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NITROSAMINES ANALYSIS

ON PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS

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NITROSAMINES ANALYSIS ON PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS ARE AVAILABLE AT MÉRIEUX NUTRISCIENCES GMP FACILITY

WHAT ARE NITROSAMINES?

Nitrosamines, or more correctly *N*-nitrosoamines, refer to any molecule containing the nitroso functional group. These molecules are of concern because **nitrosamine impurities are probable human carcinogens**, signifying that long-term exposure above certain levels may increase the risk of cancer development.

THE RISK EVALUATION PROCESS

On September 26th, 2019 the CMDh (Heads of Medicines Agencies) published the notice "**Information on nitrosamines for marketing authorisation holders**" asking to all Marketing Authorization Holders (MAHs) of human medicinal products containing chemically synthesised active pharmaceutical ingredients to **evaluate the risk of the presence of nitrosamine impurities in their products**.

On September 2020, **FDA published the Guidance for Industry Control of Nitrosamine Impurities in Human Drugs** applicable to all chemical synthesized APIs and relative drug products recommending the following deadlines: March 2021 for Risk Assessment, and September 2023 for confirmatory testing and changes in drug applications.

■ STEP 1 RISK EVALUATION

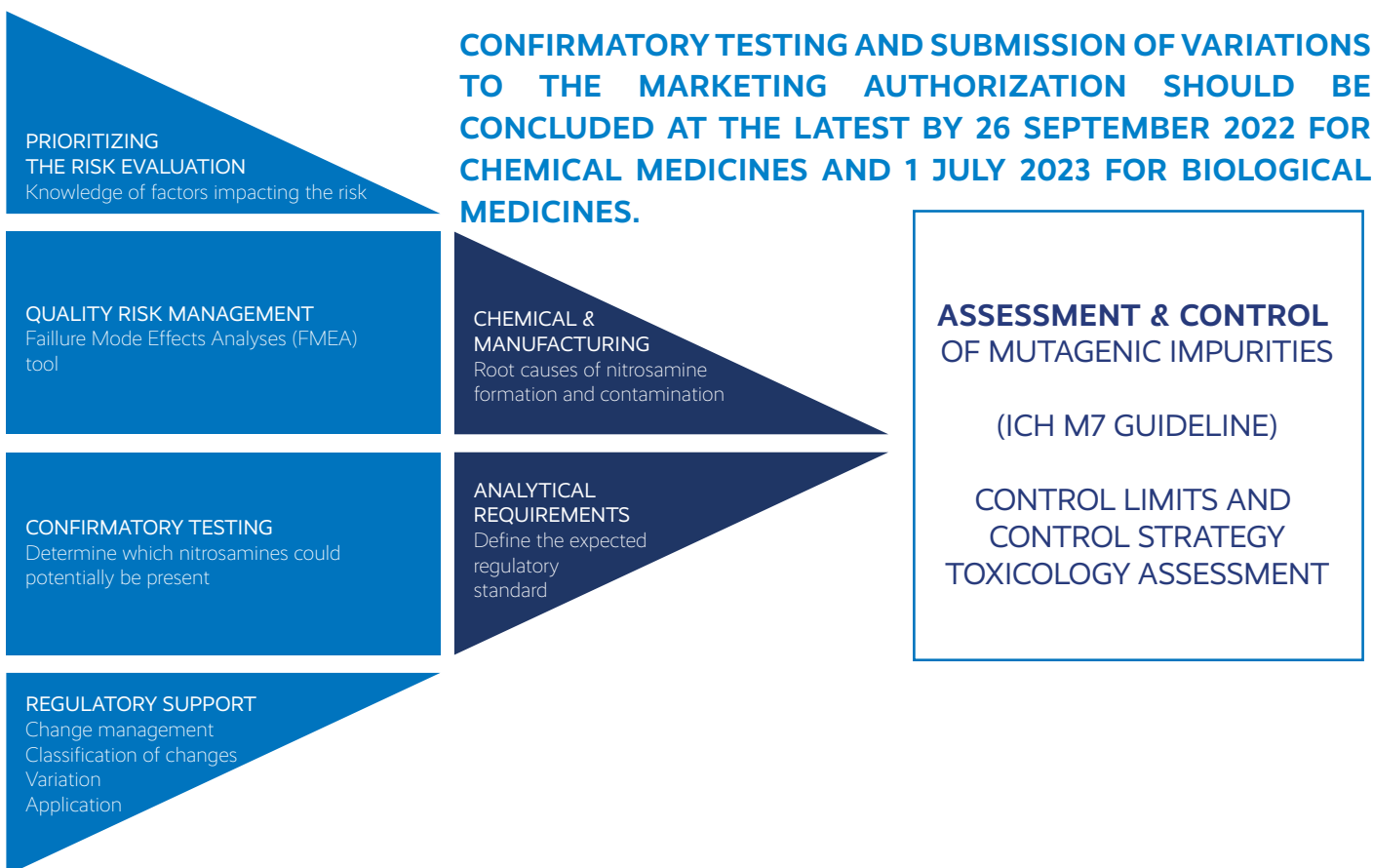
MAHs should perform risk evaluation of their medicinal products containing chemically synthesised APIs.

