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# Emulsions & Gels

## Development, Manufacture & Control of Dermatopharmaceutics and Cosmetics



Live Online Training on 10/11 October 2023



## Highlights

- GMP Aspects relevant to semisolids
- Manufacturing & filling of semisolids
- Colloidal carrier systems
- Biopharmaceutical & rheological characterization
- Application & use of emulsifiers
- Stability testing
- Efficacy of antimicrobial preservation
- Microbiological requirements

## Background

A lot of pharmaceutical products, cosmetics and food products are emulsions & gels. Regarding the production of pharmaceutical semi-solid preparations, the common GMP (Good Manufacturing Practice) concepts of validation and qualification have to be applied (i.e. EU GMP guidelines including Annex 9 and 15).

Semi-solid products have some characteristics that are different compared to other dosage forms (e.g. solid oral dosage forms). Due to the intrinsic effect of the vehicle and the influence of the formulation on the release of active ingredients (and the subsequent absorption), the final formulation (including packaging) should be defined early in the pharmaceutical development process. Comprehensive analytical, microbiological and stability testing contributes to that.

In 2018, the EMA published the draft *Guideline on quality and equivalence of topical products*. The guideline relates to locally applied and locally acting medicinal products for cutaneous use. Specific guidance is provided:

- On the quality of topical products not covered by other guidelines.
- On equivalence testing of topical products in lieu of therapeutic equivalence clinical trials.

Additionally, important tools for the biopharmaceutical characterization of drug release are contained in the United States Pharmacopeia (USP) Chapter <1724> “*Semisolid Drug Products – Performance Tests*”. A reference to <1724> is made in USP <3> “*Topical and Transdermal Drug Products—Product Quality Tests*”. In a draft version of chapter <1724>, published in PF 48(3), the scope has been expanded to include in vitro release test (IVRT) as well as in vitro permeation test (IVPT) methods, with discussions on experimental design, method development, and validation.

Furthermore, rheology plays a significant role in the determination of a formulation’s flow properties (and for the characterization of semi-solid raw materials, like for example petrolatum, lanolin), during development, in-process-control (IPC), final end-product testing & release as well as in stability testing. The knowledge of rheological properties is essential for the production and filling of semi-solid preparations. Moving forward, the USP introduced two new USP Chapters <915> “*Measurement of Structural Strength of Semisolids by Penetrometry*” and <1912> “*Measurement of Hardness of Semisolids*” (an updated title was proposed in PF 48(3) to better describe the content of the chapter: *Measurement of Yield Stress*) regarding the characterization of viscoelastic properties of semi-solid preparations.

These and other relevant topics will be presented and discussed in this training.

## Objectives

**This training aims at explaining the pharmaceutical, biopharmaceutical and technological aspects of various semi-solid dosage forms for topical use.**

Formulation concepts (including the use of emulsifiers and colloidal carrier systems), GMP aspects and the industrial manufacture/ filling of semi-solid formulations are clearly illustrated. The rheological characterization as well as microbiological and stability testing will be covered.

## Target Audience

This Live Online Training Course is directed at specialists and executives in research, development, production, quality control and quality assurance involved in the manufacturing, packaging, testing, release and authorization of pharmaceutical semisolids and cosmetic preparations.

## Programme Day 1

### Relevant Semisolids

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- Classification according to Ph. Eur.
- Dispersions and phases
- Examples of relevant excipients
- What about nanocarriers?

### Industrial Manufacturing of Semisolids – General Aspects

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- GMP
- Validation
- Scale-up
- Risk assessment
- Change Control

### Manufacturing of Semisolids – Practical Aspects

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- Process
- Mixer
- CIP/SIP
- IPC
- Troubleshooting



### Q&A Session 1

### Filling of Semisolids

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- Process
- Filling machines
- Storage container
- IPC
- Troubleshooting

### Biopharmaceutical Aspects of Semisolids

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- EMA Draft Guideline on quality and equivalence of topical products
- In vitro drug release
- Drug penetration into the human skin
- The interplay between vehicle and drug

