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Introduction

The purpose of a stability study is to ascertain that the properties of a product, in this case an intraocular lens (IOL), remain within specified limits for a sufficiently long period of time under the influence of a variety of environmental conditions.

The storage stability of the intraocular lens material is an important factor in the overall investigation of a new lens material, a new combination of given lens materials, a new packaging material, or a new manufacturing process. To assess this, a study of the ageing of the lenses in their containers is performed.

Changes in the composition and material, material suppliers, manufacturing conditions (including the sterilization process), or the package design or material could affect the shelf-life and could therefore necessitate renewed investigations. The need for studies of product stability, package integrity, and transport stability can be assessed using ISO 14971.

The design of the stability tests should be based on the known properties of the material from which the intraocular lens is made, and the recommendations for use of the intraocular lens. Knowledge of the quantity and identity of extractable substances found after storage or accelerated ageing studies are of importance in evaluating new intraocular lens materials.

On the basis of the information obtained, transport and storage conditions can be recommended that will maintain the quality of the intraocular lens in relation to its safety, efficacy, and acceptability, throughout the proposed shelf-life, i.e. during storage and distribution up until the moment of dispensing. The results obtained are also used to determine the expiration date.

In practical terms, it is the stability of the material from which the intraocular lens is made that is being tested, along with the integrity of the packaging that maintains the necessary environment of the intraocular lens.

Stability studies for intraocular lenses are thus material specific, i.e. this type of study need not be performed for more than one intraocular lens model for a given combination of IOL material(s), packaging materials, and manufacturing processes.

Ophthalmic implants — Intraocular lenses —

Part 6:

Shelf-life and transport stability testing

1 Scope

This part of ISO 11979 specifies tests by which the shelf-life of sterile intraocular lenses (IOLs) in their final packaging can be determined. These tests include procedures to establish the stability of IOLs in distribution and storage.

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 11979-1, *Ophthalmic implants — Intraocular lenses — Part 1: Vocabulary*

ISO 10993-5, *Biological evaluation of medical devices — Part 5: Tests for in vitro cytotoxicity*

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

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

ISO 11607-2, *Packaging for terminally sterilized medical devices — Part 2: Validation requirements for forming, sealing and assembly processes*

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

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 11979-1 apply.

4 Requirements

4.1 General

If, following a risk analysis in accordance with ISO 14971, it is found that a product stability study, a package integrity study, and/or a transport stability study are needed, this part of ISO 11979 shall apply to the planning and conduct of these studies.

A study protocol shall be developed prior to initiation of the study.

The study results shall demonstrate that the parameters measured with regard to performance, safety, and product acceptability are within the finished product specifications, when available. In cases where there are no finished product specifications, then the parameters measured shall remain within the limits of the applicable parts of ISO 11979. If there exists neither finished product specifications nor applicable limits specified within ISO 11979, then a comparison to time zero product shall be performed.