Pharmaceutical Granulation and Compression

11, 12 & 13 November 2019, London UK


Course Background
Granulation and compression are two very important processes that are carried out extensively by most pharmaceutical companies. However, the theory of granulation is little understood and the selection of a particular machine and granulation method, is often done on the basis of tradition, rather than by using strict scientific or cost-benefit criteria. The basic techniques have changed dramatically in recent years and granulation for controlled release, extrusion, spheronisation, fluidisation techniques, spray drying, melt extrusion, oral dispersion technology and roller compaction are new technologies that are increasingly being used in modern pharmaceutical production, which exhibit many advantages over previously available techniques. As with granulation, compression is also little understood and why some materials/formulations will compress well whilst others compact with difficulty, is slowly being elucidated.

The Course will examine current granulation and compression theory and practice. Emphasis will be made as to how this theory and practice relates to current pharmaceutical development and production, with special reference to the machinery used. Scale-Up, Transfer Technology and SUPAC will also be addressed. A particular feature of the Course will be the workshop on new melt extrusion technology.

Course Objectives
The aims of the Course are to provide a comprehensive and sound understanding of the theory and practice of tablet granulation and compression and to appreciate the various processes batch or continuous, that are available. The importance of the granulation process in producing good quality tablets will be emphasised. The modern techniques of extrusion, spheronisation, powder layering, roller compaction, fluid-bed processing, spray drying, melt extrusion, oral dispersion technology and tablet compression will be covered. The Course will be taught primarily by industrial scientists who have been closely involved with investigating these granulation and compression processes and thus a pragmatic approach will be adopted throughout.

Summary of Key Benefits of Attending
At the end of the Course participants will have:
- An understanding of the fundamental principles of granulation and the advantages, disadvantages and potential of the various granulation, layering, spray drying, oral dispersion, extrusion and spheronisation methods
- An understanding of the techniques and processes available for granulation in relation to controlled release products
- Detailed knowledge on current ideas and thoughts on Scale-Up, Transfer Technology and SUPAC An appreciation of some of the compression problems that can arise and how they can be overcome
- A knowledge of the factors that should be taken into consideration when selecting granulation and compression equipment
- Specialist knowledge on fluid-bed granulation, roller compaction, layering, spray drying, oral dispersion technology and melt extrusion Detailed knowledge on compression machinery
- An appreciation of the techniques available and their limitations for end-point granulation control
- A knowledge of the reasons why problems arise in the granulation and compression processes and how these problems can be avoided
Who Should Attend
All who are working in pharmaceutical research, formulation, development, production, QA/QC and registration who require a sound understanding of the various granulation and compression methods and who wish to appreciate some of the advantages of the newer methods of granulation, spheronisation, roller compaction, layering, melt extrusion and compression that are now available.

Course Outline
Methods and Reasons for Granulating
- Overview of granulation and compression
- Techniques available
- Theory of granulation.

Excipients Review of available excipients;
- Advantages and disadvantages
- Rationale for selection

Properties of Granules Measurement of granule properties.
- Ideal granule characteristics.

Granulation for Controlled Release
Review of current methods.

High Speed Granulation and End-Point Control
- Introduction and history.
- Machine design.
- Fixed bowl vertical; fixed bowl horizontal.
- Removable bowl.
- Operation.
- Practical experiences.
- Review of suppliers.
- Granulation end-point.
- Diosna probe.
- Review of techniques of monitoring impellor torque.
- Slip meter control.
- Automated control of whole process.

Integrated Mixer-Granulator Dryers Review.
- Advantages and disadvantages.
- Equipment available.

Fluid Bed Granulation Operation.
- Equipment selection.
- Fully automated systems.
- Rotary granulators.
- Comparison of methods.

Layering
- Solution, suspension and dry powder layering.

Spray Drying
- F.S.D. Spray Drying

Pellet Manufacture
- Techniques available
- Spray drying
- Drum granulation
- Comparison of methods.

Venue
Holiday Inn Oxford Circus, 57-59 Welbeck St, Marylebone, London W1G 9BL, United Kingdom
Website: https://www.ihg.com

Timing of the course
Registration will be at 8.45am on Monday 29 October and the Course will commence promptly at 9.00am. The Course will finish at about 17.00 on Wednesday 31 October. The Course will end at about 18.00 on each of the first two days.
**Course Outline cont’d**

**Extrusion and Spheronisation**

**Hot Melt Extrusion**

**Roller Compaction**

**Compression Theory Review**
Why some materials compress satisfactorily whilst others compact poorly. Theory related to practice.

**Compression Machinery**

**Compaction Simulators Review and uses**

**Tableting and Tooling Problems**
A review of problems that arise in production and how to avoid producing poor quality tablets.

**Oral Dispersion Tableting Technology**

**Scale-Up, Transfer Technology and Supac**

**Workshop** A workshop will be arranged on hot melt extrusion processes.

**Lecturers**

Professor Rubinstein is Chairman and Co-Founder of Quay Pharmaceuticals Ltd., a contract pharmaceutical R & D and Clinical Trials Manufacturing company in North Wales. Previously he was Professor of Pharmaceutical Technology and Director of the School of Pharmacy and Chemistry at Liverpool John Moores University. His research interests include the examination of the granulation process and he has published and lectured widely in the field of tableting technology and the formulation of solid dosage forms. Professor Rubinstein has worked for AstraZeneca and GlaxoSmithKline in production technical support, pharmaceutical development and research.

He has published over 200 research papers and articles in the area of solid dosage form technology and in particular in tablet compression. He lead one of the only academic research teams using a high speed Compaction Simulator to fundamentally characterise powder compression.

