



A testing bed for the development of high-risk medical devices.

# TBMED: A test bed specialized in the development of Medical Devices according to quality by design.

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# TB MED

**Open Innovation Test Bed for High-risk  
Medical Devices**

# MedTech Sector

Healthcare system in EU has to deal with two main and growing problems: **large variation in patient outcomes** and **continuous increase of costs**

New regulation EU 2017/745: **demonstrate safety and performance** through clinical evaluation of the product's **entire life cycle**

Reimbursement approval: **Demonstrate benefit for patients and health systems**

MedTech Sector  
27,000  
companies

95% SMEs  
Mostly  
< 50 employees

Product Lifecycle is  
between 18 to 24  
months

Highest N° patent  
applications on a  
technical field

The new scenario represents several challenges for high-tech SMEs to **maintain their competitiveness and innovation capacity**

## Impact & Final Objective

**Increase the access of high-risk medical devices to patients, that due to long reimbursement processes need to wait **up to 6 years** for its availability on the market**

# Main Objectives

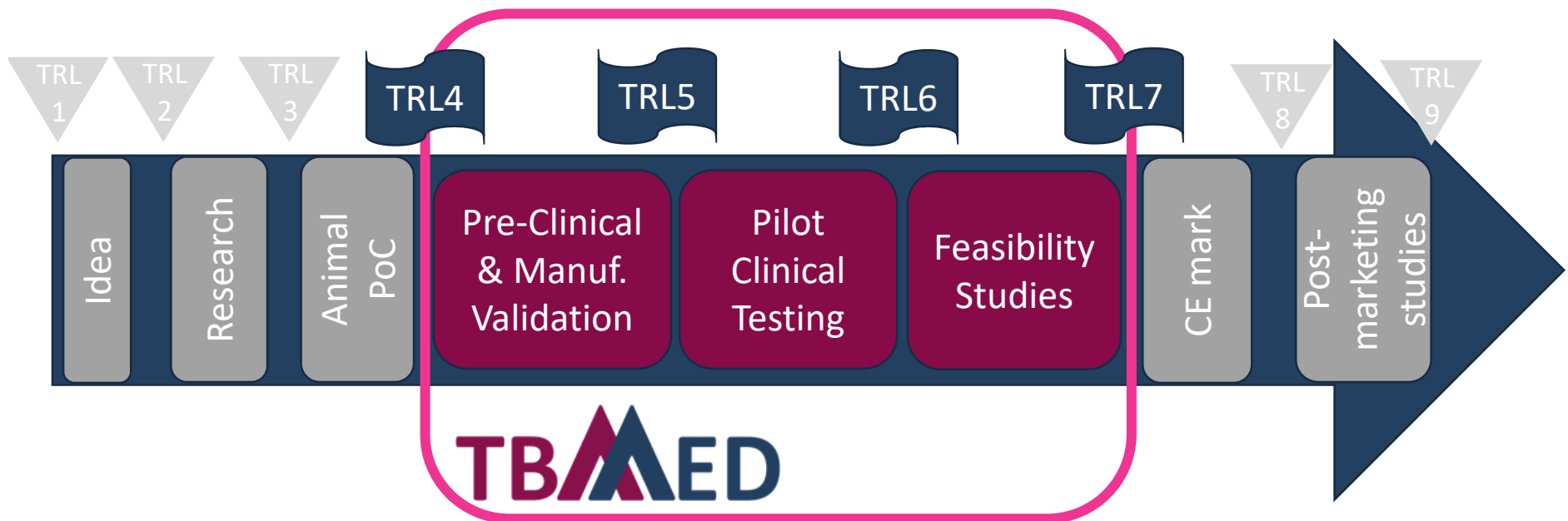
- ◆ **Create a sustainable OITB** specialized in the development of high-risk medical devices and...
- ◆ **Adapt the current QbD methodology** for the development of high-risk medical devices



