



Academy  
Your GMP/GDP  
Information Source

# Stability by Design

- Stability Testing in Product Design and Method Development
- Focus mainly on Small-Molecule APIs and Drug Products

Includes workshop and case studies on interaction and incompatibilities, forced degradations and photostability.



## SPEAKERS:



**Dr Raphael Bar**  
*BR Consulting, formerly with Teva, Israel*



**Dr Helmut Buschmann**  
*AiCuris, Germany and RD&C, Austria*



**Dr Norbert Handler**  
*RD&C, Austria*

*Forced Degradations* for development of stability-indicating methods and Stress Testing for prediction of stability of formulations and shipped finished pharmaceuticals

---

2-3 April 2019, Vienna, Austria

---

## HIGHLIGHTS:

- Forced degradation studies in the pharmaceutical industry
- Overview and regulatory view
- Common degradation reactions
- How to perform your own forced degradation study
- Thermal Stress studies to support shipping/distribution
- Reactions and forced degradations in solid state – innovative approach



# Stability by Design

2-3 April 2019, Vienna, Austria

## Objectives

---

Forced degradations are the basis for development of analytical methods, for drug formulation development, for understanding the degradation mechanisms and for predicting the stability behavior of active ingredient and drug product. Stress testing is the basis for predicting the stability behavior during storage, shipping and distribution of active ingredient and marketed drug product. Both forced degradation and stress testing are regulatory requirements.

## Course description

---

After an overview of the basic chemistry of the common degradation reactions, this course will teach you how they are practiced in the pharmaceutical industry, and how you can carry them out on your own, while ensuring that all degradation products are chromatographically detected and subjected to a mass balance.

Among the topics to be discussed will be:

- An overview of the basic chemistry of the degradation reactions
- Common practices of forced degradations in the pharmaceutical industry
- Practical aspects in carrying out forced degradation studies
- Photodegradation of active substance and drug product
- How to ensure that all degradation products are detected
- Peak purity by LC-UV
- Set up a mass balance in degraded samples with guided exercises (A hand-held calculator is required!)
- Comparing degradation rates to estimate impact of a process change on the drug quality
- Performing stability studies to support shipping/distribution of medicines
- Investigating an excursion from a label storage conditions

## Target Audience

---

Personnel from the following departments will highly benefit from this course:

Stability Personnel | Analytical R&D | Quality Control  
Formulation Development | Quality Assurance and RA |  
CROs offering analytical services | Qualified Persons (QP)

## Workshops

---

- Photostability of a drug product under manufacturing conditions
- Workshop on Forced Degradations

## Moderator

---

Dr Raphael Bar

## Programme

---

### What is Stress Testing and what are Forced Degradations – regulatory view

- Regulations (ICH, EU and USFDA)
- Chemical stress of drug substance and product
- Physical stress of excipients and active pharmaceutical ingredient
- Is a forced degradation study a GMP study?
- Purposes of stress testing:
  - a. development of stability-indicating methods
  - b. optimization of a formulation (API-Excipients compatibility study)
  - c. Prediction of stability behavior (accelerated testing of pharmaceuticals)
  - d. Evaluation of temperature excursions during shipment/distribution

### Common degradation reactions of APIs and excipients

- Reactivity of common chemical functional groups
- Major mechanisms of chemical degradation
- Hydrolysis (alkaline, acidic)
- Oxidation (Autoxidation, peroxide and metal-mediated)
- Photolysis
- Case studies for APIs and excipients

### Impurities and degradation products resulting from reactive APIs, excipients and their impurities

- Reactivity of common chemical functional groups
- Major mechanisms of chemical degradation
- Hydrolysis (alkaline, acidic)
- Oxidation (Autoxidation, peroxide and metal-mediated)
- Photolysis
- Case studies for excipients

### Reactions and forced degradations in solid state – innovative approach

- Differences liquid phase – solid state
- Reactions and degradation in solid state
- Kinetics
- Alternative approach to mimic and predict solid state degradation

### Forced degradation studies in the pharmaceutical industry

- Common practices of forced degradations
- Examples of forced degradations studies
- Is there a general methodology for chemical stress?

### How to perform your own forced degradation study with:

- Heat (with and w/o humidity)
- Acid and base
- Oxidation
- Mechanical stress factors (e.g. grinding, milling ...)