Professor Rubinstein is both a Chemical Engineer and a Pharmacist with Q.P. Status, is the author of 5 books in pharmaceutical technology and two patents and is the series editor of the book series in Pharmaceutical Technology now published by Taylor & Francis Ltd.

Professor Rubinstein is a consultant to a number of pharmaceutical companies and governments and is the Conference Co-Ordinator for the annual Pharmaceutical Technology Conferences.

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Lecturers

Geert Verreck M.Eng., Ph.D.
Dr Verreck is a Scientist in the Pharmaceutical Sciences Department of Johnson and Johnson in Belgium. He is responsible for the evaluation of the solid dispersion approach for new active compounds, including hot melt extrusion and solubility techniques. He has published 37 papers and is the author of 6 patents in this area.

Ian Smales B.Sc.
Mr Smales is an Associate Scientist at Pfizer Central Research and has responsibilities for optimisation, scale-up and technology transfer of pharmaceutical products. He has specialist expertise in wet and dry granulation and in particular roller compaction.

Paul Burton C.Chem, M.R.S.C.
Mr Burton has had extensive experience as a Formulation and Process Development Scientist with Beecham Products, Cyanamid UK and SmithKline Beecham Pharmaceuticals. He has been involved in new product introduction, scale-up of solid dosage forms and process validation. Currently he is Process Technology Manager for Glatt Protech where he has responsibility for applications of fluidised bed technology, high shear granulation and tablet coating technologies.

Terry Lewis
Mr Lewis is an independent Consultant and was formerly Operations Manager at I.Holland Ltd., UK. His is accountable for all technical activities of the company and has 28 years expertise in compression and tooling problems.

Harald Stahl Ph.D.
Dr Stahl is Senior Pharmaceutical Technologist with GEA Pharma Systems with world-wide process responsibility for the technologies supplied by GEA Pharma Systems. Previously he worked in the Pharmaceutical Development Division of Schering AG in Germany.

Jan Vogeleer B.Sc.
Mr Vogeleer is Managing Director of Courtoy N.V., manufacturers of tablet presses in Belgium. He has pioneered the design of new tablet machinery to enable tablets to be produced at faster speeds with minimal clean and down time and has a huge wealth of experience in novel design of compression machinery.

Ian Muir BSc., Ph.D.
Dr Muir is Vice-President of Zydis at Cardinal Health in the UK. He is responsible for product development for the fast dissolve Zydis technology. He has had previous experience in various aspects of product development from early compound selection to scale-up and commercialization.

Gordon Prudhoe BSc
Mr Prudhoe is Quality Assurance Technical Group Manager for Sanofi-Sytheslabo. His responsibilities include technical support for production and co-ordination, planning and execution of all transfer activities both in and out of Sanofi-Sytheslabo plants worldwide. Mr Prudhoe was previously Manager in charge of the formulation and analytical groups and has developed over 50 generic products. Mr Prudhoe has worked in the industry for over 20 years in a development/production support role.

Marina Levina MSc., Ph.D.
Dr Levina is a Lead Product Owner, OSD at GlaxoSmithKline responsible for Global Supply Oncology products. Previously, she worked as a Global Technical Manager, Excipients and Modified Release at Colorcon Ltd. Dr Levina has experience in the production of tablets by conventional and by ultrasound assisted compaction and with the development of various solid oral dose formulations for both immediate release and modified release applications. She has published over 70 research papers and communications in the area of Pharmaceutical Technology, including book chapters, peer-reviewed articles and poster abstracts presented at more than 20 national and international conferences and seminars. She is an Editorial Advisory Board member and reviewer for international pharmaceutical journals.

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**REGISTRATION DETAILS:**

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**Early-bird fee:** 23 day course £1593.00 (+ VAT £318.60 if applicable, see notes on VAT)
For registering and paying before **30 September 2019**

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Course Programme 2019

Hands-on Tablet Development including the principles of pre-formulation, formulation and process development
10, 11 & 12 April 2019, Croydon Greater London

Pharmaceutical Dissolution Testing – a Hands-on course
21, 22, 23 & 24 May 2019 London

Stability Testing in Pharmaceutical Development and Manufacture
6 & 7 June 2019 London

Pharmaceutical Packaging – an introductory course
17 & 18 June, 2 & 3 December 2019 London

Hands-on Tablet Development including the principles of pre-formulation, formulation and process development
26, 27 & 28 June, Croydon Greater London

Powder Technology for Pharmaceutical Development and Manufacturing
25, 26 & 27 September 2019 London

Introduction to the Formulation and Stabilisation of Protein and Peptide Drugs
16 & 17 September 2019 London

Latest Advances in the Formulation & Stabilisation of Protein and Peptide Drugs
18 & 19 September 2019 London

Pharmaceutical Dissolution Testing – a Hands-on Course
8, 9, 10 & 11 October 2019 London

Parenteral Products
21, 22 & 23 October 2019 London

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GMP Auditor Training for Quality Systems
November 2019 London

Development of Stability-Indicating HPLC Methods
20 November 2019 London

HPLC Analytical Method Development and Validation
21 & 22 November 2019 London

Pharmaceutical Aerosols, Dry Powder Inhalation Systems and Nasal Delivery Devices
25, 26 & 27 November 2019 London

Pharmacokinetics in Drug Development – an integrated approach
November 2019 London

Hands-on Tablet Development including the principles of pre-formulation, formulation and process development
4, 5 & 6 December 2019, Croydon Greater London