



Drug-Device Combination Products: Updates and Challenges with Demonstrating Generic Substitutability

Welcome Remarks

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Established in 2020, The Center for Research on Complex Generics (CRCG) is a collaboration between the University of Maryland, the University of Michigan, and the FDA.



About CRCG

Our Mission

Increase access to safe and effective generic drugs through enhanced infrastructure/communication, education, and research collaboration across industry, academia and the FDA.

We are dedicated to advancing programs that stimulate scientific dialogue, disseminate current insights, and generate new knowledge about complex generics in support of the FDA's mission to promote and protect the public health.

Primary Goals of the CRCG



INFRASTRUCTURE & COMMUNICATION

Establishing core program infrastructure and enhancing communications to advance complex generics development



EDUCATION & TRAINING

Providing education and training through workshops, webinars, hands-on demonstrations, and on-site visits



COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH

Conducting collaborative research and enabling pilot research projects and technological development



Ongoing Engagement to Advance Complex Generics Product Development

750+ engagements with key complex generics players to understand challenges and opportunities in advancing complex generics product development



DDCPs: A Few Unique Challenges

- Need FDA's clarification on when it is critical for a generic to be identical to RLD and when human factors (HF) testing may be useful in overcoming any differences that may not impact the safety or usability of the product
- HF studies are:
 - Expensive
 - Never identical to the RLD due to intellectual property
 - Evaluated quantitatively rather than qualitatively yielding little meaningful information about safety and effectiveness
 - Difficult to successfully conduct while meeting regulatory requirements
 - Particularly burdensome for highly variable RLDs



DDCPs: Other Challenges

- Device differences possibly leading to small variations in the patient usage side have high barrier for approval
- FDA has been wary of adopting or accepting certain scientific methods that sponsors consider commonplace or routine
- Need for regulatory science and research regarding acceptable non-inferiority margins in comparative use human factors studies, including workshops, training, and focus groups



DDCPs: Intellectual property (IP) interferes with the progress of generic development

- Even if a generic elicits desirable functionality, if it does not meet all RLD specifications due to concerns over prior art, it impacts approval
- IP blocks companies from making acceptable “mimics” of the innovator. The uncertainty of new patent claims, makes it challenging to predict infringement, design human factor studies and begin scaling up manufacturing.
- Trade dress can prevent companies from using the same device shape, color and/or delivery design. For inhalation products, like albuterol, shape of the device is crucial for proper drug delivery and optimal dosing. For life-saving injectables such as EpiPen[®], the color helps patients readily identify their medication in times of anaphylaxis.



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Opening Remarks

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Summary of 2023 DDACP 101 course and Day 1 Overview



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