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6th International Workshop – GBHI 2024  
April 16-17, 2024 - Rockville, MD

### **GBHI 2024 In-Person Event**

**Tuesday – Wednesday, April 16 - 17, 2024**

United States Pharmacopeia (USP) Meeting Center

[12601 Twinbrook Pkwy, Rockville, MD 20852](https://www.usp.com/locations/12601-Twinbrook-Pkwy-Rockville-MD-20852)

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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**

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

| <b>Part 2: Narrow Therapeutic Index (NTI) Drugs And Highly Variable Drugs (HVDs)</b>   |  |
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| 10:30 – 10:50 AM   | <b>BE Study Design for NTI Drugs and Control of Type I Error</b><br>Paulo Paixão (Infarmed), Portugal  |
| 10:50 - 11:10 AM   | <b>Alternative BE Criteria/Approaches for NTI Products</b><br>Wanjie Sun (FDA), US   |
| 11:10 – 11:30 AM   | <b>Deep Dive into Generic Drug Applications to Seek Data-Driven Harmonization of BE Criteria</b><br>Wenlei Jiang (FDA), US   |
| 11:30 – 11:50 AM   | <b>HVD and Type I Error</b><br>Helmut Schütz (BEBAC), Austria  |
| 11:50 AM - 12:10 PM  | <b>Two-stage Designs and their Acceptability in the EC Area</b><br>Susanne Urach (AGES), Austria   |
| 12:10 - 12:40 PM   | <b>PANEL DISCUSSION</b><br>Paulo Paixão, Wanjie Sun, Wenlei Jiang, Helmut Schütz, Susanne Urach, Junya Makino (PMDA), Japan  |
| 12:40 - 1:30 PM  | <b>LUNCH</b>   |
| <b>SESSION 2: BE Considerations for Modified Release (MR) Drug Products: Single Dose vs Multiple Dose Studies and Strength Waivers</b><br>Session Chairs: Barbara Schug (SocraTec R&D), Germany & Yu Chung Tsang (YCT Scientific Inc.), Canada |  |
| 1:30 – 1:45 PM   | <b>Summary of Preceding GBHI Discussions on MR Drug Products including Solid Oral MR Products, Transdermal Therapeutic Systems and Long-Acting Injectables (LAI)</b><br>Barbara Schug (SocraTec R&D GmbH), Germany |
| <b>Part I: Single Dose vs. Multiple Dose for BE Demonstration of MR Products</b>   |  |
| 1:45 – 1:55 PM   | <b>Why Are Multiple-Dose Studies Considered Necessary for MR Drug Products at Risk for Accumulation – Background Information on the EMA Requirement</b><br>Carolien Versantvoort (MEB), The Netherlands            |
| 1:55 – 2:25 PM   | <b>How Model Informed Drug Development (MIDD) Approaches Could Help Avoid Multiple Dose Studies: Industry Perspective</b><br>Vivek Purohit (Pfizer), US  |
| 2:25 - 2:45 PM   | <b>Considerations and Challenges of Pharmacokinetics BE Studies for LAIs and the Application of Model-Integrated Evidence (MIE) Approaches</b><br>Yuqing Gong (FDA), US  |
| 2:45 - 3:10 PM   | <b>PANEL DISCUSSION</b><br>Carolien Versantvoort, Vivek Purohit, Yuqing Gong, Helmut Schütz, and Eduardo Agostinho Freitas Fernandes (Anvisa), Brazil  |
| 3:10 - 3:30 PM   | <b>COFFEE BREAK</b>  |
| <b>Part 2: Studies Needed for BE Demonstration of Additional Strengths in Solid Oral MR Products</b>   |  |
| 3:30 - 3:45 PM   | <b>European Specificities of MR Drug Products Strength Waiver – Differentiation Between Single and Multiple Unit Dosage Forms</b><br>Carolien Versantvoort (MEB), The Netherlands                                  |
| 3:45 - 4:00 PM   | <b>BE Demonstration for Additional Strengths in Solid Oral MR Products</b><br>Rong Wang (FDA), US  |