■ STEP 2 CONFIRMATORY TESTING

Confirmatory tests should be carried out using validated and sensitive methods. MAHs should inform the competent authorities immediately if tests confirm the presence of a nitrosamine impurity irrespective of the amount detected.

■ STEP 3 CHANGES TO THE MARKETING AUTHORISATION

MAHs should apply for a variation in a timely manner to introduce any required changes, such as amendment of the manufacturing process or changes to product specifications.



Thanks to the long-standing experience, Mérieux NutriSciences has been **developing various strategies and approaches for the determination of nitrosamines residues in different matrices** through sophisticated mass spectrometry combined with a pool of experts.

The **GMP facility of Mérieux NutriSciences** is equipped with all the analytical techniques used by the Official Medicines Control Laboratories (OMCLs).

OUR CAPABILITIES

■ **Dedicated Team & Lab** for analytical testing of NAC by: LC-HRMS or GC-HRMS with Orbitrap and/or TOF Technology; LC-MS/MS or GC-MS/MS (Triple Quadrupole Technology).

■ **Confirmatory testing:** method development and validation, and GMP quantitative tests with validated methods on medium and high risk nitrosamine impurities (NI) on representative drug products (DPs)

■ **Multiresidual analysis (standard set).**

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| 1. N-Nitrosodimethylamine (NDMA) | 8. N-nitroso-diisopropylamine (NDIPA) |
| 2. N-Nitrosodiethylamine (NDEA) | 9. N-nitroso-di-n-butylamine (NDBA) |
| 3. N-Nitrosomethylethylamine (NMEA) | 10. N-nitrosomethylaniline (NMA) |
| 4. N-nitrosoethylisopropylamine (NEIPA) | 11. N-nitroso-di-ethanolamine (NDELA) |
| 5. N-methyl-4-aminobutyric acid (NMBA) | 12. N-nitroso-piperidine (NPIP) |
| 6. N-nitrosodiphenylamine (NDPHA) | 13. N-nitroso-pyrrolidine (NPYR) |
| 7. N-nitrosodi-n-propylamine (NDPA) | 14. N-nitroso-morpholine (NMOR) |

■ **Targeted methods for almost 20 specific nitrosamines (on demand /R&D level) - *not exhaustive list*.**

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| • N-nitrosomethylpiperazine (MeNP) | • N-nitrosobetahistine |
| • mono-N-nitrosopiperazine (MNPZ) | • N-nitrosoanafazoline |
| • N,N'-dinitrosopiperazine (DNPZ) | • N-nitrosoazathioprine |
| • N-nitrosotorasemide | • N-nitrosovindesine |

■ **Targeted screening by HRMS and/or MS/HRMS** (for detection of NI without available reference standards).

