fees“)
- Definition of final scopes for individual EURLs
- Application (through NCAs)
- Selection and designation (by Europ Commission)
- Establishment of EURL Network
 - Performance verification; compliance with Common Specifications
 - ↪ Definition of evaluation panels
 - ↪ Harmonisation of evaluation procedures and criteria
 - ↪ Peer review
 - ↪ Common (Technical) Specifications (CS) for class D IVDs as precondition

Common (Technical) Specifications



- **defined**
- **in preparation**
- **not initiated**

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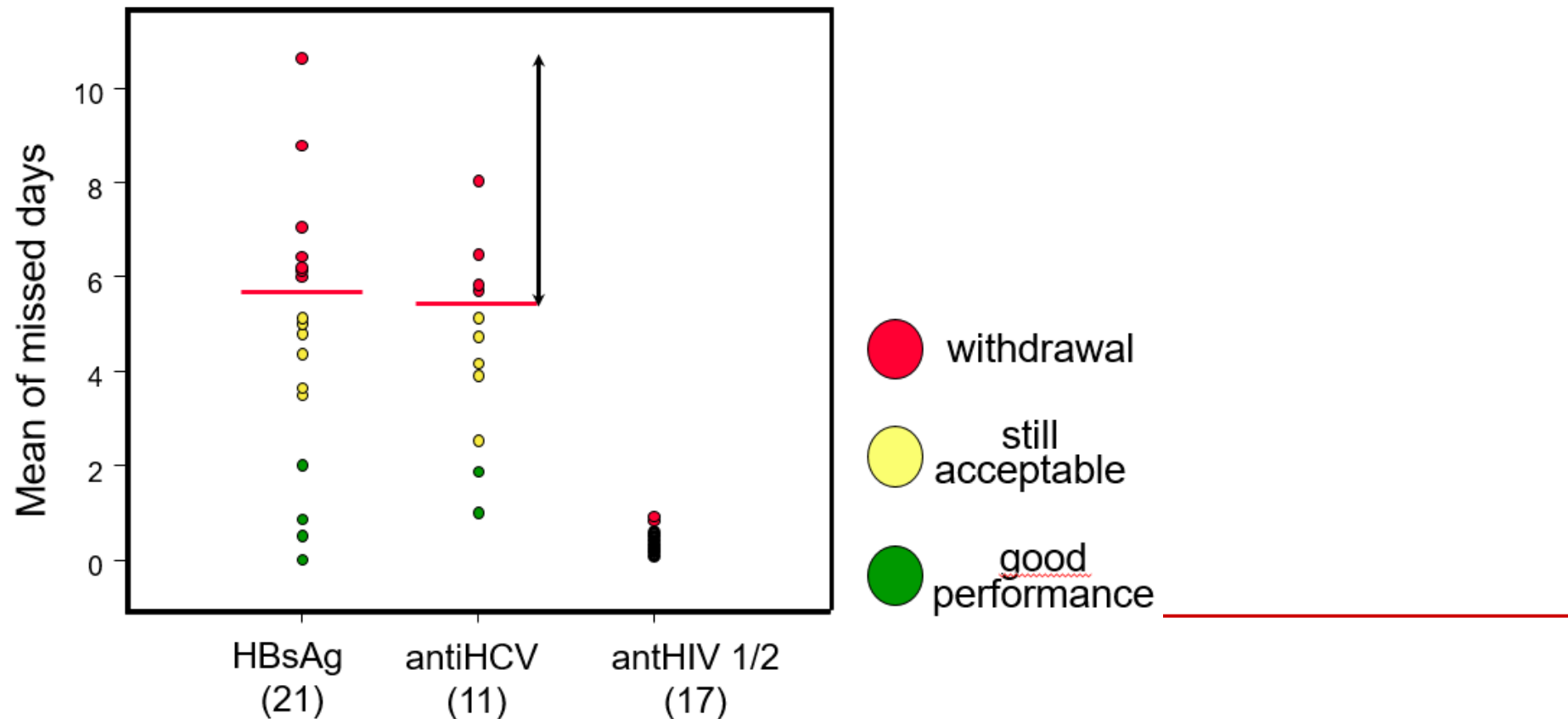
PEI with history of IVD expertise

➤ 1975 – 2003 Governmental approval of IVDs (German Drug Law)

↪ Performance evaluation study

↪ Batch testing

↪ Regular re-evaluation of „state of the art“



PEI as potential EURL Candidate



PEI with history of IVD expertise

➤ since 2001

↪ PEI-IVD: IVD testing laboratory for Directive 98 / 79 / EC

- Batch testing on behalf of NBs
 - Annex 2 list A products
 - » HIV, HBV, HCV, HTLV; blood groups
 - » Serology, NAT and blood group laboratories

- Recognition by ZLG, based on ISO 17025



PEI as potential EURL Candidate



PEI with history of IVD expertise

- **„Federal Institute for Vaccines and Biomedicines“**
 - ↪ Responsible for e.g. blood and blood products; cells and tissues
 - Investigation of adverse events, e.g. virus transmissions
 - sometimes IVD related
 - definition of regulatory measures
 - ↪ **Competent Authority for Annex II list A, (B) IVDs**
 - IVD vigilance
- **WHO Collaborating Center for Quality Assurance of Blood Products and in vitro Diagnostic Devices“ (since 2005)**
 - ↪ Standardization of IVDs
 - Characterization and establishment of WHO International Standards (ISs) and WHO International Reference Panels (IRPs)
 - Custodian for WHO ISs and WHO IRPs



WHO International Standards

WHO International Reference Panels



Established by PEI

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| ➤ WHO 1 st IS antiHBc | NIBSC 95/522 |
| ➤ WHO 1 st IS anti-HBe | 129095/12 |
| ➤ WHO 1 st IS HBeAg | 129097/12 |
| ➤ WHO 1 st IRP HBsAg (HBV genotypes) | 6100/09 |
| ➤ WHO 1 st IRP HBV DNA (HBV genotypes) | 5086/08 |
| ➤ WHO 1 st IS HCV core Ag | 129096/12 |
| ➤ WHO 1 st IS HDV RNA | 7657/12 |
| ➤ WHO 1 st IS HEV RNA | 6329/10 |
| ➤ WHO 1 st IRP HEV RNA (HEV genotypes) | 8578/13 |
| ➤ WHO 1 st IS anti-CMV IgG | 136616/17 |
| ➤ WHO 1 st IS Chikungunya virus RNA | 11785/16 |
| ➤ WHO 1 st IS Zikavirus RNA | 11468/1 |
| ➤ WHO 1 st IS Mycoplasma DNA | 8293/13 |
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| ➤ <u>3 WHO Repositories Bacteria (Platelets, Erys)</u> | |



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Conclusions

➤ Risk-based classification of IVDs

- ↪ More flexible
- ↪ Current approach for class D inclusion scientifically justified ?

➤ EURLs

- ↪ Conformity assessment (class D)
- ↪ Scopes definition as precondition for application
- ↪ EURL network !!
- ↪ National reference laboratories ?
- ↪ Common Specifications ?
- ↪ PEI potential EURL candidate



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