





20 - 21 August 2025 Novotel HICC, Hyderabad

1 Day Workshop + 1 Day Conference

Nitrosamine Safety Developments, Guidelines, and Challenges



Industry Landscape & Course Overview

The Eighth edition of the Nitrosamine Impurities Forum scheduled from 20 - 21 August 2025, in Hyderabad, will have one day workshop and one day conference. The forum aims at bringing industry participants up to date on the constantly evolving nitrosamines saga with a focus on regulatory requirements and their impact on the supply chain of essential medicines in international pharmaceutical markets.

The first day entails the workshop hosted by the leading experts of nitrosamines impurities Dr. Raphael Nudelman and Dr. Muzaffar Khan focusing on the latest trends and challenges in nitrosamines, safety assessments, regulatory frameworks including ICH M7, NDSRI risk assessment models with various case studies.

The second day is focused on imparting a deep understanding of various aspects of nitrosamines impurities backed by multiple speaker sessions and panel discussions from distinguished industry experts.



Why this Forum?

The Eighth edition of Nitrosamines Impurities Forum will focus on the challenges to any molecule containing the nitroso functional group while discussing the below:

- Understanding current regulatory requirements to tackle nitrosamine impurities in pharmaceuticals
- How to calculate & derive acceptable intake limits for nitrosamine impurities
- Gain clarity on choosing the correct analytical methods & tools to address these impurities
- How nitrosamines are formed The chemistry behind this
- How to restrict nitrosamine impurities in the development phase and in commercialized products
- Understand what toxicological studies can be performed to qualify nitrosamines
- Discuss the results from toxicological studies and their use to determine the mutagenic/carcinogenic potency of nitrosamines

Who Will Attend?

Pharmaceuticals



Industries



Life sciences

API Manufacturers



Bio-Pharmaceuticals



Departments

Quality Assurance

Quality Control

R&D

Production & Manufacturing

Analytical

Deputy General Manager

Regulatory

Designation:

Vice Presidents

Associate Vice Presidents

Directors

Associate Directors

Head/ Plant Head

Deputy General Manager

General Manager

Senior Managers

Managers

Assistant Managers

Senior Executives

The Eighth edition of Nitrosamines Impurities Forum will focus on the challenges, including:

Get awareness and understanding of current regulatory guidelines, the similarities, and differences across guidelines, and their impact.

Learn how to derive acceptable intake limits, and the challenges associated with this from both a technical and regulatory perspective

Learn how
nitrosamines are
formed - The
chemical
mechanism behind
this, the risk factors,
and modeling to
understand the
extent of formation

Key Benefits of Attending

Deeply understand the potential strategies to reduce nitrosamine contamination risk, and develop orthogonal control strategies for nitrosamines in drug substances and products.

Experience
know-hows of
developing sensitive
and accurate
analytical methods
and associated
challenges with the
testing of
nitrosamines and
NDSRIs

Get in-depth knowledge on Toxicological studies for nitrosamines and the use of data emerging from such studies to set limits for nitrosamines, particularly for NDSRIs

About the WORKSHOP TRAINER



Dr. Muzaffar KhanAssistant Vice President Regulatory Affairs **Laurus Labs Limited**

Muzaffar Khan, Assistant Vice President at Laurus Labs Limited is a seasoned regulatory affairs expert with a PhD in Chemistry and 25 years of industrial experience. He specializes in impurity profiling and assessment and control of mutagenic and nitrosamine impurities in pharmaceutical products.

Khan has presented extensively on mutagenic and nitrosamine impurities at international forums, including Lhasa's ICH M7 Indian Roadshows and webinars alongside noted industry experts like Dr. Mike Urquhart, Dr. Andrew Teasdale and Dr. Raphael Nudelman. His insights have also been featured at key industry events like Informa Markets Nitrosamine Impurities Forums & the Intensive Course on Pre-clinical toxicology and risk assessment at University of Hyderabad. Khan is also an active scientific contributor, having reviewed for esteemed scientific journals including Talanta, CHROMB, Central European Journal of Chemistry, Bentham Science etc.

About the WORKSHOP TRAINER



Dr. Raphael NudelmanChief Executive Officer **Nudelman ChemTox Consulting**

Raphael (Raphy) Nudelman is an accomplished chemical toxicologist with more than 20 years of experience in the pharmaceutical industry. He earned his PhD in organic chemistry from the Weizmann Institute of Science in Israel and completed postdoctoral fellowships at the US Air Force Research Laboratory and Duke University Medical Center. During his two decades at Teva Pharmaceuticals, Raphy held a variety of positions, including roles in medicinal chemistry, patents, non-clinical safety, and ultimately served as the company's Impurity Expert. His areas of expertise include the qualification of impurities and excipients in both drug substances and drug products, with a particular emphasis in recent years on the risk assessment of nitrosamine impurities. After retiring from Teva in September 2024, Raphy established Nudelman ChemTox Consulting, where he now offers consulting services to the pharmaceutical sector.

