Acronym Definition
ACN Acetonitrile

ACVA azobis-cyan valeric acid atomic force microscope 2,2-azobisisobutyronitrile

AMPD azobis methyl propionamidine dihydrochloride

ANDA Abbreviated New Drug Application
ANVISA Agência Nacional de Vigilância Sanitária

API Active Pharmaceutical Ingredient
AR & D Analytical Research & Development
ASEAN Association of South East Asian Nations
ASTM American Society for Testing and Materials

ATR Attenuated total reflectance

BA Bioavailability
BE Bioequivalence

BLA Biologics License Application
CAPA Corrective and Preventive Actions

CBE Changes Being Effected

CBE-30 Changes Being Effected – 30 Days

CBER Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research
CDER Center for Drug Evaluation & Research
CDRH Center for Devices and Radiological Health

CE Capillary Electrophoresis
CE Conformité Européenne
CFR Code of Federal Regulations

cGMPs current Good Manufacturing Practices

CHMP Committee for Medicinal Products for Human Use

CI confidence interval

CMC Chemistry, Manufacturing & Controls

COA Certificate of Analysis
CQA Critical Quality Attribute

CR Child Resistant

CRH Critical relative Humidity

CRO Contract Research Organization
CRT Controlled Room Temperature
CTD Common Technical Document

DES Drug eluting stent
DMF Device Master File
DMSO Dimethylsulfoxide
DPI Dry powder inhaler

DRIFTS Diffuse reflectance infrared Fourier-transform spectroscopy

DSC Differential scanning calorimetry

ECMWF European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts

EEC European Economic Community
ELISA Enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay

EMEA European Medicines Agency

EMRO World Health Organization (WHO) Regional Office for the

Eastern Mediterranean

EP European Pharmacopoeia
ERH Equilibrium relative humidity

EU European Union FAR Field Alert Report

FDA Food and Drug Administration FID Flame Ionization Detector

FMEA Failure Mode and Effects Analysis

FT-IR Fourier Transform Infrared spectroscopy

GC Gas Chromatography

GCC Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf

GHTF Global Harmonization Task Force

HDPE High density polyethylene
HMG 3-hydroxy-3-methyl-glutaryl

HPLC High performance liquid chromatography
ICH International Conference on Harmonization

IEF Isoelectric focusing

IFPMA International Federation of Pharmaceutical Manufacturers &

Associations

IFU Instructions for use

IGC Inverse gas chromatography
IND Investigational New Drug
IP Intellectual property

IPAC-RS International Pharmaceutical Aerosol Consortium on Regulation

and Science

IQ Installation qualification

IRA Interim Revision Announcement

ISO International Organization for Standardization

ITFG Inhalation Technology Focus Group J-NDA (Japan) New Drug Application

JPMA Japan Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association

KBr Potassium bromide

LC/MS-MS Liquid chromatography/Mass spectroscopy-Mass spectroscopy

LC-NMR Liquid chromatography/Nuclear magnetic resonance

LC-PDA Liquid chromatography/photo-diode array
LIMS Laboratory information management system

LOD Limit of Detection

LOD Loss on Drying

LOQ Limit of Quantitation

LVP Large Volume Parenteral

MDD Medical Devices Directive

MDI Metered Dose Inhaler

MHLW (Japan) Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

MKT Mean Kinetic Temperature
MPD Medicinal Products Directive
MRI Magnetic Resonance Imaging

MS/ELSD/CAD Mass Spectrometry/Evaporative Light

Scattering Detector/Charged Aerosol Detector

MVA Multi-variate analysis

MVTR Moisture vapor transmission rate

NCEs New Chemical Entities
NDA New Drug Application
NIR Near-infrared (IR)

NIST National Institute of Standards and Technology

NMP N-methylpyrrolidone

NMR Nuclear Magnetic Resonance
OCP Office of Combination Products

OINDP Orally Inhaled and Nasal Drug Products

OOS Out of Specification

OOT Out-of-Trend

OQ Operational qualification

OTC Over-the-counter

P & ID

PAC-ATLS Post-Approval Changes – Analytical Testing Lab Site

PAL (Japan) Pharmaceutical Affairs Law

PAS Prior Approval Supplement
PAT Process analytical technology
PCA Principal component analysis

PDA Photo-diode array

Ph. Eur. European Pharmacopoeia

PLS Partial least squares

PMDA (Japan) Pharmaceutical and Medical Devices Agency

PMOA Primary Mode of Action PQ Performance qualification

PQRI Product Quality Research Institute

PTI Parametric tolerance interval

PVC Polyvinyl chloride QA Quality Assurance

QA/QC Quality Assurance/Quality Control

QbD Quality by Design
QL Quantitation Limit
RA Regulatory Affairs
rDNA Recombinant DNA
RFD Request for Designation

RH Relative humidity
RMS Root-mean-square
RS Reference Standards

RSD Relative standard deviation

SADC Southern African Development Community

SBI Significant Body of Information

SDS-PAGE Sodium dodecyl sulfate polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis

SEC Size-exclusion chromatography

SE-HPLC Size-exclusion HPLC

SEP Standard error of prediction

SFC Supercritical fluid chromatography

SIM Stability-indicating method SOP Standard Operating Procedure

SUPAC Scale Up and Post-Approval Changes

TGA Thermogravimetric analysis
TLC Thin layer chromatography

UHPLC Ultra High Performance Liquid Chromatography
UPLC Ultra Performance Liquid Chromatography

USP United States Pharmacopeia

USP/NF United States Pharmacopeia/National Formulary

UTC Coordinated Universal Time

UV Ultraviolet

WFI Water for Injection

WHO World Health Organization
XRPD X-ray powder diffraction

YP<sub>D</sub> Yearly mean partial water vapor pressure

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