Advanced Analytical Method Validation for Biopharmaceuticals Training Course

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Biotechnology and Pharmaceutical Development	**Duration**	10 Days
Base Fee	$4,000 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

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Programme Curriculum

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Course Objectives

1. Master the ICH Q2(R1) and ICH Q14 principles for analytical procedure lifecycle management in biologics.
2. Apply a Quality by Design (QbD) approach to method development for biotherapeutics, ensuring method robustness.
3. Perform comprehensive method validation for complex cell-based potency assays and bioassays.
4. Implement advanced statistical tools and techniques for validation data analysis and setting statistically sound acceptance criteria.
5. Develop compliant and detailed validation protocols and reports for NDA/BLA/MAA submissions.
6. Ensure data integrity and 21 CFR Part 11 compliance across the analytical method lifecycle.
7. Strategize a risk-based approach to method validation, verification, and revalidation.
8. Execute efficient and compliant analytical method transfer and method verification studies
9. Troubleshoot and effectively manage Out-of-Specification (OOS) and Out-of-Trend (OOT) results with proper root cause analysis.
10. Validate specialized methods like Immunoassays and methods for residual impurities
11. Evaluate the requirements for stability-indicating methods and their validation for long-term product stability.
12. Integrate Process Analytical Technology (PAT) concepts and Multi-Attribute Methods (MAMs) into quality control.
13. Stay current with emerging regulatory expectations for gene and cell therapy (ATMP) analytical validation.

Organizational Benefits

- Accelerated Regulatory Submissions.
- Reduced Quality Failures.
- Enhanced Data Integrity.
- Improved Laboratory Efficiency.
- Mitigated Audit Risk.

Target Audience

1. Analytical Development Scientists/Chemists
2. Quality Control (QC) Analysts/Supervisors
3. Quality Assurance (QA) Auditors/Specialists
4. Validation Specialists
5. Regulatory Affairs Personnel
6. R&D Scientists involved in Biologic Characterization
7. Laboratory Managers
8. Contract Research/Manufacturing Organization (CRO/CMO) Personnel

Course Modules

Module 1: Regulatory Landscape and Analytical Lifecycle

- ICH Q2(R1), ICH Q14, USP ?ƒ¿1225?ƒ?, FDA, and EMA requirements for large molecules.
- Understanding the analytical procedure lifecycle concept and its three stages.
- Differences between Validation, Verification, and Revalidation for biopharmaceuticals.
- Introduction to Quality by Design (QbD) and the Analytical Target Profile (ATP).
- Case Study: Analyzing an FDA Warning Letter citing failure to follow the Analytical Lifecycle for a monoclonal antibody release assay.

Module 2: Quality by Design (QbD) in Method Validation

- Defining the Method Design Space and its critical parameters.
- Risk assessment tools to identify Critical Method Parameters (CMPs).
- Method Optimization strategies to ensure robustness before formal validation.
- Translating the ATP into measurable validation parameters and acceptance criteria.
- Case Study: Designing a QbD-based development plan for a stability-indicating HPLC method for a therapeutic protein.

Module 3: Specificity and Selectivity in Biopharma Methods

- Defining and demonstrating specificity for complex mixtures
- Procedures for evaluating interference from matrix, excipients, and degradation products.
- Using orthogonal techniques to confirm peak purity in chromatographic methods.
- Specific challenges for bioassays and immunoassays
- Case Study: Validation of a Size Exclusion Chromatography (SEC) method to separate aggregates, monomers, and fragments, demonstrating specificity.

Module 4: Accuracy and Precision (Trueness and Repeatability)

- Experimental design for Accuracy
- Assessing Precision across Repeatability, Intermediate Precision, and Reproducibility.

- The use of ANOVA for intermediate precision studies
- Setting scientifically justified acceptance criteria for both accuracy and precision.
- Case Study: Interpreting a failed intermediate precision study and determining the necessary remedial actions for a peptide mapping assay.

Module 5: Linearity, Range, and Limits of Detection (LOD/LOQ)

- Determining Linearity for quantitative assays and appropriate regression models.
- Establishing the Reportable Range based on linearity, accuracy, and precision data.
- Statistical methods for determining Limit of Detection (LOD) and Limit of Quantitation (LOQ)
- Special considerations for Limit Tests
- Case Study: Justifying the LOQ for a Host Cell Protein (HCP) ELISA impurity assay using different statistical approaches.

Module 6: Robustness and System Suitability

- Designing effective robustness studies using factorial designs for critical variables
- Establishing System Suitability Tests (SSTs) to monitor method performance during routine use.
- Setting practical and scientifically sound SST criteria
- The relationship between a method's inherent robustness and its SST failure rate.
- Case Study: Executing a robustness FMEA on a Capillary Electrophoresis (CE) method and identifying the three most critical parameters for SST monitoring.