Speakers 2025



Dr. Arvind Kumar Head - Analytical R&D **Viatris**



Dr. Ashok Chaudhari
Associate Director- Head of the
Sophisticated Instruments facility
Emcure Pharmaceuticals Limited



Dr. Ashutosh Joshi
Principal Scientist & Team Lead –
Nonclinical Development &
Risk Assessments
Dr. Reddy's Laboratories



Dr. B.M. Rao Chief Executive Officer QDOT Associates



Dr. B.V. Ravichandra Head -Global Toxicology & Nonclinical Development **Amneal Pharmaceutical**



Dheeraj Handique Manager GC/GCMS (Product Marketing) Shimadzu Analytical (India) Pvt Ltd



Dr. Mrunal Jaywant Vice President of Research and Development USP India



Dr. Rajendra S. Chavan Group Leader – Analytical Research **Wockhardt Research Centre**



Samata Karwarkar Head - CQA ACG - Associated Capsules



Dr. Santosh Bhardwaj Manager-Business Development -Pharma (LC / LCMS) & Consumables Market Shimadzu Analytical (India) Pvt Ltd

Shaping the Future of Nitrosamine Control

Day 1: 20th August 2025

08:15 AM – 09:15 AM	Registration & Networking	
09:15 AM – 09:30 AM	Opening Remarks by Informa Markets in India	
09:30 AM – 10:15 AM	Introduction to N-Nitrosamines What are N-nitrosamines N-Nitrosamines in Pharma (NDSRIs) Market impact The Nitrosamines Saga Important occurrences related to NAs in pharmaceuticals Nitrosamines from food and endogenous formation Why secondary amines in APIs cannot be avoided and why pharmaceutical cannot be made "nitrosamine-free" The value of data sharing initiatives Dr Raphael Nudelman, Chief Executive Officer, Nudelman ChemTox Consulting.	ls
10:15 AM – 10:30 AM	Q&A Session	(Q&A)
10:30 AM – 11:00 AM	Tea/Coffee & Networking Break	
11:00 AM – 11:40 AM	Risk Assessment of N-Nitrosamine Impurities in API Scope of N-Nitrosamine risk assessment Identified Sources of Formation/Contamination Chemistry of Formation of N-nitrosamines Risk Assessment of Formation – Industry Perspective Performing Nitrosation Assay Procedures Work-flow for N-nitrosamine Risk Assessment in APIs Dr Muzaffar Khan, Assistant Vice President - Regulatory Affairs, Laurus Labs Limited	
11:40 AM – 11:50 PM	Q&A Session	(Q&A)
11:50 AM – 12:25 PM	N-Nitrosamine Guidelines Introduction to nitrosamine guidelines Carcinogenicity Potency Categorization Approach (CPCA) Enhanced Ames Test (EAT) Ames test for N-Nitrosamines Less Than Lifetime (LTL) for N-Nitrosamines Molecular Weight Adjustment to Set Als for NDSRIs Dr Raphael Nudelman, Chief Executive Officer, Nudelman ChemTox Consulting.	
12:25 PM – 12:35 PM	Q&A Session	Q&A

12:35 PM – 13:30 PM	Lunch & Networking Break	# \
13:30 PM – 14:10 PM	Purge Assessment of Mutagenic Impurities (MIs) & N-Nitrosamines ICH M7 Control Options for MIs Important Takeaways from ICH M7 on Option 4 Controls Purge factors calculations Regulatory Requirements of Purge Assessments Purge Assessment of Nitrosamine Impurities Reactivity & Solubility of Nitrosamines Case Studies - N-nitrosamine Purge Assessments Work-flow for N-nitrosamine Risk Assessment in APIs	
	Dr Muzaffar Khan, Assistant Vice President - Regulatory Affairs, Laurus Labs Limited	
14:10 PM – 14:20 PM	Q&A	Q&A
14:20 PM – 15:00 PM	Nitrosamine Limits Limits according to Health Authorities guidelines Discrepancies between guidelines from different regions Inconsistencies within the guidelines Dr Raphael Nudelman, Chief Executive Officer, Nudelman ChemTox Consulting	
15:00 PM – 15:10 PM	Q&A	(Q&A)
15:10 PM - 15:30 PM	Tea/Coffee & Networking Break	
15:30 PM – 16:10 PM	Risk Assessment of N-Nitrosamine Impurities in Drug Products Identified root causes for nitrosamines presence in DP Quantitative Risk Assessment of NAs in DP Controlling multiple nitrosamines Control Strategies & Risk mitigation measures Workflow for N-Nitrosamine risk assessment in DP Dr Muzaffar Khan, Assistant Vice President - Regulatory Affairs, Laurus Labs Limited	
16:10 PM – 16:30 PM	New Methods to Determining Mutagenicity/Carcinogenicity Potency Setting limits using in vivo mutagenicity data for NDSRIs that don't have carcinoged data Quantum mechanical (QM) docking and CYP P450 binding prediction of NDSRIs Dr Raphael Nudelman, Chief Executive Officer, Nudelman ChemTox Consulting.	enicity
16:30 PM - 16:40 PM	Q&A	(Q&A)