■ **Nitrosation assay procedure - NAP test.** Residual qualitative test / trace analysis to identify a specific nitrosamine through the following analytical techniques: LC MS and/or MS/MS and/or HRMS and/or MS/HRMS and/or TOF and/or MS/TOF:

- NAP TEST based on EMA Assessment Report
- NAP TEST based on Mérieux NutriSciences Internal Procedure (verified/effective on most of amines compounds)

■ **Risk evaluation. GMP or non-GMP screening limit or quantitative tests** on raw materials of drug products supporting the Risk Assessment process in case of missing information: multiresidual NI analysis or single NI analysis (with or without reference standard).

■ **New marketing authorisation and batch release.**

- GMP multiresidual quantitative tests to demonstrate absence of NI before applying for new marketing authorisation
- GMP QC tests for analytical batch release

■ **Alerts management.**

- Target method development & validation (rush service)
- GMP QC tests on APIs and DPs on the market

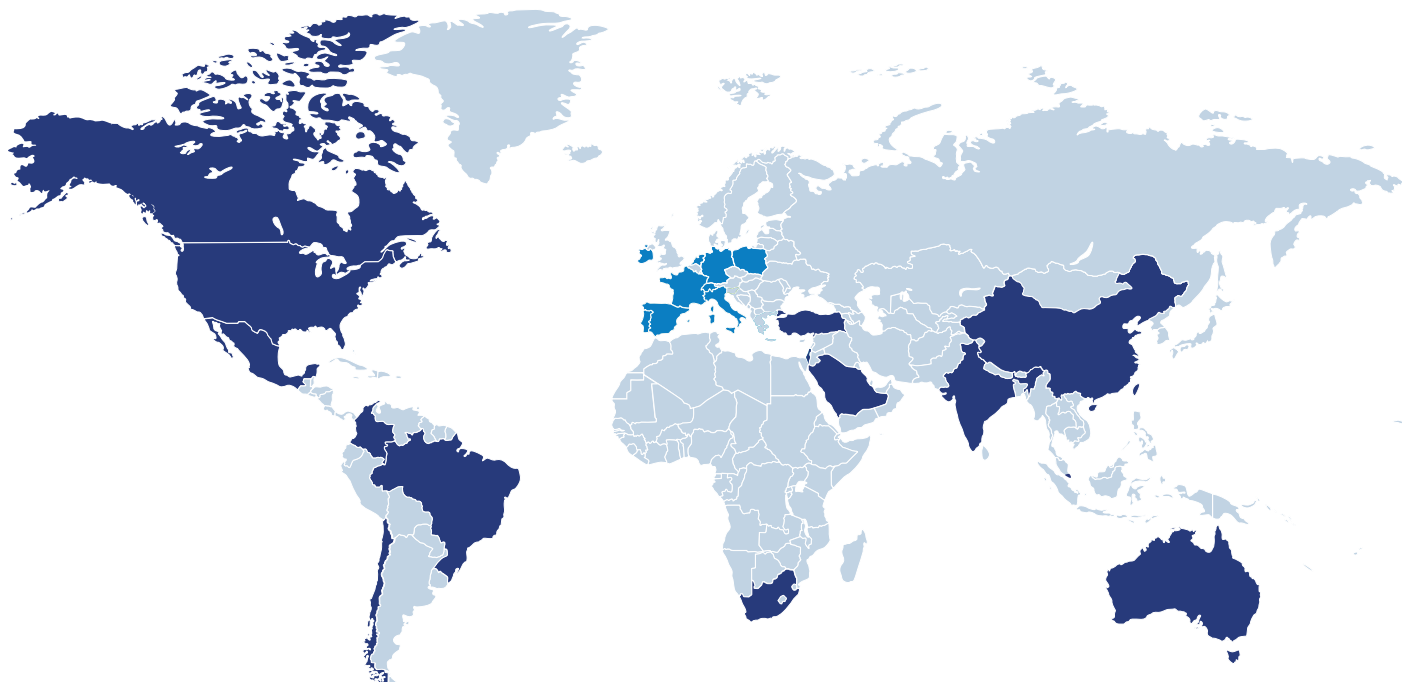
■ **Risk Assessment** with qualified partners.

OUR EQUIPMENT

- LC-MS/HRMS - LC-MS/HRMS (Orbitrap and/or TOF Technology)
- GC-MS/MS - GC-MS/HRMS - GC/MS

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