



# USP Workshop on Peptide and Oligonucleotide Therapeutics: Regulations and Quality Standards

April 9-10, 2024

USP Headquarters, Rockville, Maryland, USA

## Agenda

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### Day One: Tuesday, April 9, 2024

- 8:00 a.m. **Arrive at USP, Registration & Coffee**
- 8:30 a.m. **USP Welcome and Opening Remarks**  
Fouad Atouf, Senior Vice President, Global Biologics, USP
- 8:40 a.m. **Workshop Overview**  
Michael De Felippis, Chair, USP Peptide and Oligonucleotide Therapeutics Workshop Steering Committee, and Chair, USP BIO1 – Peptides and Oligonucleotides Expert Committee
- 8:50 a.m. – 10:35 a.m. Session I – Regulatory and Compendial Considerations**  
Session Chair: Ved Srivastava
- 8:55 a.m. **Standards USP to Support Quality of Peptide and Oligonucleotide Therapeutics**  
Kevin Carrick, Senior Director Biologics Science & Standards, USP
- 9:20 a.m. **European quality guidelines for synthetic peptides and oligonucleotides**  
Rene Thürmer, CMC reviewer and Deputy Head of the Unit Pharmaceutical Biotechnology, BfArM - Federal Institute for Drugs and Medical Devices, Germany
- 9:45 a.m. **CMC Challenges in FDA-approved Synthetic Oligonucleotide Drugs**  
Lawrence Perez, Senior Pharmaceutical Quality Assessor, U.S. Food and Drug Administration
- 10:10 a.m. **CMC Regulatory Experiences and Expectations for Peptides**  
Katharine Duncan, Senior Pharmaceutical Quality Assessor, U.S. Food and Drug Administration
- 10:35 a.m. **Networking Break**
- 10:55 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Session II – Starting Materials**  
Session Chair: Marc Lemaitre
- 11:00 a.m. **Framework for Evaluating Impurity Risks in Starting Materials for Oligonucleotide API Manufacturing**  
David Butler, Chief Technology Officer, Hongene Biotech Corporation
- 11:25 a.m. **Holistic control strategy of oligonucleotides starting materials**  
Martina Austeri, Director of Quality Control, Bachem AG, Switzerland
- 11:50 a.m. **Networking Lunch**
- 1:00 p.m. **UHPLC/MS method development of starting materials for Oligonucleotide Therapeutics**  
Dennis Rhodes, Assistant Director, Ionis Pharmaceuticals
- 1:25 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. **Sessions I and II Panel Discussion/Q&A**  
**Moderators:** Marc Lemaitre and Ved Srivastava  
**Panelists:** Kevin Carrick, Rene Thürmer, Lawrence Perez, Katharine Duncan, David Butler, Martina Austeri and Dennis Rhodes

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**2:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. Session III – Analytical Technologies**

Session Chair: Gerhard Haas

2:05 p.m.

**Analytical toolbox to enable the synthesis and release of complex synthetic peptides**

Tim Hellebrand, Senior Group Leader for Analytical Development, Bachem

2:30 p.m.

**Synthetic Oligonucleotide Impurity Analysis: Enhancing the Conventional Single Quad Method Using UPLC-ToF-MS**

Ying Qing Yu, Biopharmaceutical Program Science Team Leader, Waters

2:55 p.m.

**Networking Break**

3:10 p.m.

**Improving TIDES product risk assurance with NMR spectroscopy**

Anna Codina, Senior Director Biopharma and Strategic Market Development, Bruker BioSpin

3:35 p.m.

**Evaluate the need for bioassays in the context of control strategy for synthetic therapeutic peptides**

Ranajoy Majumdar, Director (Scientific), Analytical Development Bioproducts Research and Development, Eli Lilly and Company

4:00 p.m.

**LC-HRMS-based Multi-attribute Method for Oligonucleotides (MAMO): Characterization and Impurity Profiling**

Kui Yang, Senior Research Scientist, U.S. Food and Drug Administration

4:25 p.m.

**Panel Discussion/Q&A**

**Moderators:** Gerhard Haas

**Panelists:** Kui Yang, Ranajoy Majumdar, Anna Codina, Ying Qing Yu, and Tim Hellebrand

4:45 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

**Networking Reception**

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#### Day Two: Wednesday, April 10, 2024

- 8:30 a.m. **Arrive at USP, Registration & Coffee**
- 9:00 a.m. –10:40 a.m. Session IV – Manufacturing Strategies**  
Session Chair: Michael Verlander
- 9:05 a.m. **Process improvements to effect more efficient and greener peptide synthesis**  
Chandrakant Kulkarni, Principal Scientist – Synthetic Peptide Department R&D Center, and  
Mohan Dhote, Head of Department, Synthetic Peptide, Enzene Biosciences
- 9:30 a.m. **Comparison of different Synthesis Protocols Applied to Produce Therapeutic Oligonucleotides**  
Daniel Samson, Head Oligonucleotides, Bachem
- 9:55 a.m. **Chemo Enzymatic Peptide Synthesis (CEPS) as a sustainable approach for therapeutic peptide manufacturing**  
Marco Macis, Research & Development Manager for Peptides API, Fresenius Kabi iPSUM
- 10:20 a.m. **Panel Discussion/Q&A**  
**Moderators:** Michael Verlander  
**Panelists:** Mohan Dhote, Chandrakant Kulkarni, Daniel Samson, and Marco Macis
- 10:40 a.m. **Networking Break (20 min)**
- 11:00 a.m.–12:40 p.m. Session V – Impurities and Control**  
Session Chair: Antonio Ricci
- 11:05 a.m. **Assessing the Safety of Peptide-Related Impurities in Support of Commercial Control Strategy Development**  
Brian W. Pack, Executive Director, Eli Lilly and Company
- 11:30 a.m. **Immunogenicity Risk Assessment of Peptide Drugs and their Impurities**  
Annie De Groot, Chief Science Officer and Chairman of the Board, EpiVax, Inc
- 12:00 p.m. **Networking Lunch**
- 1:00 p.m. **Toxicity and Immunogenicity Considerations for Oligonucleotide-Related Impurities: Impact on Control Strategy Development**  
Brian W. Pack, Executive Director, Eli Lilly and Company
- 1:25 p.m. **In Vitro Immunogenicity Assays for the Evaluation of Generic Peptide Drug Products**  
Eric Pang, Senior Chemist, U.S. Food and Drug Administration
- 1:50 p.m. **Panel Discussion/Q&A**  
**Moderators:** Antonio Ricci  
**Panelists:** Brian W. Pack, Annie De Groot, and Eric Pang
- 2:00 p.m. **Workshop Wrap-up**
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Michael De Felippis  
Chair, USP BIO1 – Peptides & Oligonucleotide Expert Committee

2:10 p.m.

**Adjourn**