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Stability Studies to Support Shipping/ Distribution of Pharmaceuticals and Biopharmaceuticals

Live Online Training on 10/11 September 2025

Highlights

- Stability programs and storage statements
- Mean Kinetic Temperature (MKT) and world climatic zones
- Stress studies of pharmaceuticals
- Studies at different temperatures and conditions
- Investigation and handling of excursions from storage label conditions
- Evaluation of the impact of temperature excursion

With 4 Q&A Sessions

Objective

This Live Online Training will give an 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 training will address these aspects. In addition, the course also includes two case studies and a session with video presentations. Further, a set of Q&A sessions will follow the lectures. Thus, take advantage of this opportunity to pose your questions.

Target Audience

This Live Online Training will be of significant value to

- Qualified Persons
- Quality Assurance personnel
- Pharmacists
- Project coordinators/product managers
- Stability testing personnel
- Stability program logistics personnel
- R&D personnel involved in product development

Programme

Overview of Stability Programs and Storage Statements

- Stability studies and development phases
- Long-term and accelerated storage conditions of new drug substances and products (EU, USA)
- Stability storage programs for generic drugs (EU, USA)
- Specific storage statements (EU, WHO, USP)
- Labelling statements for various pharmaceuticals

§ *ICH Q1A(R2) - Stability Testing of new Drug Substances and Products:*
"[...]Data from the accelerated storage condition and, if appropriate, from the intermediate storage condition can be used to evaluate the effect of short term excursions outside the label storage conditions (such as might occur during shipping). [...]"

Mean Kinetic Temperature (MKT) and World Climatic Zones/Uses and Misuses of MKT

- Mean Kinetic Temperature (MKT) and relative humidity
- Interpretation of MKT
- MKT from temperature loggers

§ *USP <1079.2> Mean Kinetic Temperature in the Evaluation of Temperature Excursions During Storage and Transportation of Drug Products*
"Mean kinetic temperature (MKT) is a way to summarize the time history of a product's temperature exposure with a single "effective" or "virtual" temperature. It is defined as the single calculated temperature at which the total amount of degradation over a particular period is equal to the sum of the individual degradations that would occur at various temperatures. [...]"

Stress Studies of Pharmaceuticals

- Degradation reactions
- Stressing factors and conditions
- Stress studies in the pharmaceutical industry

Four Q&A sessions ensure interaction and that your questions are answered.

§ *ICH Q5C - Quality of Biotechnological Products: Stability Testing of Biotechnological/Biological Products:*
"[...] Studies under stress conditions may be useful in determining whether accidental exposures to conditions other than those proposed (e.g., during transportation) are deleterious to the product and also for evaluating which specific test parameters may be the best indicators of product stability. Studies of the exposure of the drug substance or drug product to extreme conditions may help to reveal patterns of degradation; if so, such changes should be monitored under proposed storage conditions. [...]"

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

Cycling Studies: Case Study

Excursions during Shipping and Distributions

- "Time-out-of-Storage" and stability budget" concept
- Handling an excursion

Investigating Excursions during Shipping and Distributions

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

Video Presentations

Evaluation of the Impact of Temperature Excursions

- Estimation of the impact by the excursion temperature on the quality attribute
- Estimation of the quality attribute at the end of shelf-life/retest date

Handling of Excursions: Case Studies

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Date of the Live Online Training
Wednesday, 10 September 2025 from 09.00 – 17.00 h CEST
Thursday, 11 September 2025 from 09.00 – 13.00 h CEST

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