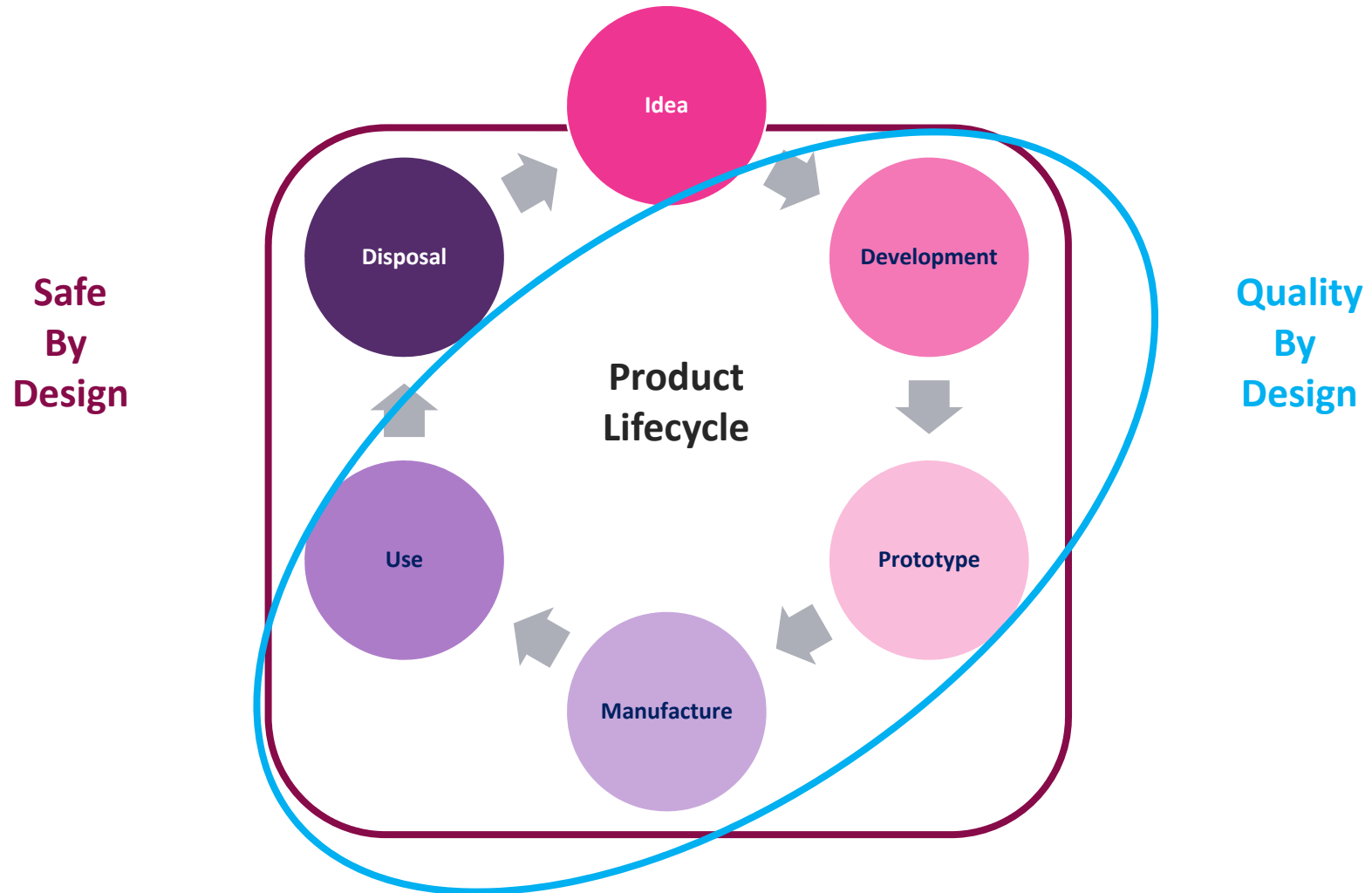
- **Increase the quality and reduce the risk** of the MDs and facilitate subsequent clinical testing.
- **Build the arguments to demonstrate real benefits** (value / final outcomes) of the new devices to increase their success in entering the market.
- **Reduce cost and variability** of the manufacturing process and the **speed of product release to the market** by carrying out statistically designed experiments for process validation.

