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Foreword

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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 10993-18:2005), which has been technically revised.

The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

- a) greater integration and harmonization with ISO 10993-1, ISO 10993-12, and ISO 10993-17;
- b) a revised and expanded chemical characterization process flowchart;
- c) a strengthened explanation that analytical testing is not necessarily required;
- d) added a number of definitions (e.g., medical device configuration, materials of construction, material composition);
- e) clarified testing approaches unique to material characterization (i.e., digestion and dissolution for hazard identification);
- f) added discussion of considerations related to analytical method qualification;
- g) added informative annexes on general principles, vehicle extraction considerations, and the analytical evaluation threshold (AET; concentration threshold below which extractables or leachables identification is unneeded).

A list of all parts in the ISO 10993 series can be found on the ISO website.

Introduction

ISO 10993-1 serves as a framework in which to plan a biological evaluation which, as scientific knowledge advances our understanding of the basic mechanisms of tissue responses, minimizes the number and exposure of test animals by giving preference to assessment of chemical/physical properties and testing with *in vitro* models in situations within a risk assessment process where these methods yield equally relevant information to that obtained from *in vivo* models.

The characterization procedure and its associated flowchart is based on the principles in ISO 10993-1; specifically, that the biological evaluation and toxicological risk assessment process is most efficient and effective if it is based on the minimum amount of acceptable and necessary chemical information that can establish that a medical device presents an acceptable health risk.

ISO 10993-1, Clause 4 states that in the selection of materials to be used in medical device manufacture, the first consideration shall be fitness for purpose with regard to characteristics and properties of the material, which can include chemical, toxicological, physical, electrical, morphological and mechanical properties. This information is necessary for any biological evaluation. Furthermore, ISO 10993-1, 6.1 states that material characterization is a crucial first step in the biological evaluation process and includes a discussion of the role and application of chemical characterization in risk assessment.

Lastly, ISO 10993-1, and by reference ISO 14971, points out that a toxicological risk analysis should take into account the chemical nature of the medical device, its material composition, and its intended use.

The requirements specified in this document are intended to yield the following information, which will be of value in assessing the biological response of the materials as represented in the final product.

- The identities and quantities, as appropriate, of the materials of construction of the medical device (device configuration).
- The identities and quantities, as appropriate, of the chemical constituents in each material of construction (material composition).
- The identities and quantities, as appropriate, of chemical substances used in the medical device's manufacturing process including processing aids and residues.
- The potential of the medical device and/or its materials of construction to release chemical substances to which a potentially affected individual could be exposed to during clinical conditions of use.

The chemical composition of the materials of construction is mainly established by the suppliers of these materials. The chemical composition may change during manufacture of a medical device. Other medical device characteristics are chiefly established by component suppliers or device manufacturers to address the performance and quality requirements to be met by the finished medical device as well as the production, storage and distribution processes experienced by the medical device.

Biological evaluation of medical devices —

Part 18:

Chemical characterization of medical device materials within a risk management process — Évaluation biologique

1 Scope

This document specifies a framework for the identification of biological hazards and the estimation and control of biological risks from material constituents, using a stepwise approach to the characterization of a medical device through:

- the identification of its materials of construction (medical device configuration);
- the characterization of the materials of construction via the identification and quantification of their chemical constituents (material composition);
- the characterization of the medical device for chemical substances that were introduced during manufacturing (e.g., mould release agents, process contaminants);
- the estimation of the potential of the medical device, or its materials of construction, to release chemical substances under clinical use conditions (extractables);
- The measurement of chemical substances released from a medical device under its clinical conditions of use (leachables).

This document may also be used for chemical characterization (e.g., the identification and/or quantification) of degradation products. Information on other aspects of degradation assessment are covered in ISO 10993-9, ISO 10993-13, ISO 10993-14 and ISO 10993-15.

The ISO 10993 series of standards is applicable when the material or medical device has direct or indirect body contact (see ISO 10993-1 for categorization by nature of body contact).

This document is intended for suppliers of materials and manufacturers of medical devices, to support a biological evaluation.

