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48th Annual AAPS Arden Conference: **Pharmaceutical Materials Science and Engineering—Mechanical Characterization** and Predictive Tools for Rapid Drug **Product Development** 

March 4-6, 2013 USP Meetings Center, Rockville, MD

Over the last decade, pharmaceutical materials science has established itself as the foundation for quality-by-design (QBD) product development, and significant advances in the application of materials science have been made to understand the funtionality of excipients and active pharmaceutical ingredients and how they influence the performance of formulations. Mathematical modeling can lend considerable insight and predictive ability to aid in development of difficult formulations, e.g., high drug loading, complex tablet shapes, or multilayer tablets. Both qualitative insight as well as quantitative modeling and prediction are possible when accurate material properties are known and their combined influence in a multicomponent formulation can be understood theoretically and empirically.



The implementation of QbD in pharmaceutical tablet product development has been largely relying on statistical approach, i.e., design of experiments (DOE). Although useful in identifying a design space, DOE typically is resource intensive and does not provide mechanistic understanding of the performance of a formulation. A seamless integration between materials science and DOE is a key for truly achieving QbD in product development.

In this conference, key materials science and engineering principles applicable to tablet design will be covered, e.g., relationship between mechanical properties and compaction behavior, crystal and particle engineering for superior tableting performance, powder flow measurement. This conference will provide formulation scientists with both basic knowledge in materials science and advanced techniques that can be used to facilitate the design of tablet product.

### Goals and Objectives

- Review fundamental mechanical properties of pharmaceutical solids and the methods to measure them.
- Review theoretical modeling of particle mixing and simulation tools of powder compaction.
- Apply mechanical properties in drug product develop ment following a (QbD) approach.

For more information visit www.aaps.org/Arden.

# AAPS Workshop on Drug Transporters in ADME: From the Bench to the Bedside

March 17-20, 2013

Bethesda North Marriott Conference Center Bethesda, MD

This workshop will deliver cutting-edge science in a focused and state-of-the-art meeting. Key areas of focus will include

- the impact of drug molecules on physiological processes mediated by transporters,
- regulation of transporter expression and function in health and disease,
- state-of-the-art sessions on (i) effective transporter assays and (ii) emerging transporters and transorter sciences,
- the importance of understanding intracellular concentrations of drug and metabolites,
- transporters in translational medicine, and
- Food and Drug Administration-led session on regulatory perspectives on transporter-mediated DDI evaluation during drug development followed by an industry case study discussion forum.

For more information visit www.aaps.org/Transporters13.



AAPS announces the launch of its newest initiative, the AAPS Blog. The vision for the blog is to provide multiple, timely perspectives on the issues affecting pharmaceutical scientists. The blog allows readers to connect with AAPS leaders, staff, and membership, and it increases their knowledge base of the pharmaceutical sciences.

Read some of the most recent blog posts and express your opinion on them by commenting:

- Gene Therapy Renaissance, by Hongwei Zhang, Ph.D.
- So You're Looking for a Job: Three Tips to Set Yourself Apart, by Sam Gilchrist, Ph.D.
- Asia Pacific, by David Y. Mitchell, Ph.D.
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• May 18, 2013

AAPS Workshop on Bioanalysis of Antibody Drug Conjugates

Sheraton San Diego Hotel and Marina, San Diego, CA

• May 18-19, 2013

AAPS Workshop on Biologic Drugs: Recent Developments in Formulation, Manufacture and Characterization

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May 18-19, 2013

AAPS Immunogenicity Training Course II— Advanced Topics in Evaluation of the Immunogenicity of Biotherapeutics

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 May 20-22, 2013
 2013 AAPS National Biotechnology Conference

Sheraton San Diego Hotel and Marina, San Diego, CA

November 10-14, 2013
 2013 AAPS Annual Meeting and Exposition

Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center, San Antonio, TX



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