### Microbiological Tests and Requirements

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- Pharmacopoeial requirements
- Acceptance level & Interpretation of test results
- Efficacy of antimicrobial preservation
  - Requirements according to Ph. Eur. and USP
  - Relationship between the efficacy of antimicrobial activity and in-use stability



## Q&A Session 2

# Programme Day 2

## Rheology of Emulsions

- Basic phenomena
- Experimental characterization techniques
- Rheology and composition of emulsions and dispersions
- Technical application examples

## The Application and Use of Excipients – Insights and Challenges

- Understanding the importance of emulsifiers/surfactants in formulations
- Influence of excipient selection on performance
- Chemical and physical stability of ingredients
- Simple analytical techniques for evaluation

## Aspects to Consider for Stability Testing

- ICH requirements
- Design of stability studies
- Matrixing & Bracketing
- What needs to be considered with regard to complex matrices?



## Q&A Session 3

## Your Benefits

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## Speakers



**Dr Michael Drechsler, Bayer Consumer Care, Switzerland**

Michael Drechsler studied pharmacy at Regensburg University (Germany) and earned his PhD from Freiburg University (Germany) at the Institute of Pharmaceutical Technology and Biopharmaceutics. Since 2013 he is working for BAYER AG in various positions. He started as Product Life Cycle Manager in the Department of Semisolids and Solids, later on as GMP Compliance Manager & Head of Production in the Department of sterile semisolids (manufacturing and filling) and in the Department of bulk manufacturing & Filling/Packaging of Semisolids and Solids, respectively. Since 2020 he took over responsibility as Technical Manager for External Manufacturing.



**Dr Ingrid Mecklenbräuer, Novartis Pharma Stein, Switzerland**

Ingrid Mecklenbräuer studied biology at the University of Vienna and earned her PhD at the University of Cologne. In 2011 she joined Eurofins | GeneScan GmbH where she was involved in building up the microbiological division and validation of new molecular detection methods for pathogenic microorganisms in food. In 2013 she joined Novartis Pharma Stein AG as QC Lab Coordinator (Non-sterile Drug Products).



**Dr Claude Oelschlaeger, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT), Germany**

Since 2006, Claude Oelschlaeger is Senior Scientist at the Institute of Mechanical Process Engineering and Mechanics at KIT. After his dissertation (University of Strasbourg, France) based on rheology and light scattering of surfactant solutions, he joined the Max-Planck-Institute for Polymer Research in Mainz as a postdoc working on method development and non-linear rheology of block copolymers. Currently, he is responsible for the research activities in the area micro- and macrorheology of surfactant and biopolymer solutions, networks and gels.



**Prof Dr Miriam Pein-Hackelbusch, University of Applied Sciences and Arts Ostwestfalen Lippe, Germany**

Miriam Pein-Hackelbusch studied pharmacy at the university of Hamburg from 2000-2004 and got licensed as pharmacist in 2005. In 2008 she gained her doctorate for pharmaceutical and medicinal chemistry from the Heinrich-Heine-University Düsseldorf. In 2010 she was honored for outstanding teaching. Prof Pein-Hackelbusch was appointed as endowed (SEPAWA) professor for technology of cosmetics, detergents and pharmaceuticals at the University of Applied Sciences and Arts Ostwestfalen Lippe in 2016 and received the *venia legendi* (Habilitation) for pharmaceutical technology and biopharmacy from the Heinrich-Heine-University Düsseldorf in 2019.



**Dr François-Xavier Simon, BASF, France**

François-Xavier studied chemistry at the University of Metz (France) and achieved a doctorate in Chemistry and Physico-Chemistry from the University of Strasbourg (France) in 2006. He joined BASF R&D to work on polymers in 2007 and moved towards the Market Development of BASF France in 2009. Since 2012 he was Technical Service Manager within BASF Pharma Solutions and responsible for the Skin Delivery Platform. Currently he is Local Sales Manager Nutrition & Health.

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Date of the Live Online Training

Tuesday, 10 October 2023, 9.00 – 17.00 h  
Wednesday, 11 October 2023, 9.00 – 12.30 h

All times mentioned are CEST.

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