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Standard Practice for Selection of Blood for *in vitro* Evaluation of Blood Pumps¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This practice covers blood that will be used for *in vitro* performance assessments of blood pumps. These assessments include the hemolytic properties of the devices.

1.2 This practice covers the utilization of blood for the *in vitro* evaluation of the following devices:

1.2.1 Continuous flow rotary blood pumps (roller pumps, centrifugal pumps, axial flow pumps, and so forth) (see Practice F1841).

1.2.2 Pulsatile blood pumps (pneumatically driven, electro-mechanically driven, and so forth).

1.3 The source of blood utilized for *in vitro* evaluation of blood trauma (that is, hemolysis caused by the blood pumps, due to the pump design, construction, and materials used) substantially influences the results of the performance of these devices. Thus, a standardized blood source is required.

1.4 The values stated in SI units are to be regarded as standard. No other units of measurement are included in this standard.

1.5 This international standard was developed in accordance with internationally recognized principles on standardization established in the Decision on Principles for the Development of International Standards, Guides and Recommendations issued by the World Trade Organization Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Committee.

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:²

F1841 Practice for Assessment of Hemolysis in Continuous Flow Blood Pumps

3. Terminology

3.1 Definitions of Terms Specific to This Standard:

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² For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, www.astm.org, or contact ASTM Customer Service at service@astm.org. For Annual Book of ASTM Standards volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

3.1.1 *continuous flow pump*—a blood pump that produces continuous blood flow due to its rotary motion.

3.1.2 *hemolysis*—one of the parameters of blood damage caused by a blood pump. This can be observed by a change in the plasma color and can be measured as an increase of free plasma hemoglobin concentration.

3.1.3 *pulsatile pump*—a blood pump that produces blood flow to mimic a natural heart.

4. Summary of Practice

4.1 For the experimental evaluation of blood pump designs and materials, an *in vitro* hemolysis test is recommended using fresh bovine or porcine blood. The donor animals should have normal body temperature, no physical signs of disease, including diarrhea and rhinorrhea, and an acceptable normal range of hematological profiles. The blood from a slaughterhouse should not be used because it may be contaminated with other body fluids, unless obtained by controlled venipuncture. However, for the preclinical studies, fresh human blood is recommended for use (see Practice F1841).

4.2 For the *in vitro* hemolysis test, fresh bovine or porcine blood is used within 48 h, including the time for transport. Fresh human blood should be used within 24 h after blood harvesting. The collected blood should be refrigerated at 2 to 8°C.

5. Significance and Use

5.1 The test results are substantially affected by donor species and age, the method of harvesting, the period of storage, the biochemical state of the blood, and the hemoglobin and hematocrit level of blood.^{3,4} Therefore, standardization of proper blood usage for *in vitro* evaluation of blood pumps is essential, and this recommended practice will allow a universal comparison of test results.

5.2 Drawing several units of blood from healthy cattle does not affect them or their health. Therefore, bovine blood is

³ Mueller NM, et al. *In Vitro* Hematological Testing of Rotary Blood Pumps: Remarks on Standardization and Data Interpretation. *Artif Organs*, 17 (2), 1993, pp. 103–110.

⁴ Mizuguchi K, et al. Does Hematocrit Affect *In Vitro* Hemolysis Test Results?: Preliminary Studies with NASA Axial Flow Pump. *Artif Organs* 18 (9), 1994, pp. 650–656.