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Handling Biological Raw Materials & APIs

Live Online Training on 18/19 March 2025

Highlights

- Regulatory and Quality Requirements
- E&L and Biologics Containment
- Microbiological Safety and Control
- Effective Storage Solutions

Objective

This live online training is designed to address challenges such as mitigating risks of contamination, degradation and supply chain disruption. It provides industry professionals with the knowledge and skills needed to ensure compliance and optimise their processes for handling biological raw materials and active pharmaceutical ingredients.

Background

Raw materials, excipients and other products used in the manufacture of biologics must be well understood in terms of their role in the manufacturing process. Particularly in a GMP regulated environment, these raw materials, components and excipients require thorough control for consistent quality. Therefore, all critical quality attributes should be known and appropriate risk mitigation and control strategies should be established. Since there is currently less written guidance on risk-based management of biological raw materials, European Pharmaceutical Enterprises, EBE, has prepared a concept paper entitled "Management and Control of Raw Materials Used in the Manufacture of Biological Medicinal Products." But other approaches can also be helpful - a look at Annex 1 for products that need to be sterile or have a low bioburden claim. Or the QbD approaches for consistent quality of products.

Target Audience

This training will be highly valuable for:

- Laboratory managers
- Quality control managers
- Analytical scientists
- Senior laboratory personnel
- QA Units
- Qualified Persons (QPs)

It is designed for professionals from biopharmaceutical companies, ATMP developers, and manufacturers. Additionally, the training is relevant for employees of contract laboratories involved in method development, control testing, and quality assurance.

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Programme

Classification and Regulatory Aspects of Biological Raw Materials
(Katja Aschermann)

- Starting Materials
- Biological Raw Materials
- Novel Excipients

QbD Approach to Registration of Raw Materials
(Katja Aschermann)

- Introduction to the QbD Approach
- Target Material Profiles and Critical Quality Attributes
- Development of a QbD Approach for Raw Materials
- Examples

Process-related Leachables
(Armin Hauck)

- What are Process Equipment Related Leachables (PERLs)
- Bioprocessing using Single Use Systems (SUS)
  - Regulatory requirements
  - The dedicated concerns
- Extractables Studies for SUS
- The extrapolation of extractables data to PERL exposure data
- PERL in safety and risk assessment
- PERL mitigation concepts

The Search for Ideal Biologics Containment
(Ana Kuschel)

- Materials types and requirements
- Selection criteria considerations
- Regulatory landspace overview
- Current solutions for biologics

Raw Material Qualification for Cell Therapies
(Katja Aschermann)

- From Risk Profile to Material Qualification
- Examples
- Quality Control of Raw Materials

Microbiological Safety: Protection Strategies for Product Quality and Health
(Melanie Braun)

- Basic principles of industrial hygiene
- Risk factors for microbiological contamination
- Case studies
- Prevention strategies, monitoring and controls

Viral Contamination Risk Control Strategy
(Anna Liznar)

- Regulatory aspects in viral safety of biological raw materials
- Viral risk identification with NGS
- Considerations for viral safety of biological raw materials used in ATMP production

Rapid Microbiological Control of Raw Materials
(Stefan Gärtner)

- General requirements for (rapid) bioburden, sterility and endotoxin tests
- Handling of small and/or complex sample volumes
- Design of validation studies
- Overview of different rapid methods for different matrices

Combined Products: Ensuring Compliance and Quality
(Raphael Parusel)

- Combined products (medical devices and medicinal products)
- CE labelling
- Legal manufacturer and distributor
- Requirements of the MDR
- Requirements of ISO13485

Effective Storage Solutions
(Raphael Parusel)

- GMP warehouse structure
- Documentation
- Storage of medicinal products and medical devices
- Hygiene and monitoring
- Implementation of ERP systems
- GDP

Moderator

Clemens Mundo, Concept Heidelberg

Speakers

Dr Katja Aschermann, Astator
Consultant

Dr. Katja Aschermann is an accomplished leader in the biopharmaceutical industry with over 20 years of experience in various senior positions. Her extensive experience spans from transforming academic spin-offs into GMP companies to submitting regulatory dossiers to the EMA. She is a member of the ECA ATMP-Interest Group Board and has participated in the development of the "National Strategy for Gene and Cell-Based Therapies". In Nov 2024 she started working as a freelance consultant.

Melanie Braun, Labor LS
Head of Microbiological Services

As head of microbiological services, Melanie Braun is responsible for the areas of microbial identification, master bacteria management, industrial hygiene and culture media testing.

Stefan Gärtner, Labor LS
Head of Department – Sterile Products / Rapid and Alternative

After his qualification as biological laboratory technician at LS Stefan worked as technical specialist at LS. Since January 2015, he is head of a department Sterile Products / Rapid and Alternative at Labor LS.

Dr Armin Hauk, Sartorius Stedim Biotech GmbH
Principle Scientist E&L

After his PhD in 1995, Armin joined the central analytical department of Ciba-Geigy Inc., amongst others with focus on E&L investigations. From 2010 on Armin was active as consultant mainly in the area of E&L for Intertek in Basel. Since June 2016 Armin has a position at Sartorius-Stedim Biotech as Principle Scientist E&L.

Dr Ana Kuschel, West Pharmaceuticals Deutschland GmbH & Co. KG
Principal Scientific Affairs

As Principal Scientific Affairs Europe, Ana is providing technical support relating to West's packaging components and delivery systems for injectable drugs and healthcare products, as well as bridging scientific information through industry outreach. This is complementing her previous role as Manager Material Development, where she worked on both existing and new rubber formulations. Ana is also an active member of the ISO TC 76.

Anna Liznar, PathoQuest
Business Development Manager

Anna is RNA and NGS enthusiast and has worked in the field of RNAi, Transcriptomics, Genomics and now Quality Testing of Biologics with NGS at PathoQuest.

Raphael Parusel, Tetec AG
Deputy Head of Quality Assurance & PRRC

Raphael has extensive experience in medical microbiology. Since joining TETEC AG in 2021, he has held various roles, including Deputy Quality Management Representative (QMR) in 2022, QMR from 2024, and Deputy Head of Quality Assurance since 2023. As of August 2024, he is also the Person Responsible for Regulatory Compliance (PRRC).

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Date of the Live Online Training

Tuesday, 18 March 2025, 09.00 h – 15.30 h
Wednesday, 19 March 2025, 09.00 h – 15.00 h
All times mentioned are CET.

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