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# Setting Specifications and Acceptance Criteria

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**28-29 November 2017, Vienna, Austria**

## Highlights:

- Regulatory Requirements for Specifications (ICH Q6A)
- Regulatory Requirements for Specifications of Biotech Products/  
Well-characterised Biologicals (ICH Q6B, etc.)
- Principles for Setting of Release and Shelf-life  
Specifications throughout Development
- Organic Impurities, Degradation Products and Genotoxic Impurities
- Rational Development and Justification of
  - API Specifications
  - Drug Products Specifications
  - Biological Drug Substances and Products focussing on  
Monoclonal Antibodies (mAbs)
- Specifications for Specific Drug Products
- Specifications for Excipients and Container Closure Systems (EU/US)  
including important aspects such as latest news on functionality  
testing (EP, USP) and GMP for excipients



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### Objectives

This event covers all aspects of specifications for Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (APIs = Drug Substances), biological substances and pharmaceutical drug products from an **analytical and a registration perspective**.

In the workshops the participants will elaborate specifications

- for drug substance and drug product based on different case studies,
- specifications of biotechnological drug substances / drug products – general part
- specifications of biotechnological drug substances / drug products – related to the impurity profiles

These example specifications will be useful “take home messages” which will help the participants to define or to evaluate specifications in their daily work.

### Background

In the development of new pharmaceutical products it is a great challenge to establish meaningful and reasonable specifications, which are scientifically sound and appropriate for APIs (chemical and biological drug substances), excipients and drug products. According to ICH Guideline Q6A, a specification is defined as a list of tests, references to analytical procedures, and appropriate acceptance criteria, which are numerical limits, ranges, or other criteria for the tests described. Learn about latest news and **important aspects of excipients**, such as **functionality testing** (EP and USP) as well as what **GMP-level is requested** for excipients. Concentrate on the essentials for packaging material including important information to be included in the CTD.

The analytical result, which will be compared to the specification, is affected by the variability of the measurement itself and depends also on the sampling process and on the variability of the manufacturing process of the tested product itself. This makes **statistical considerations** essential and consideration of the associated measurement uncertainties vital when setting or complying with specifications.

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Finally, specifications for the API (drug substance), excipient(s) and the drug product are part of the quality section of the marketing authorisation application which has to be submitted to the competent authority.

### Target Audience

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### Moderator

Dr Thomas Fürst, SANOFI, Germany

### Programme

**Part I –  
Regulatory Requirements and Setting Specifications during the Development Phase**

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#### Current Regulatory Requirements for Setting Specifications (ICH Q6A)

- Regulatory overview
- Impact of pharmacopoeial provisions
- Setting specifications for active substances and finished products
- Justification of specifications
- Changes/variations
- Introduction to the requirements of risk assessment with focus on setting specifications for heavy metals
- How authorities will proceed in respect of submitting the required documentation for approved marketed products

DR CORNELIA NOPITSCH-MAI, Bonn, Germany

## Programme

### **Current Regulatory Requirements for Specifications of Biotech Products/ Well-characterised Biologicals (ICH Q6B and other Guidelines)**

- Overview of regulatory requirements
  - Characterization of product and establishing acceptance criteria
  - Analytical aspects including method validation
  - Setting up specifications – principles to consider
  - New approaches: Design Space for a Biotechnological Product – ICH Q11 requirements
- DR BETTINA PAHLEN, Quality x Pharma Consulting GmbH, Germany

### **Basic Principles for Setting of Release and Shelf-life Specifications**

- Some basic statistics: Distribution and Variation
- Variation and specifications
- Changes over time and shelf life specification
- Process Capability
- Control strategy
- QbD or not to be

DR THOMAS FÜRST, SANOFI, Germany

### **Organic Impurities and Degradation Products with Special Emphasis on Genotoxic Impurities**

- What do the guidelines tell us
- Impurity identification and profiling
- Impurity tracking
- Toxicological qualification
- Genotoxic impurities
- Control of genotoxic impurities

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## **Part II – Chemical APIs and Biopharmaceutical Drug Development Parallel Session A (Lectures and Workshops)**

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### **CHEMICAL APIs**

#### **Group I: APIs Manufactured by Chemical Synthesis**

##### **Lecture and Workshop**

##### **Rational Development and Justification of API Specifications**

- In this workshop participants will elaborate specifications comprising typical tests for APIs
- Assay, organic impurities and degradation products, water, residual solvents, heavy metals, particle size distribution, polymorphs, genotoxic impurities etc.

