

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Food and Drug Administration**

[Docket No. FDA-2018-D-0944]

**Investigational In Vitro Diagnostics in Oncology Trials: Streamlined Submission Process for Study Risk Determination; Draft Guidance for Industry; Availability**

**AGENCY:** Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** The Food and Drug Administration (FDA or Agency) is announcing the availability of a draft guidance for industry entitled “Investigational In Vitro Diagnostics in Oncology Trials: Streamlined Submission Process for Study Risk Determination.” This guidance, developed by the Oncology Center of Excellence, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER), Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research (CBER), and Center for Devices and Radiological Health (CDRH) at FDA, describes an optional streamlined submission process to determine whether an investigational in vitro diagnostic in an oncology clinical trial under an investigational new drug application (IND) (an oncology co-development program) is significant risk. In the streamlined process, all information about the oncology trial (including information about the investigational in vitro diagnostic) is submitted to the IND. As part of IND review, CBER or CDER works with CDRH to determine if the investigational in vitro diagnostic is significant risk.

**DATES:** Submit either electronic or written comments on the draft guidance by June 15, 2018 to ensure that the Agency considers your comment on this draft guidance before it begins work on the final version of the guidance.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments on any guidance at any time as follows:

*Electronic Submissions*

Submit electronic comments in the following way:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments. Comments submitted electronically, including attachments, to <https://www.regulations.gov> will be posted to the docket unchanged. Because your comment will be made public, you are solely responsible for ensuring that your comment does not include any confidential information that you or a third party may not wish to be posted,

such as medical information, your or anyone else’s Social Security number, or confidential business information, such as a manufacturing process. Please note that if you include your name, contact information, or other information that identifies you in the body of your comments, that information will be posted on <https://www.regulations.gov>.

- If you want to submit a comment with confidential information that you do not wish to be made available to the public, submit the comment as a written/paper submission and in the manner detailed (see “Written/Paper Submissions” and “Instructions”).

*Written/Paper Submissions*

Submit written/paper submissions as follows:

- *Mail/Hand Delivery/Courier (for written/paper submissions):* Dockets Management Staff (HFA-305), Food and Drug Administration, 5630 Fishers Lane, Rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852.

- For written/paper comments submitted to the Dockets Management Staff, FDA will post your comment, as well as any attachments, except for information submitted, marked and identified, as confidential, if submitted as detailed in “Instructions.”

*Instructions:* All submissions received must include the Docket No. FDA-2018-D-0944 for “Investigational In Vitro Diagnostics in Oncology Trials: Streamlined Submission Process for Study Risk Determination; Draft Guidance for Industry; Availability.” Received comments will be placed in the docket and, except for those submitted as “Confidential Submissions,” publicly viewable at <https://www.regulations.gov> or at the Dockets Management Staff between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

- *Confidential Submissions*—To submit a comment with confidential information that you do not wish to be made publicly available, submit your comments only as a written/paper submission. You should submit two copies total. One copy will include the information you claim to be confidential with a heading or cover note that states “THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINS CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION.” The Agency will review this copy, including the claimed confidential information, in its consideration of comments. The second copy, which will have the claimed confidential information redacted/blacked out, will be available for public viewing and posted on <https://www.regulations.gov>. Submit both copies to the Dockets Management Staff. If you do not wish your name and contact information to be made publicly

available, you can provide this information on the cover sheet and not in the body of your comments and you must identify this information as “confidential.” Any information marked as “confidential” will not be disclosed except in accordance with 21 CFR 10.20 and other applicable disclosure law. For more information about FDA’s posting of comments to public dockets, see 80 FR 56469, September 18, 2015, or access the information at: <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-09-18/pdf/2015-23389.pdf>.

*Docket:* For access to the docket to read background documents or the electronic and written/paper comments received, go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and insert the docket number, found in brackets in the heading of this document, into the “Search” box and follow the prompts and/or go to the Dockets Management Staff, 5630 Fishers Lane, Rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852.

You may submit comments on any guidance at any time (see 21 CFR 10.115(g)(5)).