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| 4:00 - 4:25 PM | <b><i>Understanding In Vitro-In Vivo Relationships between Different Strengths of Oral MR Products</i></b><br>Yihong Qiu (QPD Solutions LLC), US   |
| 4:25 - 4:50 PM | <b><i>PANEL DISCUSSION</i></b><br>Carolien Versantvoort, Rong Wang, Yihong Qiu, Eduardo Agostinho Freitas Fernandes, and Heather Boyce (FDA), USA  |
| ADJOURN DAY 1  | <b><i>Workshop Closing</i></b><br>Chaitanya Koduri (USP), US   |
| 5:30 – 7:00 PM | <b>Networking Reception</b><br><a href="#">Hilton Washington DC/Rockville Hotel &amp; Executive Meeting Center</a><br><a href="#">1750 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD</a><br><br><b>Pearls of Bioequivalence Award</b><br>At the networking reception, <a href="#">The Frankfurt Foundation Quality of Medicines</a> and the <a href="#">EUFEPS Network Bioavailability and Biopharmaceutics</a> 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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**Tuesday – Wednesday, April 16-17, 2024**

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

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| <b>SESSION 4: BE Study Consideration for Orally Inhaled Drug Products (OIDPs)</b><br>Session Chairs: Wenlei Jiang (FDA), US & Gerald Beuerle (Teva), Germany |   |
| 12:50 - 12:55 PM   | <b>Summary of Preceding GBHI Discussion on OIDPs</b><br>Gerald Beuerle (Teva), Germany  |
| <b>Part 1: Regulatory Session</b>  |   |
| 12:55 - 1:10 PM  | <b>EMA Current Practices for BE Evaluation of OIDPs</b><br>Alfredo García Arieta (AEMPS), Spain   |
| 1:10 - 1:25 PM   | <b>PMDA Current Practices for BE Evaluation of OIDPs</b><br>Junya Makino (PMDA), Japan  |
| 1:25 - 1:40 PM   | <b>FDA Current Practices for BE Evaluation of OIDPs</b><br>Ke Ren (FDA), US   |
| 1:40 - 2:00 PM   | <b>PANEL DISCUSSION</b><br>Alfredo García Arieta, Junya Makino, Ke Ren, Eduardo Agostinho Freitas Fernandes   |
| 2:00 - 2:20 PM   | <b>COFFEE BREAK</b>   |
| <b>Part 2: Scientific Session</b>  |   |
| 2:20 - 2:45 PM   | <b>Recent Updates for the Use of Alternative Approaches for Demonstrating BE with OIDPs</b><br>Elizabeth Bielski (FDA), US  |
| 2:45 - 3:10 PM   | <b>Identify Key in vitro Comparative Tests &amp; Optimal Data Analysis Methods for in vitro Tests</b><br>Anthony Hickey (Astartein LLC), US                           |
| 3:10 - 3:35 PM   | <b>Systemic Pharmacokinetic BE studies With and Without Blocked GI Absorption to Predict Regional Lung Exposure</b><br>Barbara Schug (SocraTec R&D GmbH), Germany     |
| 3:35 - 4:00 PM   | <b>A Scientifically Rationalized Approach for Instituting Requirements to Support Post Approval Changes in OIDPs</b><br>Gur Jai Pal Singh (BBSG Pharm Associates), US |
| 4:00 - 4:40 PM   | <b>PANEL DISCUSSION</b><br>Elizabeth Bielski , Anthony Hickey, Barbara Schug, Gur Jai Pal Singh, and Yu Chung Tsang   |
| 4:40 - 4:50 PM   | <b>Day 2 Closing Remarks</b><br>Barbara S. Schug (SocraTec R&D GmbH), Germany (Co-Chair)  |

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