

# UPDATED WORK PROGRAMME OF THE EUROPEAN PHARMACOPOEIA

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*The following items have recently been added to the work programme of the European Pharmacopoeia. Interested parties are invited to contact the EDQM ([lynn.kelso-eleuterio@edqm.eu](mailto:lynn.kelso-eleuterio@edqm.eu)) with a view to participating in the work on items of interest.*

## TEXTS TO BE REVISED

Bitter-orange epicarp and mesocarp / Aurantii amari epicarpium et mesocarpium (1603): *addition of a test for synephrin*

Botulinum antitoxin (0085): *in vitro identification test, paralysis as the end-point for potency test*

Cabergoline (1773): *related substances*

Clotrimazole (0757): *related substances*

Gemfibrozil (1694): *related substances*

Herbal drugs (1433): *limits for heavy metals (Cd, Pb, Hg, As, Cu, Ni, Zn)*

Human albumin solution (0255): *introduction of an alternative to the test for pyrogens*

Human coagulation factor VIII (0275): *introduction of an alternative to the test for pyrogens*

Human normal immunoglobulin (0338): *introduction of an alternative to the test for pyrogens*

Infectious chicken anaemia vaccine (live) (2038): *immunogenicity, prevention of virus excretion*

Influenza vaccine (surface antigen, inactivated, prepared in cell cultures) (2149): *extraneous agents in seed lots, rapid methods*

Influenza vaccine (whole virion, inactivated, prepared in cell cultures) (2308): *extraneous agents in seed lots, rapid methods*

Monoclonal antibodies for human use (2031): *appearance, solubility, general revision*

Progesterone (0429): *related substances,  $\Delta 6$ -progesterone*

Sodium glycerophosphate, hydrated (1995): *definition, assay*

St. John's wort / Hyperici herba (1438): *identifications A and B*

## NEW MONOGRAPHS

Avian pneumovirus vaccine (live) (2461)

Choline (<sup>13</sup>C) (2462)

Determination of ochratoxin A in herbal drugs (2.8.22.)

DOTA-[Tyr3]-octreotide for radiopharmaceutical preparations (2481)

3-Fluoro-3-deoxythymidine (<sup>18</sup>F) (2460)

Fluoro-ethylcholine (<sup>18</sup>F) (2458)

O-(2-Fluoro-ethyl)-L-tyrosine (<sup>18</sup>F) (2466)

Fluoromisonidazole (<sup>18</sup>F) (2459)

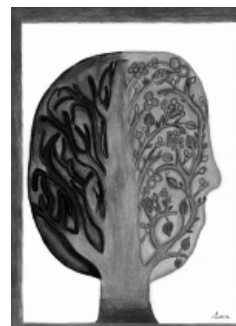
Gallium chloride (<sup>68</sup>Ga) solution for radiolabelling (2464)

Gallium-DOTA-[Tyr3]-octreotide (<sup>68</sup>Ga) injection (2482)

Niaouli oil / Niaouli aetheroleum (2468)

## BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH IN THE DRUGS FIELD (2006)

What is the current status of biomedical research in the field of drug abuse? Why is it that certain people abuse drugs in the first place and then why do some become dependent following repeated use whilst others do not? What are the possible implications of the current state of affairs of research from a biomedical or more aptly put, a Neuroscience perspective, including an ethical point of view? It is to these questions that Richard Muscat, Professor in Behavioural Neuroscience, Department of Biomedical Sciences at the University of Malta and co-ordinator of the Pompidou Group Research platform attempts to reply.



Biomedical research in the drugs field

La recherche biomédicale  
dans le domaine des drogues

by/par Richard Muscat

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