# What is TB MED?

Is an OITB platform that **consist of a connected Network of labs** providing a single entry point to services along the whole value chain **from preclinical development to clinical testing based on Quality-by-Design (QbD) concept.**

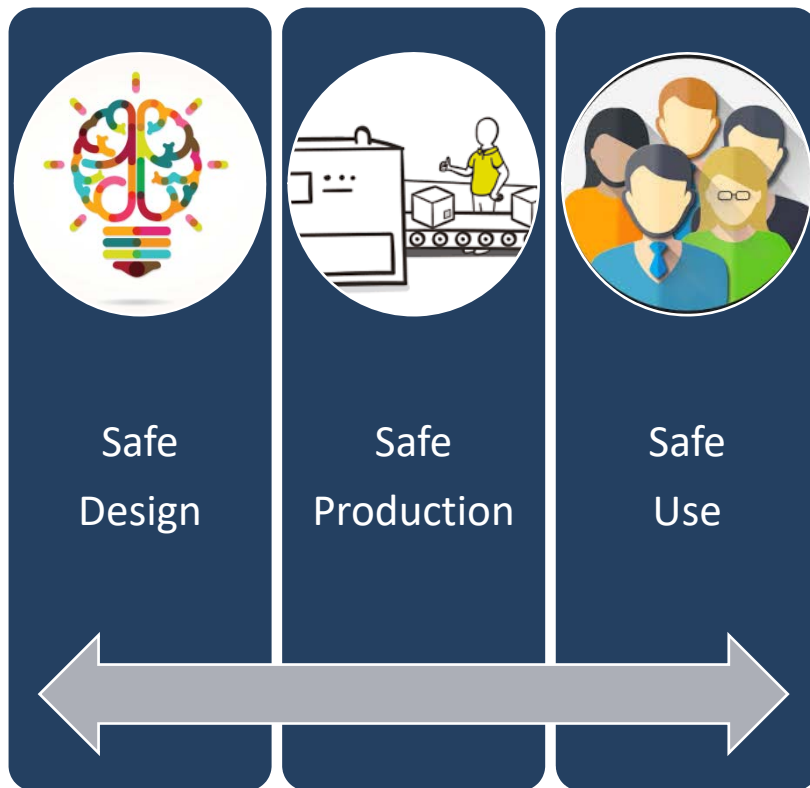


# Safe & Quality by Design

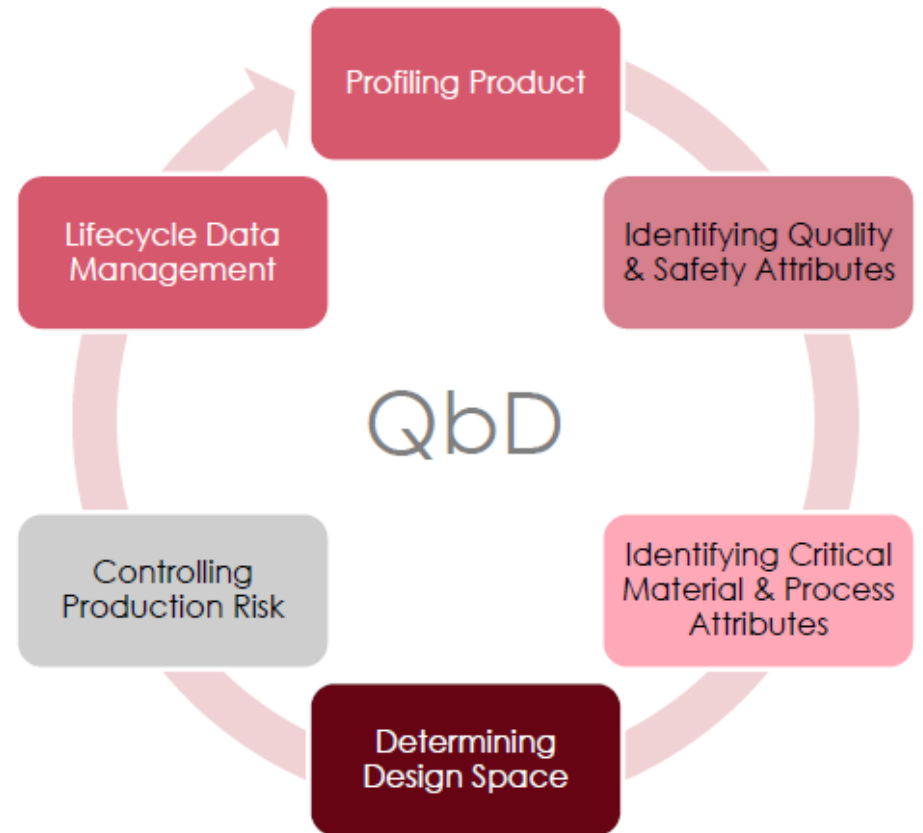


# Safe & Quality by Design

SbD



QbD



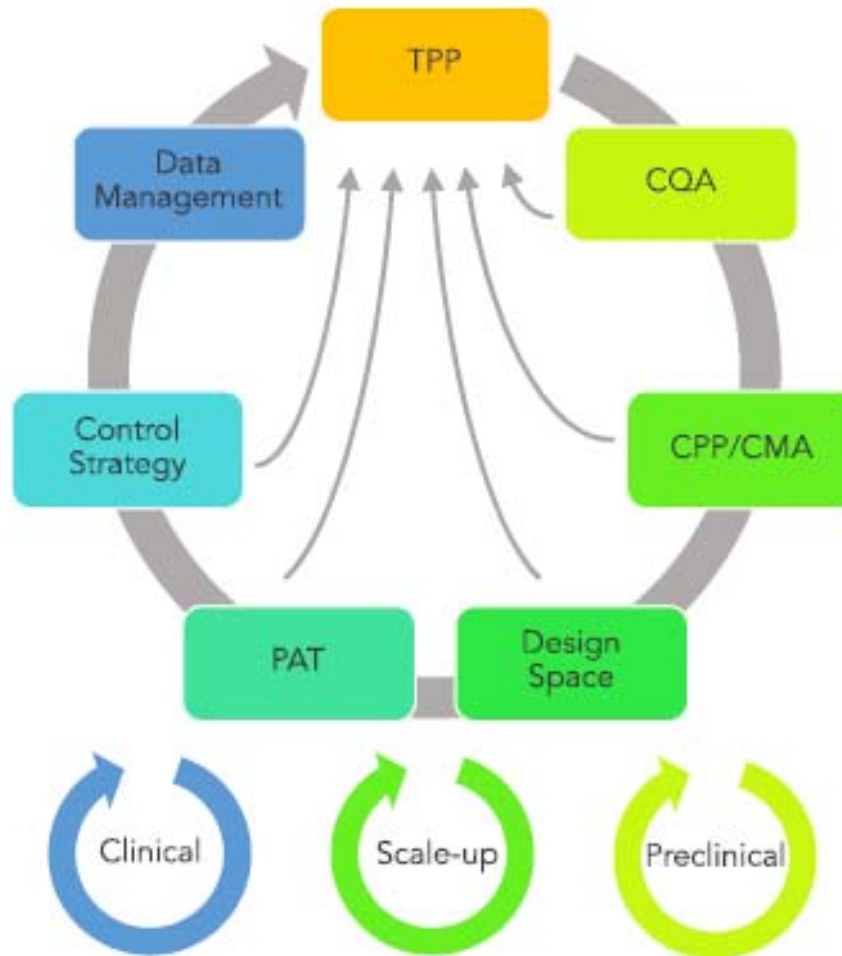


# Safe & Quality by Design

**Both methodologies have several points in common:**

- ◆ Both have to be considered and implemented from the very beginning of the development
- ◆ Both are related to most of the life cycle of the product
- ◆ Both use risk analysis tools in their core
- ◆ Both are methods that will help to “fail early” in the process in order to improve the development

# Quality by Design



CQA: Critical Quality Attribute

CPP: Critical Process Parameter

CMA: Critical Material Attribute

PAT: Process Analytical Technology

# Quality by Design

## 1 - TPP (Target Product Profile)

<b>Intended Use</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clinical Treatment of Actinic Keratosis (Precancerous Skin Lesions)</li> </ul>
<b>Device Description</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A new device to control light signal in realtime during a treatment session</li> </ul>
<b>Expected efficacy</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Better Reduction of Tumor than PDT without control</li> </ul>
<b>Quality</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A better control of the inter-individual responses</li> </ul>
<b>Contraindication</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The PDT treatment is very painful</li> </ul>
<b>Pre-clinical Testing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proof of <i>in vivo</i> feasibility</li> </ul>
<b>Clinical Studies</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not yet</li> </ul>
<b>Potential economic value</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduced cost and compact design</li> </ul>