Module 7: Validation of Cell-Based Potency Bioassays

- Unique challenges of bioassay validation
- Validation parameters specific to bioassays
- Statistical analysis for bioassays, including 4-parameter logistic curve fits and F-tests.
- Establishing a robust reference standard and its qualification for routine use.
- Case Study: Demonstrating parallelism and linearity during the validation of a cytokine-based proliferation assay.

Module 8: Validation of Immunochemical and Binding Assays

- Validation requirements for quantitative ELISA and other binding assays
- Dealing with hook effect and non-linear standard curve fitting in immunoassays.
- Demonstrating matrix tolerance and avoiding sample preparation artifacts.
- Validation of Immunogenicity Assays
- Case Study: Designing a validation study for a Host Cell Protein (HCP) ELISA to ensure adequate coverage and sensitivity.

Module 9: Specialized Method Validation: Impurities and ATMPs

- Validation for Advanced Therapy Medicinal Products (ATMPs)
- Validation of methods for residual impurities
- Validating compendial methods (USP/EP) through verification studies.
- Requirements for validating methods used in Process Analytical Technology (PAT).
- Case Study: Discussing the phase-appropriate validation of a qPCR method for vector copy number in a gene therapy product.

Module 10: Validation Protocol and Report Generation

- Essential elements of a robust Validation Protocol and defining clear Acceptance Criteria.
- Strategies for ensuring the Validation Report directly addresses and justifies the protocol.
- Best practices for documenting deviations and their impact on the validation conclusion.
- Linking validation results to the Control Strategy for the biopharmaceutical product.
- Case Study: Reviewing a deficient validation protocol and re-writing the acceptance criteria for a dissolution test.

Module 11: Statistical Tools for Method Validation

- Using t-tests and F-tests for comparing method performance and bias.
- Introduction to Measurement Uncertainty (MU) and its role in setting specifications.
- Statistical approaches for evaluating intermediate precision
- Statistical justification for sample size and number of replicates in validation experiments.
- Case Study: Applying Mandel's h and k statistics to analyze inter-laboratory method transfer data for a complex glycosylation profile.

Module 12: Data Integrity and Regulatory Compliance

- ALCOA+ principles and their application to analytical method data.
- Compliance with 21 CFR Part 11 for electronic records and signatures in the QC lab.
- Designing an auditable Data Governance program for analytical data.
- Preventing and detecting data manipulation or integrity issues during validation.
- Case Study: Analyzing a scenario of suspected data integrity violation during a validation run and the necessary investigation steps.

Module 13: Handling OOS, OOT, and Method Maintenance

- The regulatory process for investigating Out-of-Specification (OOS) results
- Detecting and managing Out-of-Trend (OOT) results during routine testing and stability.
- Defining and performing Method Revalidation vs. Partial Revalidation vs. Annual Review.
- Change Control procedures for post-validation method modifications.
- Case Study: Walkthrough of a full OOS investigation for a release assay, from initial observation to final report and corrective action.

Module 14: Analytical Method Transfer Strategies

- The four common types of Method Transfer.
- Developing a concise and effective Method Transfer Protocol and acceptance criteria.
- Managing challenges and ensuring harmonization during global inter-laboratory transfers.
- Documentation requirements and regulatory expectations for the receiving unit's method verification.
- Case Study: Planning a transfer co-validation between a sending and receiving laboratory for a chromatographic purity assay, including statistical comparison.

Module 15: Emerging Trends and Future of Validation

- Validation of Multi-Attribute Methods (MAMs) and other advanced characterization tools.
- The role of automation and AI/Machine Learning in analytical method validation.
- Implementing real-time release testing (RTRT) and its validation implications.
- Strategies for the validation of methods used for Biosimilars.
- Case Study: Discussing the regulatory path and validation strategy for adopting a MAM-based method to replace multiple traditional QC assays.

Training Methodology

This highly interactive training employs a **blended approach** to ensure both theoretical mastery and practical application:

- Expert-Led Lectures.
- Interactive Workshops & Group Exercises.
- Real-World Case Studies.
- Q&A/Open Discussion Forums.

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Certification

Upon successful completion of this training, participants will be issued with a globally- recognized certificate.

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Key Notes

a. The participant must be conversant with English.

b. Upon completion of training the participant will be issued with an Authorized Training Certificate

c. Course duration is flexible and the contents can be modified to fit any number of days.

d. The course fee includes facilitation training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch and A Certificate upon successful completion of Training.

e. One-year post-training support Consultation and Coaching provided after the course.

f. Payment should be done at least a week before commence of the training, to Fineskill Training Center account, as indicated in the invoice so as to enable us prepare better for you.

Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Online	$2,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$6,000

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$9,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000

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