## Photodegradation

- Essential terms of light irradiation
- Light chambers: Options 1 and 2 according to ICH
- Irradiation of drug substance and drug product samples
- Sequential versus simultaneous irradiation of UV and visible light

## Mass balance in degraded samples of pharmaceuticals

- Definition and equations for mass balance
- Determination from chromatographic analysis of degraded samples
- Correction of mass balance for response factor
- Correction of mass balance for molecular weights
- Exercises of mass balance calculations

## How to ensure chromatographic detection of all degradation products

- Ensuring chromatographic elution of all degradation products (Gradient mode, varying mobile phase solvents; various modes of chromatography)
- Detecting all degradation products (LC-PDA, LC-MS, universal detector)
- Techniques to confirm undetected degradation products (Flow injection analysis, UV spectrophotometric analysis)
- Determining peak purity by LC-PDA (spectral and matching homogeneity)

## Comparative accelerated degradation rates

- A quality control tool of pharmaceutical products - monitoring process changes
- A development tool for optimizing drug formulations:
  - Excipients
  - API compatibility studies

## World Climatic zones for drug stability storage

- Mean Kinetic Temperature (MKT) and relative humidity
- Interpretation of MKT
- Temperature profile of a shipment of medicines
- Global climatic zones by ICH and WHO

## Thermal Stress studies to support shipping/distribution

- Studies at elevated extreme temperatures
- Studies at low extreme conditions
- When, how and what?
- Cyclic studies to support shipping/distribution

## Excursions from storage label conditions

- Excursions and Time-out-of-Storage during shipping/distribution
- Understanding the evaluation of the impact of temperature excursion on shelf-life
- What stability data are required to investigate temperature excursions
- Estimation of a maximal "Time-out-of-Storage" of a pharmaceutical

## Workshops

- Photostability of a drug product under manufacturing conditions
- Workshop on Forced Degradations
- Workshop with case studies for interaction and incompatibilities

**Note: In order to fully benefit from the workshops, attendees should preferably bring a hand-held calculator.**

## Speakers



### Dr Raphael Bar, BR Consulting, Israel

Raphael Bar is presently a pharmaceutical consultant for the Pharma and bio-Pharma industries. He is consulting various companies and provides development and analytical support to investigational, generic, new drugs as well as combination device-drug products and CMC project management. With a doctorate in Chemistry (1984), Dr Bar joined (1995) Teva Pharmaceuticals and headed for three years the Analytical R&D Laboratory. He was involved in preparation of ANDA files. He then joined Pharmos where he managed the quality control and R&D laboratory till 2007. As Senior Director of Analytical Development he was actively involved in preparation of CMC packages for clinical trial studies. From 2009 until June 2015, he was a member of the scientific advisory board of global PDA (USA).



### Dr Helmut Buschmann, AiCuris, Germany and RD&C, Austria

Dr Buschmann is a senior management executive with over 20 years of international experience in drug discovery research and drug development in the Pharmaceutical/Biotechnology sector. Currently, he is "Head of Chemistry, Pharmaceutical Development and Patent Affairs" at AiCuris in Germany. Together with Norbert Handler he founded RD&C Research, Development & Consulting GmbH in Vienna in 2014, where he is involved in several projects. He is lead and co-author of >100 publication in major scientific journals, listed as inventor on >200 patent application families and had Invited lectures in >50 international congresses and is author and editor of 3 scientific books.



### Dr Norbert Handler, RD&C, Austria

Dr Handler is pharmacist by training and holds a PhD in Medicinal Chemistry. Together with Helmut Buschmann he founded RD&C Research, Development & Consulting GmbH in Vienna in 2014, where he currently holds the position of a managing partner. He is involved in several projects ranging from drug discovery and development, regulatory affairs, IP management to impurity profiling. He is acknowledged as consulting engineer in Austria and appointed as general authorized and certified expert for pharmaceutical chemistry at the trade court in Vienna. Additionally, he is lead and co-author of 27 publications in scientific journals and listed as inventor on 12 patent application families.

If the bill-to-address deviates from the specifications on the right, please fill out here:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Reservation Form (Please complete in full)

**Stability by Design - Stability testing in product design and method development**

2-3 April 2019, Vienna, Austria

Mr.  Ms.