DR THOMAS FÜRST, SANOFI, Germany

### **BIOLOGICALS**

#### **Group II: Drug Substances / Drug Products Manufactured by Biotechnological Processes – Part 1**

##### **Lecture and Workshop**

##### **Setting Specifications in early Biopharmaceutical Drug Development (with a special focus on Monoclonal Antibodies)**

- General overview of manufacturing processes for biopharmaceuticals and process control
- Analytical testing scope for biopharmaceuticals
- How to set specifications: principles to consider and justification
- Group Work

DR BETTINA PAHLEN, Quality x Pharma Consulting GmbH, Germany

**Setting Specifications throughout Drug Development**

- Specifications throughout development
  - Specifications in Pharmacopoeias
  - Stability of the manufacturing process
  - Specifications for comparator products
- DR THOMAS UHLICH, Bayer AG, Germany

**Specifications for Specific Drug Products – What is the Difference to Standard Formulations**

- Specific aspects required for special drug products, e.g.
  - Gastro-intestinal therapeutic systems (GITS) or osmotic-controlled release oral delivery systems (OROS)
  - Transdermal patches
  - Orally inhaled and nasal drug products (OINDPs)
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**Part IV – Drug Products and Biological Impurities  
Parallel Session B (Lectures and Workshops)**

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**DRUG PRODUCTS****Group I: Drug Products Containing APIs (manufactured by chemical synthesis)****Lecture and Workshop****Rational Development and Justification of Drug Products Specifications**

In this workshop participants will elaborate specifications comprising typical tests for different types of drug products: e.g. assay, purity, content uniformity, dissolution, fill volume, endotoxines, sterility etc.

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**BIOLOGICALS****Group II: Drug Substances / Drug Products Manufactured by Biotechnological Processes – Part 2****Lecture and Workshop****Impurities in Biological Drug Substances and Drug Products (with a special focus on Monoclonal Antibodies)**

- Impurities from chemical synthesis versus biotechnological process
- Definition of impurities and their classification: product-related impurities, process-related impurities, contaminants and identification of possible degradation products
- How to deal with impurities in biological drug substances and drug products
- Analytical techniques and other aspects
- Group work

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**Part V – Excipients and Container Closure Systems**

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**Specifications for Excipients and Container Closure Systems (EU/US)**

- Excipients in the CTD: What needs to be considered for setting specs in the CTD?
- Excipients: What is new and important for you (functionality testing, GMP for excipients)
- Packaging material: Which information should be included in the CTD?
- What needs to be considered in a global environment?
- What are the typical questions from Authorities?

DR HILTRUD HORN, Horn Pharmaceutical Consulting, Germany

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### **Dr Bettina Pahlen, Quality x Pharma Consulting GmbH, Alling, Germany**

Bettina Pahlen, PhD, studied pharmacy at the University of Muenster, Germany, graduated in pharmaceutical chemistry and performed post-docs in USA and Germany. For 25 years, she had been working at university, authority and in different areas of the pharmaceutical industry (R&D, manufacturing, quality control, quality assurance). In 2007, she started to work as a consultant in the pharmaceutical industry focussing on Quality Assurance aspects.



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## Highlights:

- Stability testing from early development to product launch
- Stability testing strategies for Drug Products
- Essential hints for writing the stability part in the CTD
- Stability Studies after approval (EU/US)
- Evaluation of stability results – Statistical Considerations



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# Stability Testing for Drug Substances and Drug Products

29 – 30 November 2017, Vienna, Austria

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## Objectives

This event is intended to provide information on different aspects of stability testing. The conference will be opened by an overview of stability testing with a special focus on important changes in current revisions of ICH Guidelines. In the subsequent presentations, practical aspects of stability testing for drug substances and throughout drug development are discussed.

The second day commences with a lecture on stability testing for Drug Products and a risk based approach for stability testing covering different climatic zones. In the following talks special consideration is given to the various aspects of post-marketing stability testing procedures. The specific challenges of data evaluation and the structure of the Common Technical Document (CTD) will then be addressed

## Background

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## Moderator

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## Programme

### Current ICH and CHMP Guidelines for Stability Testing

- Overview of stability guidelines
- Concepts of stability testing
- Retest period and shelf-life
- Post-marketing stability studies
- Future activities

### Stability Testing throughout Drug Development

- Must the development stability programme meet ICH Q1A?
- Stability testing from early development to product launch
- Clinical stability for comparators
- Site specific stability

### Stability Testing for Drug Substances

- Stability protocols
- Stress testing
- Photostability testing
- Documentation

### Stability Testing for Drug Products

- Strategy of stability testing
- Performance of new drug products
- Related finished products with existing substances
- Follow-up stability testing



