Module title	**Bioanalytics in a Regulated Environment**
Code	BP7
Degree Program	Master of Science in Life Sciences
Group	Bio / Pharma
Workload	3 ECTS (90 student working hours: 42 lessons contact; 58 h self-study)
Module Coordinator	**Name**: Saša Miladinović **Phone**: +41 (0) 27 207 85 81 **Email**: sasa.miladinovic@hevs.ch **Address**: HESSO, Valais-Wallis, Sion
Lecturers	• Saša Miladinović, HES-SO/VS • Sabina Gerber, ZHAW • Guest Speakers from Industry
Entry requirements	• Knows the different physico-chemical principles of liquid chromatography and electrophoresis (including capillary electrophoresis) – see Bibliography • Knows the principles of spectroscopy & refractive index, fluorescence, mass spectrometry – see Bibliography • Knows the general chemical structure, 3D-structure and properties (e.g. pKa, pI, absorption, fluorescence, molecular weight) of biomolecules (peptides, proteins, glycoproteins, monoclonal antibodies, antibody-drug conjugates, complex carbohydrates (N-glycans) and nucleic acids) – see Bibliography
Learning outcomes and competences	After completing the module, students will be able to: • Explain the instrumental (bio)analytical techniques mostly used in current routine (bio)pharmaceutical industry • Describe important quality attributes of (bio)pharmaceuticals & biosimilars, in particular antibodies • Describe the relevance of particles and particle characterization in biological drug products • Identify common challenges related to particles and particle formation in biologics including strategies to circumvent such problems • Describe the basic stability challenges of biologic drugs, especially physical instabilities • Design an efficient testing monograph for a biopharmaceutical e.g. bioanalytical techniques for the characterization of APIs in the modern (bio)pharmaceutical industry • Differentiate between a “test” method and an analytical method / technique • Evaluate specific modern analytical techniques for complex N-glycan analysis, sub-visible particles, amino acid composition, posttranslational modifications, different digestion strategies for protein APIs, modern aggregation analysis • Summarize the basic health authority rules for medicinal products in the regulated pharmaceutical environment • Apply the basic GMP (Good Manufacturing Practice) requirements depending on the drug development phase • Construct the structure of and how to design an analytical SOP and the SST (System Suitability Test) concept

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- Interpret different ICH guidelines, including validation of analytical methods, specification, and stability testing

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- Concept of specification (ICH guideline), User Requirement Specification (URS) = Analytical Target Profile (ATP) and basics of statistical process control (SPC)
- Concept of a test method including structure and criteria of a typical system suitability test (SST), the different development phases of a test method (URS / ATP, feasibility studies, method development inclusive SOP & SST, Validation, QC release, technical method transfer)
- A typical testing monograph for a monoclonal antibody (mAb) API / drug product in Pharma QC release analytics
- A typical monograph for a mAb drug put on batch stability testing
- Particle formation and particle characterization in biological drug products
- Typical modern release analytical techniques for content, identity, impurity (product related, process related) *e.g.* aggregate analysis, N-glycan analysis, posttranslational modifications *e.g.* deamination, free and bound sialic acids etc.
- Most important interaction networks / discussion groups *e.g.* Parenteral Drug Association (PDA Europe/USA),
- Most important Guideline's like ICH Method Validation, Stability Testing & Specification, European & US Pharmacopeia & Swissmedic

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<tr><td>Teaching / learning methods</td><td>

- Lectures
- Case studies
- Group work and presentation

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<tr><td>Assessment of learning outcome</td><td>

1. Entrance test (20%)
2. Written final Exam (60%)
3. Presentation of case study(s) prepared by group work (20%)

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Entry level:

- **Entry requirements** (materials for refreshment, knowledge is assumed and a prerequisite to follow the course):
  D.C. Harris "Quantitative Chemical Analysis" 8th edition
  Chapter 3 (Experimental Error)
  Chapter 5 (Quality Assurance and Calibration Methods)
  Chapter 22 (Introduction to Analytical Separations)
  Chapter 24 (High-Performance Liquid Chromatography)
  Chapter 25 (Chromatographic Methods and Capillary Electrophoresis)

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	English
Links to other modules	Strong links to central modules Regulatory Affairs (pharma part) (BP6) and Pharmaceutical Sciences Technology (S23)
Comments	-
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