16:40 PM – 17:10 PM	Case studies on N-Nitrosamines • Industry based case studies & regulatory experiences Dr Muzaffar Khan, Assistant Vice President - Regulatory Affairs, Laurus Labs Limited	
17:10 PM – 17:40 PM	The Near and Far Future for Nitrosamines HESI working groups Summary of methods for setting nitrosamine limits Outlook for the future Dr Raphael Nudelman, Chief Executive Officer, Nudelman ChemTox Consulting.	
17:40 PM - 17:50 PM	Q&A	Q&A)
18:00 PM	End of Day 1	

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Day 2: 21st August 2025

09:15 AM – 09:45 AM	Registration & Networking
09:45 AM – 10:00 AM	Opening Remarks by Informa Markets in India
10:00 AM – 10:40 AM	Current Regulatory Challenges Related to "Nitrosamines in Product Manufacturing, Testing, Re-established Process Submissions, and Recalls" Dr. B.M. Rao, Chief Executive Officer, QDOT Associates
10:40 AM – 11:10 AM	Precision in Safety: Shimadzu Cutting edge UFMS Technologies for Pharma Impurities Challenges by GCMS/MS Dheeraj Handique, Manager – GC/GCMS Product Marketing, Shimadzu Analytical (India) Pvt Ltd
	Addressing pharmaceutical impurity challenges with Shimadzu's cutting edge UFMS Technologies by LCMS/MS Dr. Santosh Bhardwaj, Manager-Business Development - Pharma & Consumables Market, Shimadzu Analytical (India) Pvt Ltd
11:10 AM – 11:30 AM	Tea/Coffee & Networking Break
11:30 AM - 12:00 AM	 Regulatory Perspective on Nitrosamine and Safety Standards Everyday Exposure and Historical Overview of Nitrosamines Key Industry Challenges and Practical Constraints Evolving Regulatory Guidance Across Global Regions Analytical Method Development: Critical Parameters Defining and Harmonizing Safety Standards Dr. Rajendra S. Chavan, Group Leader – Analytical Research, Wockhardt Research Centre
12:00 PM – 12:20 PM	Nitrosamines Risk assessment – Role of Excipient Contribution of nitrite from capsules / excipient in formation of Nitrosamines Control strategy for nitrosamine impurities Samata Karwarkar, Head- CQA, ACG - Associated Capsules
12:20 PM - 13:00 PM	Overview of Nitrosamine Impurities, Classification of NDSRIs, and Evolving Global Regulatory Expectations. Exploration of How API structure, Synthesis Routes, Reagents, and Process conditions influence NDSRI formation

	 Implementation of Risk Assessment, Synthesis Optimization, Preventive Controls, and Advanced Analytical Methods. Case Study Dr. Ashok Chaudhari, Associate Director- Head of the Sophisticated Instruments facility, Emcure Pharmaceuticals Limited
13:00 PM – 14:00 PM	Lunch & Networking Break
14:00 PM - 14:30 PM	 Safeguarding Quality: USP's Analytical Framework for Nitrosamine Control USP's comprehensive analytical framework to address nitrosamine impurities threatening pharmaceutical quality and patient safety Essential tools including documentary standards, validated methods for small nitrosamines, NDSRI characterization, and risk assessment resources by USP Access to USP's Analytical Hub and the Nitrosamine Exchange Community, supporting stakeholders in addressing analytical challenges and safeguarding pharmaceutical quality Dr. Mrunal Jaywant, Vice President- R&D, USP India
14:30 PM - 15:00 PM	 Development of Sensitive Analytical Methods of NDSRI - Strategy & Challenges NDSRI Method development Approach How to enhance sensitivity Key Challenges in Method development & Routine Testing at Quality Control. False positive Results Troubleshooting Dr. Arvind Kumar, Head - Analytical R&D, Viatris
15:00 PM - 15:30 PM	Regulatory Discord Between FDA and EMA on NDSRIs: A Safety and Toxicological Perspective Contrasting FDA and EMA limits for complex nitrosamines How discord impacts submissions and global timelines Unified guidance, clarity on data expectations, and safety margins Dr B.V. Ravichandra, Head -Global Toxicology & Nonclinical Development, Amneal Pharmaceuticals
15:30 PM – 16:00 PM	Critical (Re-)Considerations for Applying ICH-S9 Based Relaxations to NDSRIs in Advanced Anti-Cancer Agents Science' Behind the 'Guidance' of Relaxation Current Regulatory Framework in Different Geographies Possible Scope for modification in Current Guidance documents How to (and more importantly – How Not to) use S9 relaxations - Examples of commonly used and misused relaxations

	 Situations where S9 applications can be avoided in-spite being an anti-cancer agent for advanced cancer Scope for regulatory re-consideration for applying 'S9-like relaxations' for 'Life Saving' Drug Products. Dr Ashutosh Joshi, Principal Scientist & Team Lead – Nonclinical Development & Risk Assessments, Dr. Reddy's Laboratories
16:00 PM	Closing Remarks by Informa Markets in India
End of Forum	

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