## Programme

### Submitting Stability Data – The CTD Structure

- Drug substance stability
- Drug product stability
- Storage recommendations/labelling
- Essential hints for writing the stability part in the CTD

### Evaluation of Stability Results – Statistical Considerations

- Sample number and replication
- Trend analysis
- Outliers
- Pooling of batch data
- Shelf life prediction

### Post-marketing Stability Testing

- Stability studies after approval (EU/US)
- Changes with impact on stability
- Examples

## Speakers



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Post-Conference Session

# Stability Studies to Support Shipping/Distribution of Pharmaceuticals and Biopharmaceuticals

1 December 2017, Vienna, Austria

**Speaker:**



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**Highlights:**

- Stability programs and stress testing – a regulatory overview
- Qualification of shipment and temperature monitoring
- World climatic zones and Mean Kinetic Temperature
- Storage label statements in the EU and the US
- Studies at different temperatures and conditions
- Investigation and evaluation of excursions and responsibility issues

With Workshop on **Evaluation of a Temperature Excursion in a shipped drug product**

This post-Conference Session ideally complements the ECA education courses  
“Setting Specifications” (28-29 November 2017 in Vienna, Austria)  
and  
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### Objectives

This session will give a comprehensive overview of tools that a Qualified Person (QP), Quality Assurance personnel or a Product Manager/ Manufacturer should have in order to evaluate the impact of excursions from the storage label instructions on the disposition of distributed shipments of pharmaceutical/biopharmaceutical products.

### Background

The formal stability studies of pharmaceuticals and biopharmaceuticals are a well established discipline and they are regularly conducted at precisely monitored conditions of temperature (within 2°C) and of humidity (within 5% RH) under cGMP. However, the inevitable processes of shipping and distributing medicines from the manufacturer to wholesaler to warehouses to the end user via air, ship or car exposes often the shipments to temperatures and humidity different from the label storage conditions. For instance, how would you handle a shipment that was exposed to a varying temperature up to 61°C in the airport for an accumulated duration of several days? How would you evaluate the quality of a refrigerated injectable that was exposed to near zero or freezing temperatures for a few hours? Would you release or reject such a shipment which may cost hundreds of thousands of dollars?

Shipping/Distribution of a medicine is considered a “mobile storage”. However, a temperature excursion outside the label instructions may also be considered a “trauma” inflicted on the medicine and this may impact the quality of the newly arrived shipments. But the big question remains: how would that “trauma” affect the quality at the end of the declared shelf life of any pharmaceutical and of a biopharmaceutical in particular? Will the long-term impact lead to a “hidden OOS”?

This course will address these aspects. Finally, a workshop will demonstrate how the evaluation of an example of a temperature excursion may be approached

### Programme

#### Overview of stability programs and Stress Testing– regulatory view (GMP and GDP)

- Long-term and accelerated storage conditions of new drug substances and products (EU, USA)
- Stability storage programs for generic drugs (EU, USA)
- Stress testing vs Forced Degradations
- Stressing factors
- GDP Guides (EU, WHO, USP Chapter <1079> )
- “Time-out-of-Storage” and “stability budget” concept

#### Overview of qualification of shipment of pharmaceuticals and Temperature Monitoring

- The four Qs: DQ, IQ, OQ and PQ
- Temperature monitoring in a shipment

#### World climatic zones and Mean Kinetic Temperature (MKT)

- Mean Kinetic Temperature (MKT) and relative humidity
- Interpretation of MKT
- MKT from temperature loggers
- Global climatic zones by ICH and WHO

#### Storage label statements (EU and USA)

- Linking storage instructions to formal stability studies
- Labeling statements for various pharmaceuticals (EMA guideline)
- USP controlled temperatures

## Programme

### Stability studies to support shipping/distribution of pharmaceuticals and biopharmaceuticals

- Studies at elevated extreme temperatures
- Studies at low extreme conditions
- When, how and what?
- Thermal Cyclic studies
- What attributes to test

#### Workshop

Evaluation of a Temperature Excursion in shipped refrigerated drug product



### Investigation of excursions from storage label conditions

- Handling an excursion
- What stability data are required to investigate temperature excursions
- Responsibilities of manufacturer, distributor and QP

### Evaluation of Temperature Excursions

- Estimation of degradation rates at the excursion temperature
- Estimation of degradation at the expected long-term shelf-life
- Estimation of a maximal "Time-out-of-Storage" of a drug

## Speaker



#### DR RAPHAEL BAR, BR CONSULTING, ISRAEL


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