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	PQRI/EUFEPS Global Bioequivalence Harmonisation Initiative 6th International Workshop – GBHI 2024 April 16-17, 2024 - Rockville, MD	Hosted by: 

GBHI 2024 In-Person Event

Tuesday – Wednesday, April 16 - 17, 2024

United States Pharmacopeia (USP) Meeting Center

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Barbara S. Schug (SocraTec R&D GmbH), Germany (Co-Chair)

Day 1 – Tuesday, April 16, 2024

8:00 AM – 5:00 PM US EDT

All times are in US Eastern Daylight Savings Time

8:00 - 8:30 AM	CHECK-IN/BREAKFAST
8:30 - 8:35 AM	Workshop Opening Wenlei Jiang, (FDA), US (Co-Chair)
8:35 - 8:40 AM	Welcome and Introduction PQRI Board Chair (Invited)
8:40 - 9:00 AM	Opening Remarks Lei Zhang (FDA), US
SESSION 1: Moving the Needle Towards Convergence on ICH M13 Topics Session Chairs: Nilufer Tampal (FDA), US & Paulo Paixão (Infarmed), Portugal	
9:00 - 9:05 AM	Summary of Preceding GBHI Discussions on ICH M13 Related Topics Nilufer Tampal (FDA), US
Part 1: Oral PBPK	
9:05 – 9:20 AM	Physiologically Based Pharmacokinetic (PBPK) Modeling of Fasted/Fed Bioequivalence (BE) – Generic Industry Perspective Rebeka Jereb (Lek, Sandoz) Slovenia
9:20 – 9:35 AM	Industry Perspective on the Utility of Model-Based Approaches in BE Filippos Kesisoglou (Merck & Co., Inc.), US
9:35 – 9:50 AM	PBPK Modeling for Waiving Fed BE Study Rodrigo Cristofolletti (University of Florida), US
9:50 – 10:10 AM	PANEL DISCUSSION Rebeka Jereb, Filippos Kesisoglou, Rodrigo Cristofolletti, Paulo Paixão, Fang Wu (FDA), US

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10:10 – 10:30 AM	COFFEE BREAK
Part 2: Narrow Therapeutic Index (NTI) Drugs And Highly Variable Drugs (HVDs)	
10:30 – 10:50 AM	<i>BE Study Design for NTI Drugs and Control of Type I Error</i> Paulo Paixão (Infarmed), Portugal
10:50 - 11:10 AM	<i>Alternative BE Criteria/Approaches for NTI Products</i> Wanjie Sun (FDA), US
11:10 – 11:30 AM	<i>Deep Dive into Generic Drug Applications to Seek Data-Driven Harmonization of BE Criteria</i> Wenlei Jiang (FDA), US
11:30 – 11:50 AM	<i>HVD and Type I Error</i> Helmut Schütz (BEBAC) Austria
11:50 AM - 12:10 PM	<i>Two-stage Designs and their Acceptability in the EC Area</i> Susanne Urach (AGES), Austria
12:10 - 12:40 PM	PANEL DISCUSSION Paulo Paixão, Wanjie Sun, Wenlei Jiang, Helmut Schütz, Susanne Urach
12:40 - 1:30 PM	LUNCH
SESSION 2: BE Considerations for Modified Release (MR) Drug Products: Single Dose vs Multiple Dose Studies and Strength Waivers Session Chairs: Barbara Schug (SocraTec R&D), Germany & Yu Chung Tsang (YCT Scientific Inc.) Canada	
1:30 – 1:45 PM	<i>Summary of Preceding GBHI Discussions on MR Drug Products including Solid Oral MR Products, Transdermal Therapeutic Systems and Long-Acting Injectables (LAI)</i> Barbara Schug (SocraTec R&D GmbH), Germany
Part I: Single Dose vs. Multiple Dose for BE Demonstration of MR Products	
1:45 – 1:55 PM	<i>Why Are Multiple-Dose Studies Considered Necessary for MR Drug Products at Risk for Accumulation – Background Information on the EMA Requirement</i> Carolien Versantvoort (MEB), The Netherlands
1:55 – 2:25 PM	<i>How Model Informed Drug Development (MIDD) Approaches Could Help Avoid Multiple Dose Studies: Industry Perspective</i> Vivek Purohit (Pfizer), US
2:25 - 2:45 PM	<i>Considerations and Challenges of Pharmacokinetics BE Studies for LAIs and the Application of Model-Integrated Evidence (MIE) Approaches</i> Yuqing Gong (FDA), US
2:45 - 3:10 PM	PANEL DISCUSSION Carolien Versantvoort, Vivek Purohit, Yuqing Gong, Other Panelists TBD
3:10 - 3:30 PM	COFFEE BREAK
Part 2: Studies Needed for BE Demonstration of Additional Strengths in Solid Oral MR Products	
3:30 - 3:45 PM	<i>European Specificities of MR Drug Products Strength Waiver – Differentiation Between Single and Multiple Unit Dosage Forms</i> Carolien Versantvoort (MEB), The Netherlands