Submit written requests for single copies of the draft guidance to the Division of Drug Information, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, Food and Drug Administration, 10001 New Hampshire Ave., Hillandale Building, 4th Floor, Silver Spring, MD 20993-0002; Office of Communication, Outreach, and Development, Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research, Food and Drug Administration, 10903 New Hampshire Ave., Bldg. 71, Rm. 3128, Silver Spring, MD 20993-0002; or Office of the Center Director, Center for Devices and Radiological Health, Food and Drug Administration, 10903 New Hampshire Ave., Bldg. 66, Rm. 5431, Silver Spring, MD 20993-0002, or via email to [CDRH-Guidance@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:CDRH-Guidance@fda.hhs.gov). See the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for electronic access to the draft guidance document.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Julie Schneider, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, Food and Drug Administration, 10903 New Hampshire Ave., Bldg. 22, Rm. 2208, Silver Spring, MD 20993, 240-402-4658; Yun-Fu Hu, Center for Devices and Radiological Health, Food and Drug Administration, 10903 New Hampshire Ave., Bldg. 66, Rm. 5676, Silver Spring, MD 20993-0002, 301-796-6170; or Stephen Ripley, Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research, Food and Drug Administration, 10903 New Hampshire Ave., Bldg. 71, Rm. 7301, Silver Spring, MD 20993-0002, 240-402-7911.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

## I. Background

FDA is announcing the availability of a draft guidance for industry entitled “Investigational In Vitro Diagnostics in Oncology Trials: Streamlined Submission Process for Study Risk Determination.” This guidance, developed by the Oncology Center of Excellence, CDER, CBER, and CDRH at FDA, describes an optional streamlined submission process to determine whether an investigational in vitro diagnostic in an oncology clinical trial under an IND (an oncology co-development program) is significant risk. In the traditional submission process, many sponsors submitted a study risk determination Q-submission to CDRH and an IND to the appropriate center (CBER or CDER). In the streamlined process, all information regarding the oncology co-development program (including investigational in vitro diagnostic information) is initially submitted to the IND. CBER or CDER works with CDRH to determine whether the in vitro diagnostic is significant risk.

Initially, FDA plans to implement the streamlined submission process for oncology-related products, because FDA has received the greatest number of co-development submissions in this disease area and has the most experience evaluating whether the in vitro diagnostic is significant risk. However, FDA is interested in receiving comments on whether the streamlined submission process should be extended to other disease areas in the future.

This draft guidance is being issued consistent with FDA’s good guidance practices regulation (21 CFR 10.115). This draft guidance is not final nor is it in effect at this time. The draft guidance, when finalized, will represent the current thinking of FDA on a streamlined submission process for study risk determination for in vitro diagnostics in oncology trials. It does not establish any rights for any person and is not binding on FDA or the public. You can use an alternative approach if it satisfies the requirements of the applicable statutes and regulations. This guidance is not subject to Executive Order 12866.

## II. The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995

This guidance refers to currently approved collections of information. These collections of information are subject to review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501–3520). The collections of information in 21 CFR part 809 have been approved under OMB control

number 0910–0485; the collections of information in 21 CFR parts 50 and 56 have been approved under OMB control number 0910–0755; the collections of information in 21 CFR 56.115 have been approved under OMB control number 0910–0130; the collections of information in 21 CFR 50.23 have been approved under OMB control number 0910–0586; the collections of information in 21 CFR part 812 have been approved under OMB control number 0910–0078; the collections of information in 21 CFR part 820 have been approved under OMB control number 0910–0073; the collections of information in 21 CFR part 312 have been approved under OMB control number 0910–0014; and the collections of information in 21 CFR part 314 have been approved under OMB control number 0910–0001. The collections of information in the guidance document titled “Requests for Feedback on Medical Device Submissions: The Pre-Submission Program and Meetings with Food and Drug Administration Staff” (available at <https://www.fda.gov/ucm/groups/fdagov-public/@fdagov-meddev-gen/documents/document/ucm311176.pdf>) have been approved under OMB control number 0910–0756.

## III. Electronic Access

Persons with access to the internet may obtain the draft guidance at <https://www.fda.gov/Drugs/GuidanceComplianceRegulatoryInformation/Guidances/default.htm>, <https://www.fda.gov/BiologicsBloodVaccines/GuidanceComplianceRegulatoryInformation/Guidances/default.htm>, <https://www.fda.gov/MedicalDevices/DeviceRegulationandGuidance/GuidanceDocuments/default.htm>, or <https://www.regulations.gov>.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. FDA–2016–D–1174]

### Special Protocol Assessment; Guidance for Industry; Availability

**AGENCY:** Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** The Food and Drug Administration (FDA or Agency) is announcing the availability of a guidance for industry entitled “Special Protocol Assessment.” This guidance provides information about the procedures and general policies adopted by the Center for Drug Evaluation and Research and the Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research for special protocol assessment (SPA). This guidance is intended to improve the quality of requests for SPAs and accompanying submission materials, and the quality of the resulting interactions between sponsors and FDA. This guidance finalizes the draft guidance of the same name issued May 4, 2016, and replaces the guidance of the same name issued May 17, 2002.

**DATES:** The announcement of the guidance is published in the **Federal Register** on April 16, 2018.

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