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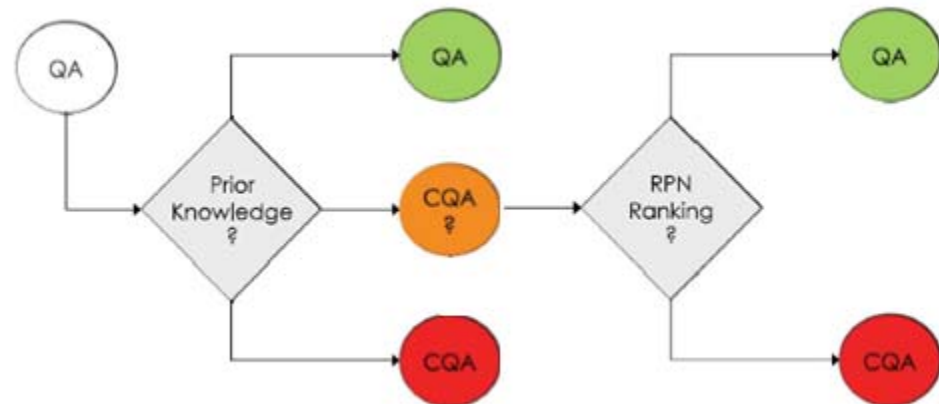
# Definition of CQAs

Category	QA	Efficacy		Safety		Quality		Compliance		Criticity
		Severity	Occurrence	Severity	Occurrence	Severity	Occurrence	Severity	Occurrence	
Biological	Biocompatibility									
	Cell adhesion in the skirt									
	Cell proliferation									
	Entrapment efficiency									
	Control of inflammation									
Physicochemical	Presence of leachables									
	Surface topography (microscale) in the optic									
	Humidity/Water content									

◆ A first qualitative round, based on prior knowledge

◆ If there are “oranges”:

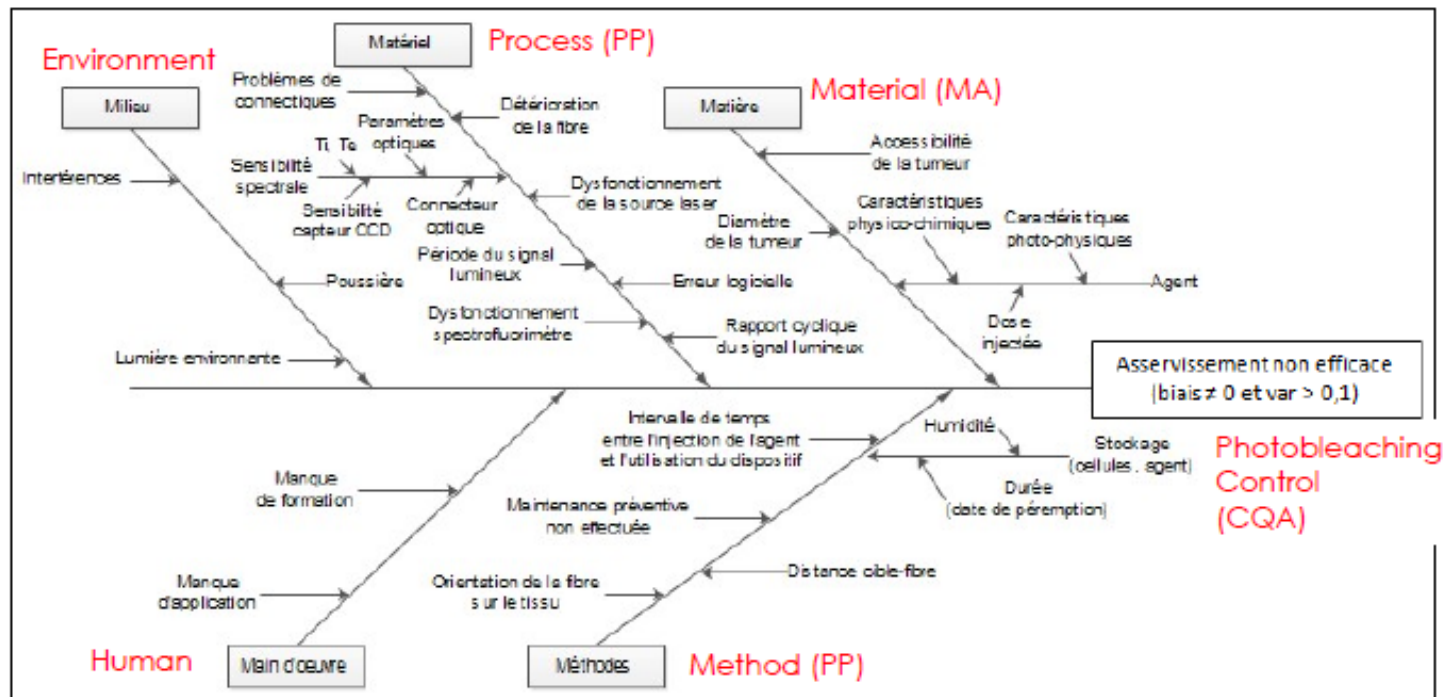
$$\text{RPN} = \text{Severity} \times \text{Occurrence}$$