2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 10993-1:2018, *Biological evaluation of medical devices — Part 1: Evaluation and testing within a risk management process*

ISO 10993-12:2012, *Biological evaluation of medical devices — Part 12: Sample preparation and reference materials*

ISO 10993-17, *Biological evaluation of medical devices — Part 17: Establishment of allowable limits for leachable substances*

ISO 14971, *Medical devices — Application of risk management to medical devices*

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3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the definitions in ISO 10993-1 and the following apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- IEC Electropedia: available from <http://www.electropedia.org/>
- ISO Online browsing platform: available from <http://www.iso.org/obp>

3.1 accelerated extraction

extraction whose duration is shorter than the duration of clinical use but whose conditions do not result in a chemical change to the substances being extracted

Note 1 to entry: See also [Annex D](#).

3.2 analytical evaluation threshold (AET)

threshold below which the analyst need not identify or quantify leachables or extractables or report them for potential toxicological assessment (see [Annex E](#))

3.3 analytically expedient

situation where an extraction vehicle can be directly evaluated with generally available analytical methods with the sensitivity and selectivity necessary to achieve a designated reporting threshold such as the AET

3.4 analytical screening method

method whose purpose is to discover, identify and semi-quantitatively estimate the concentration of all relevant analytes in a test sample above an established reporting threshold (such as the AET)

3.5 analytical targeting method

method whose purpose is to quantify, with an appropriately high degree of accuracy and precision, specified analytes in a specified test sample over a specified concentration range

3.6 chemical characterization

process of obtaining chemical information, accomplished by either information gathering or by information generation, for example, by chemical testing

3.7 chemical information

qualitative and quantitative knowledge related to the configuration, composition and production of the medical device and/or its materials of construction, thereby establishing the identities and levels of chemicals present in the materials and device (including any additives and processing aids)

Note 1 to entry: See also [5.3.1](#), [5.3.2](#), [5.3.3](#), and [Annex B](#).

Note 2 to entry: Chemical information can be used to establish the hypothetical worst case release of chemicals from a medical device, predicated on the circumstance that all chemicals present in the device are released from the device under its clinical conditions of use.

3.8 clinically established material, component or medical device

medical device (and its associated materials and components of construction) which has been used extensively for specified and established clinical uses for which biocompatibility has been established

3.9**component**

item which is manufactured from a basic starting material but is not itself a medical device, since it forms only one part of a medical device

3.10**constituent**

chemical that is present in a finished medical device or its materials of construction

Note 1 to entry: Constituents may be intentionally present (e.g., an additive such as an antioxidant) or unintentionally present (e.g., an impurity).

3.11**converter**

person or company who converts or fabricates a basic raw material into a semi-finished product (e.g. a former of lengths of rod, tubing, or plastic components)

3.12**digestion**

process of solubilizing a medical device, one or more of its components or one or more of its materials of construction by breaking it down into its fundamental structural units, including its elemental constituents or monomeric units

3.13**dissolution**

process of completely solubilizing a medical device, one or more of its components and /or one or more of its materials of construction, generally preserving the molecular structures of its constituents

3.14**exaggerated extraction**

extraction that is intended to result in a greater number or amount of chemical constituents being released as compared to the amount generated under the clinical conditions of use but is not expected to result in a chemical change of the substances being extracted

3.15**exhaustive extraction**

a multi-step extraction conducted until the amount of material extracted in a subsequent extraction step is less than 10 % by gravimetric analysis (or achieved by other means) of that determined in the first extraction step

3.16**extractables**

substances that are released from a medical device or material of construction when the medical device or material is extracted using laboratory extraction conditions and vehicles

3.17**extraction**

process performed to separate a chemical substance from a test article by exposing the test article to an extraction vehicle under defined and controlled conditions

3.18**extraction power**

ability of an extraction vehicle to extract (or leach) substances from a medical device, component or material of construction

Note 1 to entry: The extraction power of an extraction vehicle is impacted by its physicochemical properties, including, but not limited to, its polarity, pH, volatility, permeability, dielectric constant.

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3.19**extraction vehicle**

that medium (solution or solvent) which is used to extract (or leach) a test article for the purpose of establishing the test article's extractables or leachables profile

Note 1 to entry: For some medical devices (e.g., infusion systems) that are labelled for use with a drug, the most appropriate extraction medium may be the drug product or drug product vehicle.

Note 2 to entry: It is preferred that extraction vehicles be analytically expedient.