Title, first name, surname

Company Department

Important: Please indicate your company's VAT ID Number

Street/P.O. Box

CONCEPT HEIDELBERG  
P.O. Box 101764  
Fax +49 (0) 62 21/84 44 34

City Zip Code Country

D-69007 Heidelberg  
GERMANY

Phone/Fax E-Mail (please fill in)

**General terms and conditions**

If you cannot attend the conference you have two options:  
1. We are happy to welcome a substitute colleague at any time.  
2. If you have to cancel entirely we must charge the following processing fees: Cancellation  
- until 2 weeks prior to the conference 10 %  
- until 1 week prior to the conference 50 %  
- within 1 week prior to the conference 100 %.

CONCEPT HEIDELBERG reserves the right to change the materials, instructors, or speakers without notice or to cancel an event. If the event must be cancelled, registrants will be notified as soon as possible and will receive a full refund of fees paid. CONCEPT HEIDELBERG will not be responsible for discount airfare penalties or other costs incurred due to a cancellation.  
**Terms of payment:** Payable without deductions within 10 days after receipt of invoice.

**Important:** This is a binding registration and above fees are due in case of cancellation or non-appearance. If you cannot take part you have to inform us in writing. The cancellation fee will then be calculated according to the point of time at which we receive your message. In case you do not appear at the event without having informed us, you will have to pay the full registration fee, even if you have not made the payment yet. Only after we have received your payment, you are entitled to participate in the conference (receipt of payment will not be confirmed!) (As of January 2012)  
German law shall apply. Court of jurisdiction is Heidelberg.

**Privacy Policy:** By registering for this event, I accept the processing of my Personal Data. Concept Heidelberg will use my data for the processing of this order, for which I hereby declare to agree that my personal data is stored and processed. Concept Heidelberg will only send me information in relation with this order or similar ones. My personal data will not be disclosed to third parties (see also the privacy policy at [http://www.gmp-compliance.org/eca\\_privacy.html](http://www.gmp-compliance.org/eca_privacy.html)). I note that I can ask for the modification, correction or deletion of my data at any time via the contact form on this website.

**Easy Registration**

Reservation Form:  
**CONCEPT HEIDELBERG**  
P.O. Box 10 17 64  
69007 Heidelberg  
Germany

Reservation Form:  
**+ 49 6221 84 44 34**

e-mail:  
**info@concept-heidelberg.de**

Internet:  
**www.gmp-compliance.org**

**Date**

Tuesday, 2 April 2019, 9.00 h - 17.45 h  
(Registration and coffee 8.30 h - 9.00 h)  
Wednesday, 3 April 2019, 8.30 h - 16.00 h

**Venue**

Radisson Blu Park Royal Palace Hotel Vienna  
Schlossallee 8  
1140 Vienna, Austria  
Phone +43-1-89110 9 200  
info.parkroyalpalace.vienna@radissonblu.com

**Fees (per delegate plus VAT)**

ECA Members € 1,590  
APIC Members € 1,690  
Non-ECA Members € 1,790  
EU GMP Inspectorates € 895  
The conference fee is payable in advance after receipt of invoice and includes conference documentation, dinner on the first day, lunch on both days and all refreshments. VAT is reclaimable.

**Accommodation**

CONCEPT HEIDELBERG has reserved a limited number of rooms in the conference hotel. You will receive a room reservation form/POG when you have registered for the event. Reservation should be made directly with the hotel. Early reservation is recommended.

**Social Event**



In the evening of the first course day, you are cordially invited to a social event. This is an excellent opportunity to share your experiences with colleagues from other companies in a relaxed atmosphere.

**Registration**

Via the attached reservation form, by e-mail or by fax message. Or you register online at [www.gmp-compliance.org](http://www.gmp-compliance.org).

**Conference language**

The official conference language will be English.

**Organisation and Contact**

ECA has entrusted Concept Heidelberg with the organisation of this event.  
CONCEPT HEIDELBERG  
P.O. Box 10 17 64, D-69007 Heidelberg, Germany  
Phone +49 (0) 62 21/84 44-0, Fax +49 (0) 62 21/84 44 34  
info@concept-heidelberg.de, www.concept-heidelberg.de

**For questions regarding content please contact:**  
Dr Andrea Kühn-Hebecker (Operations Director) at +49-62 21/84 44 35, or per e-mail at [kuehn@concept-heidelberg.de](mailto:kuehn@concept-heidelberg.de).

**For questions regarding reservation, hotel, organisation etc. please contact:**  
Ms Marion Grimm (Organisation Manager) at +49-62 21/84 44 18, or per e-mail at [grimm@concept-heidelberg.de](mailto:grimm@concept-heidelberg.de).