RPN: Risk Priority Number

# MA, PPs and Design Space

## MA & PP Screening : Ishikawa Diagram



◆ PPs  
◆ MAs

# MAs, PPs and Design Space

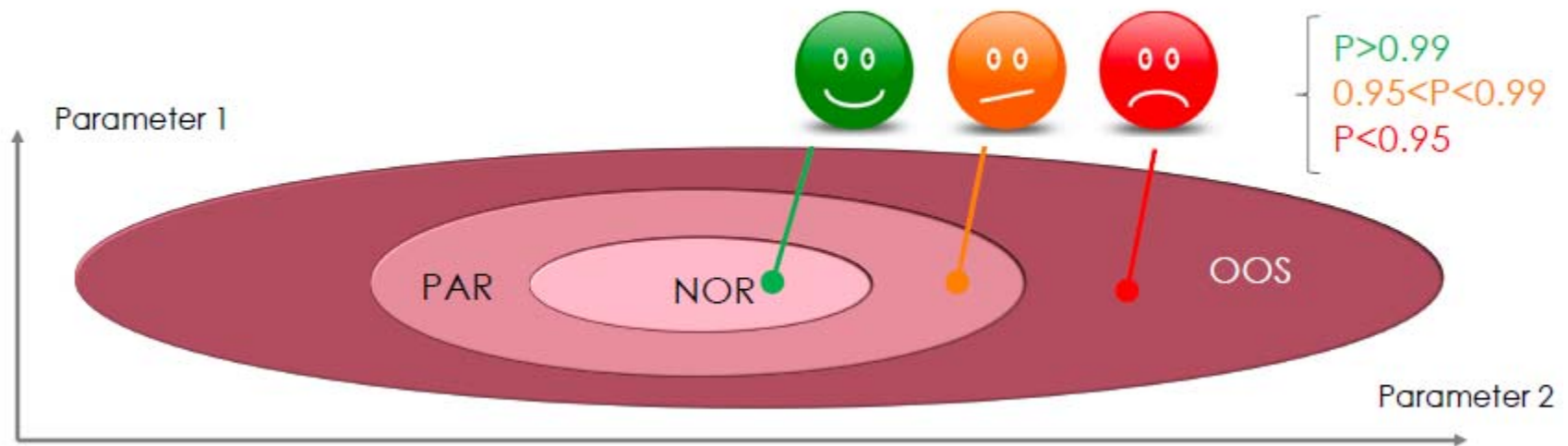
◆ PPs  
◆ MAs



DoE using  
Plackett-Burman



◆ CPPs  
◆ CMAs

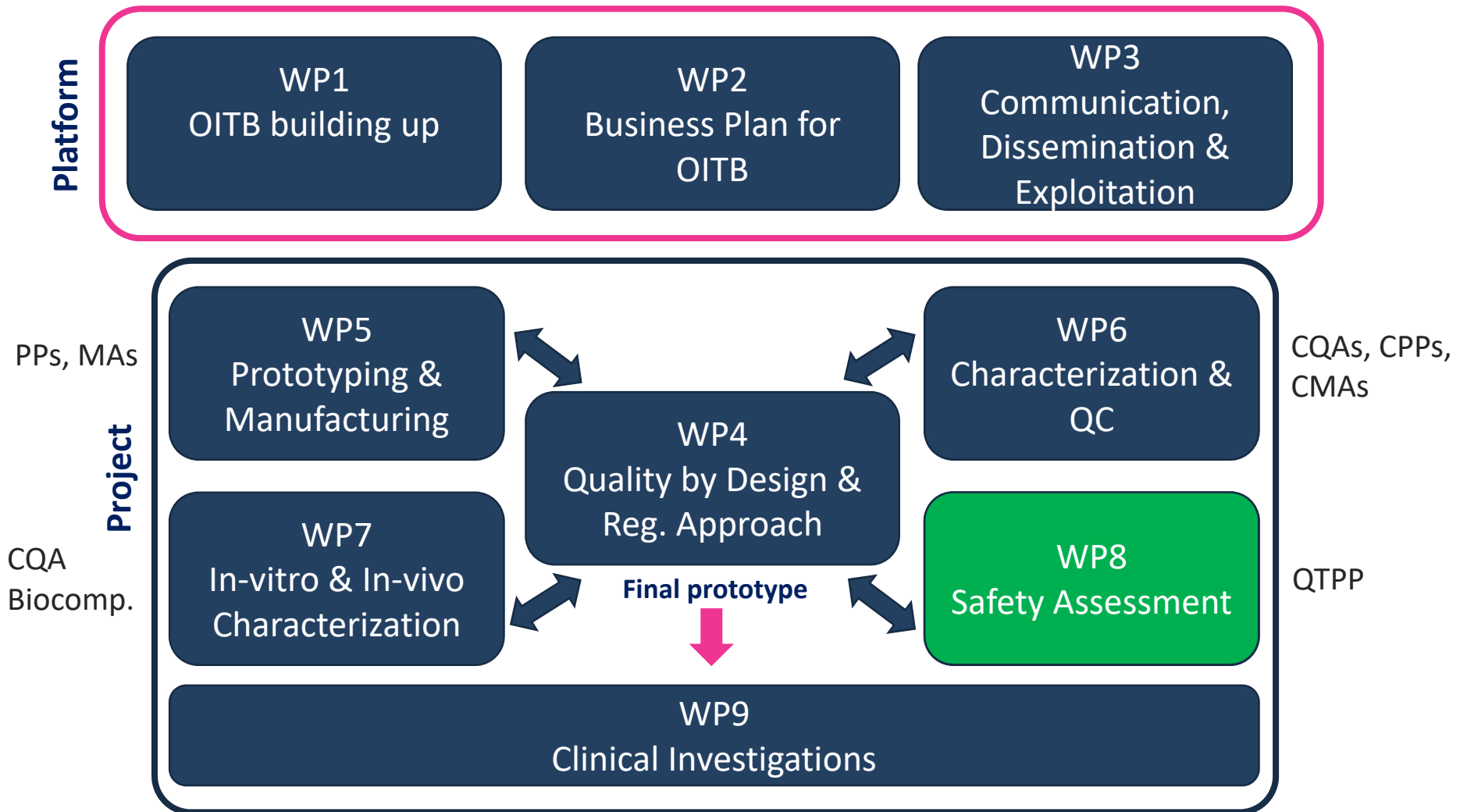


NOR: desired region

PAR: product acceptable region but corrections required

OOS: Out of Specifications

# Work Packages

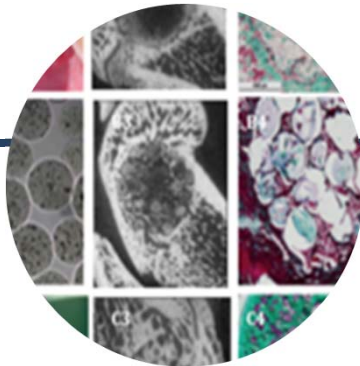


# Scientific Objectives

## Technology

- GlycoBone® for Sinus floor augmentation
- GlycoBone® for Peri-implantitis
- Keratoprosthesis
- Magnetic nanoparticles for hyperthermia in colorectal cancer
- AMF device