3.20**identification**

process of assigning a molecular structure and chemical name to an organic compound or assigning constituent elements or molecular structure as appropriate, and a chemical name to an inorganic compound

3.21**information gathering**

process of collecting existing chemical information, including available test results, that is relevant to chemical characterization

3.22**information generation**

process of producing chemical information via laboratory testing

3.23**leachables**

substances that are released from a medical device and to a potentially affected individual during its clinical use

Note 1 to entry: Leachables studies establish the type and amount of compounds that are released from a device under its actual conditions of clinical use. [SIST EN ISO 10993-18:2020](https://standards.iteh.ai/catalog/standards/sist/51b12d6f-5180-44a8-8780-04736e22b1fb/sist-en-iso-10993-18-2020)

3.24**manufacturer**

natural or legal person who manufactures or fully refurbishes a medical device, or has a device designed, manufactured, or fully refurbished, and markets that medical device under its name or trademark

3.25**material composition**

listing of the substances that are contained in a material (qualitative) and the amount of each substance in the material (quantitative)

Note 1 to entry: A material's composition establishes the hypothetical situation in which the total amount of all substances present in a medical device are released during clinical use. These amounts can be derived directly from known composition; experimentally, they can be derived from digestion, dissolution, and, in many cases, exhaustive extraction studies.

3.26**material of construction**

individual raw materials (for example, polymer resins) that are used to produce a component

3.27**medical device configuration**

listing of a medical device's components (qualitative), including a listing of the component's materials of construction (qualitative) and the proportion of each material in each component (quantitative)

3.28**potentially affected individual**

person having direct or indirect body contact with the medical device (see ISO 10993-1 for categorization by nature of body contact)

3.29**safety concern threshold (SCT)**

conceptually derived and information-based dose threshold below which a leachable (or an extractable as a probable leachable) has a dose so low that it presents a negligible safety concern from carcinogenic and non-carcinogenic toxic effects

3.30**simulated-use extraction**

extraction, performed using an extraction method that simulates clinical use, which is conducted to evaluate those extractable substances which could be available as leachables from a medical device during the routine clinical use of the device

Note 1 to entry: A simulated-use extraction is performed to estimate the type and amount of substances that are expected to be released from a medical device during its clinical use. A simulated-use extraction is designed to produce an extractables profile that represents the worst case leachables profile, meaning that all leachables are also extractables and the levels of all individual extractables are at least equal to the level of all individual leachables.

3.31**solubilisation**

action or process of using a vehicle to dissolve part or all of a test article

Note 1 to entry: Leaching, extraction, dissolution, and digestion are (progressively more complete) sub-categories of solubilisation.

3.32**sponsor**

individual or organization that plans, commissions, and takes responsibility for testing of a medical device

3.33**supplier**

person or company who manufactures and/or supplies the basic starting materials of construction to be used in the manufacture of a medical device

3.34**threshold of toxicological concern (TTC)**

theoretically derived human exposure threshold value for all chemicals (except for known and documented exclusions) below which the chemical would not pose an appreciable risk to human health as established by relevant and appropriate biological endpoints

3.35**toxicological risk assessment**

act of determining the potential of a chemical to elicit an adverse effect based on a specified level of exposure

4 Symbols and abbreviated terms

The abbreviated terms given in [Table 1](#) are used in this document.

Table 1 — Methodology abbreviations

Abbreviated term	Analytical method
2D PAGE	Two-dimensional polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis
AES	Atomic emission spectroscopy
AET	Analytical evaluation threshold
DMTA	Dynamic mechanical thermal analysis
^a Mass spectrometry is frequently combined with other techniques (especially chromatographic) in coupled methods such as GC-MS, LC-MS and MS-MS.	

Table 1 (continued)

Abbreviated term	Analytical method
DSC	Differential scanning calorimetry
FID	Flame ionization detection
FTIR	Fourier transform infrared (spectroscopy)
GC	Gas chromatography
GPC/SEC	Gel permeation chromatography/size exclusion chromatography
HPLC (or LC)	High performance liquid chromatography (or liquid chromatography)
HS	Headspace sampling
IC	Ion chromatography
ICP	Inductively coupled plasma
IR	Infrared (spectroscopy)
MS ^a	Mass spectrometry
NMR	Nuclear magnetic resonance (spectroscopy)
NVOC	Non-volatile organic compound
NVR	Non-volatile residue
SCT	Safety concern threshold
SEM-EDS	Scanning electron microscopy-energy dispersive X-ray spectroscopy
SVOC	Semi-volatile organic compound
TOC	Total organic carbon
TTC	Threshold of toxicological concern
UV	Ultraviolet (spectroscopy)
VOC	Volatile organic compound
XPS	X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy
XRF	X-ray fluorescence
^a Mass spectrometry is frequently combined with other techniques (especially chromatographic) in coupled methods such as GC-MS, LC-MS and MS-MS.	

