Drawing on deep technical expertise

Wickham Laboratories draws on deep technical expertise, backed by decades of global experience, when identifying challenges and providing solutions for a broad range of products and testing scenarios.

What are the main outsourced services that your company provides?

With over 50 years of global experience in Good Manufacturing Practice/Good Laboratory Practice (GMP/GLP) contract services, Wickham Laboratories Ltd is an established name in the fields of pharmaceutical and medical device testing, research and consultancy.

We operate in accordance with GMP and GLP as well as to International Organization for Standardization (ISO) and International Conference on Harmonisation (ICH) guidelines.

We supply microbiology and toxicology testing services for the medical device and pharmaceutical industries, including:

■ Antimicrobial/preservative efficacy
■ Bacterial endotoxin (LAL) and monocyte activation test (MAT)
■ Bioburden determination
■ Biological indicator enumeration
■ Cytotoxicity
■ Environmental monitoring
■ In-vitro diagnostic assays such as ELISA, BCA and Western blot
■ Rapid microbial identification (MALDI-ToF)
■ Microbial ingress
■ Microbial limits including TMC/TYMC and absence of specified pathogens
■ Potency bioassays and abnormal toxicity of biological products
■ Rabbit pyrogen testing (RPT)
■ Stability storage and testing
■ Sterility testing
■ USP plastics Class I-VI tests.

What differentiates your company from the competition?

Our decades of experience in testing services means that we have a deep technical expertise we can draw upon when identifying challenges and providing solutions for a broad range of products and testing scenarios. This long-standing global experience in contract testing enables us to assess our clients’ bespoke requirements and advise on the best path for their projects.

We believe that supporting our clients at all stages of the testing lifecycle is invaluable in building strong, long-term relationships and as such communication has always remained a key priority for us. Maintaining a focus on responsiveness and flexibility, as well as enabling the technicians performing the work to be accessible to clients, helps us to ensure that requirements are clearly communicated, and products are tested to the satisfaction of both regulators and clients.

Which value-added services does your company provide?

As well as laboratory testing, we offer global support and consultancy services relevant to a wide range of pharmaceutical and medical device development and manufacturing concerns, such as:

■ Assay development
■ Biological safety assessments
■ Clean room qualification and monitoring
■ Process validation/identification of contamination sources in manufacturing
■ Training on appropriate cleaning practices
■ Validation of water systems.

In addition, our business managers in both toxicology and microbiology have regularly supported clients in understanding the full range of testing required for their regulatory submissions.

What are the main drivers affecting the supply and demand for outsourcing services across the pharmaceutical industry?

A key driver continues to be the difficult task of balancing expectations related to management of costs, while maintaining the highest possible level of quality in the development and manufacturing life cycle.

Compliance with the strict regulatory mandates in place for the pharmaceutical industry plays a key role in this process, and we have often found that our clients value a thorough understanding of all applicable regulations in order to identify and avoid potential roadblocks before they become a problem.

What are the main challenges facing both companies who want to outsource manufacturing or services and those providing these services?

With the continued focus on balancing cost cutting with the need to ensure robust quality control management to meet regulatory expectations, the main challenge for both those companies outsourcing and the ones providing the services is identifying areas where efficiencies can be implemented.

While outsourcing may be seen as an unnecessary expense, finding a supplier that can fit seamlessly into your ongoing projects by having the appropriate facilities already in place, as well as the right level of regulatory knowledge and technical expertise, can often result in savings in terms of the client’s internal resources.

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