TRL before	TRL at the end of the project
6	7
4	6/7
3	6
3	5
4	5



**Glycobone**



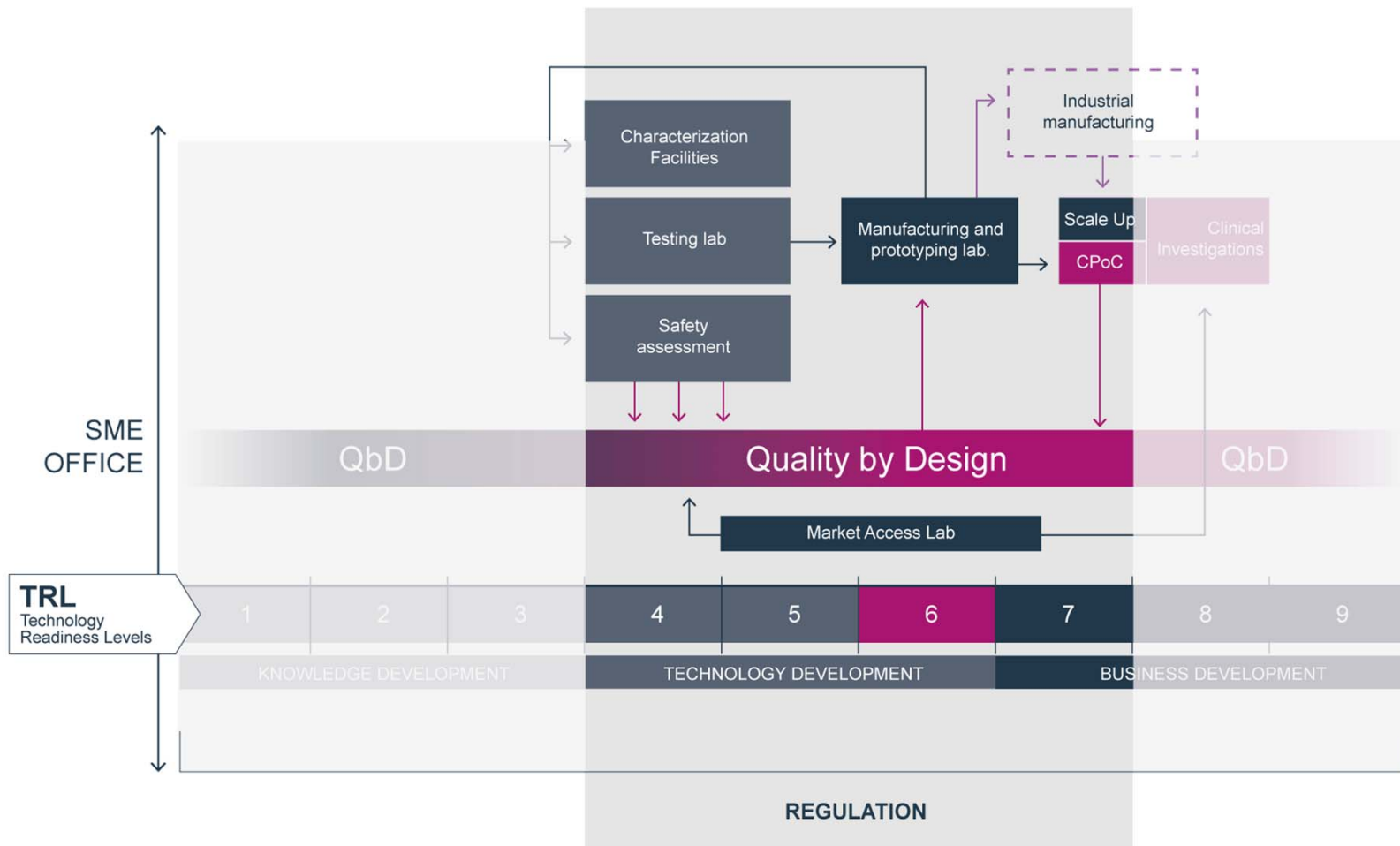
**Keratoprosthesis**



**Magnetic nanoparticles and Alternating Magnetic Field for hyperthermia**



- ◆ We use **quality by design** to improve the different services that we provide:



# Who is TB MED?

- ◆ 5 research groups, 5 SMEs, 1 Industry and 2 clinical research organizations, with significant track record in knowledge creation and innovation that have joined forces to guarantee a successful outcome





**Thank You!**



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