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5.1 Introduction

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A key component of the overall quality of a pharmaceutical is control of impurities, as their presence, even in small amounts, may affect drug safety and efficacy. The identification and quantification of impurities to acceptable standards presents a significant challenge to the analytical chemist. Analytical science is developing rapidly and provides increasing opportunity to identify the structure, and therefore the origin and safety implications of these impurities, and the challenges of their measurement drives the development of modern quantitative methods.Written for both practic