5 Characterization procedure

5.1 General

The chemical characterization information, either collected or generated, and augmented with additional supporting information as appropriate, can be used for a range of important applications, for example.

- Supporting the overall biological safety of a medical device (ISO 10993-1 and ISO 14971).
- Supporting the biological safety of a reprocessed medical device.
- Determining the amount of chemical substances that might be leached from a medical device under the conditions of its clinical use, to support performing a toxicological risk assessment (ISO 10993-17).
- Supporting equivalence of a proposed medical device to a clinically established device, used for the same type of clinical exposure, with regard to either the device's configuration or its extractables/leachables profiles and any subsequent relevant evaluations.
- Supporting equivalence of a clinically established medical device, used for the same type of clinical exposure, after changes in the manufacturing process, (including, but not limited, to changes in the sterilization process), manufacturing sites, suppliers of materials or components, etc.

- Supporting equivalence of a proposed material of construction to a clinically established material of construction with regard to either the material's composition or its extractables profiles and any subsequent relevant evaluations.
- Supporting equivalence of a final medical device to a prototype device in regards to the use of data secured on the prototype to support the assessment of the final device, specifically considering relevant information such as composition, device configuration and extractable profile obtained for either the device or its materials of construction.
- Screening of potential new materials for chemical suitability in a medical device for a proposed clinical application.

These important applications notwithstanding, chemical characterization alone may be insufficient to establish the equivalence or biocompatibility of materials and medical devices, and cannot unilaterally substitute for biological testing. However, chemical characterization in combination with risk assessment may be a necessary part of judging chemical equivalence and assessing biocompatibility, and if appropriately conducted can be used in lieu of certain biocompatibility tests.

As described previously, chemical characterization of a medical device provides the necessary input into the device's biological evaluation and toxicological risk assessment (see ISO 10993-1 and ISO 10993-17). A flowchart describing the general chemical characterization process is given in [Figure 1](#). This flowchart represents the Chemical Characterization portion of the overall biological evaluation flow as discussed in ISO 10993-1 and is meant to illustrate the characterization process that is described in this clause. This general flowchart is supplemented with additional flowcharts ([Figures 2 to 4](#)) that provide greater detail of the process.

The requirements and guidance for each step of the chemical characterization process are specified in [5.2](#) to [5.11](#). When specified in the applicable flowchart, scientific staff shall compile existing information relevant to the chemical characterization (information gathering) and assess its adequacy as the basis for a toxicological risk assessment of the material/medical device. If the existing information is insufficient to complete the assessment, additional information shall be gathered or produced by testing (information generation) to enable the toxicological risk assessment.

This procedure should consider each of the direct and indirect contact materials of construction used in a medical device in addition to the requirement for chemical characterization of the finished medical device. Since the chemical nature of a medical device can be affected by its processing during its construction (e.g., sterilization), the effect of this processing on the device shall be taken into account in the design and interpretation of the chemical characterization.

At each step of the characterization procedure, the adequacy of the available data as the basis for performing the risk assessment shall be established. The available data can be considered adequate if it reflects or exceeds the conditions of clinical use and a risk assessment based on the available data can be completed. Inadequacies in the data can be addressed by filling gaps in such data (e.g., literature review) and/or supplementing the data via analytical testing.

The flowcharts have the following types of process steps; start/stop, decision points, information gathering and evaluation, and analytical testing. Each type of step is represented by a geometric shape. Start/stop steps are identified as ovals, a decision step is identified as a diamond, an information gathering/evaluation step is represented as a parallelogram, and a step that involves analytical testing is represented as a rectangle.

The steps and actions defined in sub-Clauses [5.6.2](#), [5.8](#) and [5.10.1](#) are part of the toxicological risk assessment process and represent the points at which chemical information is provided for a toxicological assessment. As such, they are for the most part, outside the scope of chemical characterization, which is the focus of this document. These steps are included to indicate the important link between chemical characterization and toxicological risk assessment (see ISO 10993-17 and ISO 14971).

The characterization procedure and its associated flowchart system is based on the principles in ISO 10993-1; specifically, that the biological evaluation and toxicological risk assessment process is most efficient and effective if it is based on the minimum amount of acceptable and necessary chemical