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

— considerations have been added to multiple clauses regarding degradation-induced device fracture and the generation of absorbable particulate matter after mechanical attributes are lost;

— clauses about labelling and instructions for use (IFU) have been modified;

— Figure 2 has been modified to facilitate translation into multiple languages;

— standards with guidance for characterization of absorbable polymers and metals have been elaborated.

— additional guidance regarding animal and clinical study design, limitations, and assessment has been added.

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Introduction

Absorbable cardiovascular implants are medical devices with various clinical indications for use in the human cardiovascular blood system. An absorbable cardiovascular implant, or at least a portion thereof, is designed to intentionally degrade over time into degradation products that are absorbed by the body through either metabolism, assimilation, or excretion (elimination), or all. Such implants can be either surgically introduced or introduced through intervention to the site of treatment.

This document outlines requirements for intended performance, design attributes, materials, design evaluation, manufacturing, sterilization, packaging, and information supplied by the manufacturer. This document is intended to be a supplement to ISO 14630, which specifies general requirements for the performance of non-active surgical implants. This document is intended to also be a supplement to relevant device-specific standards such as the ISO 25539 series specifying requirements for endovascular devices, which do not address degradation and other time dependent aspects of absorbable implants and coatings. Additionally, this document should be considered in conjunction with ISO 14155, which specifies proper practices in clinical investigations.

This document is not comprehensive with respect to the pharmacological evaluation of cardiovascular absorbable implants. More detailed safety and performance requirements for pharmacological agents included in the absorbable cardiovascular implant are described in ISO 12417-1.

Only issues related to degradation and absorption combined with the cardiovascular implant are covered by this document. Due to the variations in the design of implants covered by this document and in some cases due to the relatively recent development of some of these implants (e.g. absorbable stents), acceptable standardized in vitro tests and clinical results are not always available. As further scientific and clinical data become available, appropriate revision of this document will be necessary.

NOTE For issues related to the common mechanical function of the cardiovascular implant, it can be useful to consider a number of other international standards that are given in the Bibliography.

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1 Scope

This document establishes design evaluation requirements and recommendations for absorbable cardiovascular implants used to treat vessels and/or the vascular space within the circulatory system, including the heart and all vasculature. This document is intended to supplement device-specific standards by providing guidelines specific for either absorbable implants or components, or both.

This document is applicable to implants in direct contact with the cardiovascular system, where the intended action is upon the circulatory system. This document does not address the specific evaluation of issues associated with viable tissues, viable cells, and/or implants with non-viable biological materials and their derivatives. Additionally, procedures and devices used prior to and following the introduction of the absorbable cardiovascular implant (e.g. balloon angioplasty devices) are excluded from the scope of this document if they do not affect the absorption aspects of the implant. A cardiovascular absorbable implant can incorporate substance(s) which, if used separately, can be considered to be a medicinal product (drug product) but the action of the medicinal substance is ancillary to that of the implant and supports the primary mode of action of the implant.

NOTE 1 Some aspects of absorbable components of cardiovascular device-drug combination products (e.g. coatings) in their connection with drug-related aspects of the device are addressed in ISO 12417-1.

NOTE 2 An explanation of the nomenclature of absorb, degrade and related terms can be found in Annex A.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 5840 (all parts), *Cardiovascular implants — Cardiac valve prostheses*

ISO 10993 (all parts), *— Biological evaluation of medical devices*

ISO 11135, *Sterilization of health-care products — Ethylene oxide — Requirements for the development, validation and routine control of a sterilization process for medical devices*

ISO 11137-1, *Sterilization of health care products — Radiation — Part 1: Requirements for development, validation and routine control of a sterilization process for medical devices*

ISO 11137-2, *Sterilization of health care products — Radiation — Part 2: Establishing the sterilization dose*

ISO 11137-3, *Sterilization of health care products — Radiation — Part 3: Guidance on dosimetric aspects of development, validation and routine control*

ISO 11607-1, *Packaging for terminally sterilized medical devices — Part 1: Requirements for materials, sterile barrier systems and packaging systems*

ISO 12417-1, *Cardiovascular implants and extracorporeal systems — Vascular device-drug combination products — Part 1: General requirements*

ISO 14155, *Clinical investigation of medical devices for human subjects — Good clinical practice*

ISO 14630:2012, *Non-active surgical implants — General requirements*

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