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3:45 - 4:00 PM	BE Demonstration for Additional Strengths in Solid Oral MR Products Rong Wang (FDA), US
4:00 - 4:25 PM	Understanding In Vitro-In Vivo Relationships between Different Strengths of Oral MR Products Yihong Qiu (QPD Solutions LLC), US
4:25 - 4:50 PM	PANEL DISCUSSION Carolien Versantvoort, Rong Wang, Yihong Qiu, Heather Boyce (FDA), USA; other panelists TBD
ADJOURN DAY 1	Workshop Closing USP Representative
5:30 – 7:00 PM	Networking Reception Hilton Washington DC/Rockville Hotel & Executive Meeting Center 1750 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD Pearls of Bioequivalence Award At the networking reception, The Frankfurt Foundation Quality of Medicines and the EUFEPS Network Bioavailability and Biopharmaceutics will present the 2024 Pearls of Bioequivalence Award. This award recognizes senior scientists, who contribute significantly to the development of advanced concepts for bioequivalence assessment.

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Day 2 – Wednesday, April 17, 2024 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM US EDT All Times in US Eastern Daylight Savings Time	
8:00 - 8:15 AM	BREAKFAST
SESSION 3: Partial AUC (pAUC) for Bioequivalence Demonstration Session Leads: Mehul Mehta (FDA), US & Jan Welink (MEB), The Netherlands	
Part 1: Regulatory Overview	
8:15 - 8:35 AM	<i>FDA Current Rationales to Recommend pAUC and Practice for Product Evaluation</i> Lucy Fang (FDA), US
8:35 - 8:50 AM	<i>pAUC for BE Demonstration: EMA Current Practice</i> Jan Welink (MEB), Netherlands
8:50 – 9:00 AM	<i>Health Canada Current Practice</i> John Gordon (Health Canada), Canada
9:00 - 9:15 AM	<i>Anvisa Current Practice on pAUC for BE Demonstration of Prolonged Release Products</i> Eduardo Agostinho Freitas Fernandes (Anvisa), Brazil
Part 2.: Academic Overview	
9:15 - 9:50 AM	<i>Advantages and Challenges of Partial AUC: Insights from GI Physiology, Pharmacokinetics, and Drug Dissolution in the GI Tract</i> Duxin Sun (University of Michigan), US
Part 3: Industry Viewpoint	
9:50 - 10:05 AM	<i>pAUC for BE Demonstration – An Innovator Company Viewpoint</i> Jack Cook (A2-Ai), US
10:05 - 10:20 AM	<i>Application of pAUC for Evaluation of MR Products: Generic Perspectives</i> Mark Liu (Viatris Inc.), US
10:20 - 10:35 AM	<i>Early Exposure in IR Products: pAUC and Alternative Approaches – View from the Generic Industry</i> Susana Almeida (IGBA), Switzerland
10:35 - 10:55 AM	COFFEE BREAK
10:55 - 11:50 AM	PANEL DISCUSSION Lucy Fang, Jan Welink, John Gordon, Duxin Sun, Jack Cook, Mark Liu, Susana Almeida, Eduardo Agostinho Freitas Fernandes, Hao Zhu (FDA), US, Junya Makino (PMDA), Japan
11:50 AM- 12:50 PM	LUNCH

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SESSION 4: BE Study Consideration for Orally Inhaled Drug Products (OIPs)

Session leads: Wenlei Jiang (FDA), US & Gerald Beuerle (Teva), Germany

12:50 - 12:55 PM

Summary of Preceding GBHI Discussion on OIDPs

Gerald Beuerle (Teva), Germany

Part 1: Regulatory Session

12:55 - 1:10 PM

EMA Current Practices for BE Evaluation of OIDPs

Alfredo García Arieta (AEMPS), Spain

1:10 - 1:25 PM

PMDA Current Practices for BE Evaluation of OIDPs

Junya Makino (PMDA), Japan

1:25 - 1:40 PM

FDA Current Practices for BE Evaluation of OIDPs

Ke Ren (FDA), US

1:40 - 2:00 PM

PANEL DISCUSSION

Alfredo García Arieta, Junya Makino, Ke Ren, Eduardo Agostinho Freitas Fernandes

2:00 - 2:20 PM

COFFEE BREAK

Part 2: Scientific Session

2:20 - 2:45 PM

Recent Updates for the Use of Alternative Approaches for Demonstrating BE with OIDPs

Elizabeth Bielski (FDA), US

2:45 - 3:10 PM

Identify Key in vitro Comparative Tests & Optimal Data Analysis Methods for in vitro Tests

Anthony Hickey (Astartein LLC), US

3:10 - 3:35 PM

Systemic Pharmacokinetic BE studies With and Without Blocked GI Absorption to Predict Regional Lung Exposure

Barbara Schug (SocraTec R&D GmbH), Germany

3:35 - 4:00 PM

Recommended Studies to Support Different Levels of Post Approval Changes of OIDPs

Speaker TBC

4:00 - 4:40 PM

PANEL DISCUSSION

Elizabeth Bielski, Barbara Schug, Anthony Hickey and Yu Chung Tsang

4:40 - 4:50 PM

Day 2 Closing Remarks

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