

Evaluating Generic Combination Products and Navigating Differences

Session Objective



Outline the current regulatory framework, scientific data, challenges & opportunities for the evaluation of Generic Drug-Device Combination Product user interface differences

- Understand scientific data that support classification of user-interface differences as minor vs. non-minor and their impact on usability for patients
- Continue the Industry & FDA discussion on opportunities to improve assessment approaches for non-minor differences based on scientific data (e.g. alternative approaches to Comparative Use Human Factors Studies)

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Delivering safe & functional combination products that are substitutable with the RLD

Device Safety and Functionally Testing: ensuring that the drug product is safely and effectively delivered to the intended site of action

Design Control

- Safe and consistent fulfillment of performance specs throughout lifecycle
 - Biocompatibility data (extractable / leachable)
 - Human factors evaluation

User interface & substitutability: ensure that intended users can safely use generic device in place of RLD without additional training



Challenge

User interface differences may require challenging HF studies or design change

Comparative Analysis: Evaluation of user interface differences

- Physical comparison
- Comparative task analysis
- Labelling comparison

Focus is similarity of critical design attributes - features which may impact safe & effective drug administration

No or only Minor Differences in the user interface

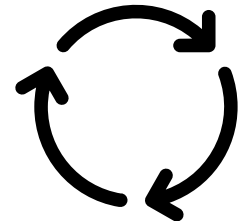
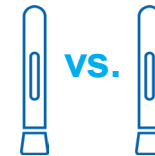


“Other than Minor” Differences

Comparative Use Human Factors (CUHF) study

Design change

Design: Stat. comparison of RLD vs. Generic error rates
Participants: divers user groups experience with RLD
Study size: can be large (50-100 patients)
Study length: can be long (6-12 months)
Impact: High / Prohibitive



Device differences can be important to deliver safe state-of-the-art patient friendly features

Differentiation drivers

Usability improvements: Wish to improve user interface based on new technology / features

Replacement of unsafe / outdated features: Known use errors with RLD

Leverage platforms: Utilization of device platforms preferred by patients based on real world experience

Unavailable components: Older constituent parts no longer available

Patents: RLD IP may require differentiation for generic market entry



High Substitutability requirements (CUHF)

Objective / ideal state

Patient friendly: Device is easy to use and adapted to patient needs

Substitutable: Device can be substituted with RLD without additional training

Safe: Device utilizes state of the art features to maximize safety and address known use errors



Generic Combination Products vs RLD: Navigating Differences An Industry Perspective

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Substitutability of Generic Combination Product with the RLD



Generic Combination Product Therapeutically Equivalent to the RLD

- ❑ Same clinical effect and safety profile as the RLD under conditions specified in labeling
- ❑ Do NOT need to be IDENTICAL in all respects
- ❑ Expects end-users to be able to use the generic combination product when substituted for the RLD without health care provider intervention and/or additional training

Comparative Analysis (Threshold Analysis)

- ❑ Identify and evaluate user interface differences that can affect end user ability to safely use the product
 - ✓ Physical comparison of device constituent part: critical design attributes
 - ✓ Labeling comparison: IFU, description of device, Full prescribing information
 - ✓ Comparative task analysis-focus on critical tasks
- ❑ Required even when RLD is not a CP, e.g. vial to PFS/IV Bag
- ❑ Minor differences in user interface can be justified

Comparative Use HF study

- ❑ If 'other design differences' identified impacting external critical design attributes that involves administration of the drug product
- ❑ Re-design not possible to minimize device differences
- ❑ Assess the design differences between the user interface of the proposed generic CP and RLD to determine clinical risk and safety when proposed drug product is substituted for the RLD.

A Case Study: Lessons Learned

Proposed Product vs RLD

- Pre-filled, variable-dose, multi-use pen injector
- Non-emergency use, daily dosing by patient or guardian/caregiver of pediatric patient
- Device operated in the same way by dialing to select the dose and pushing to inject the dose

Strategy

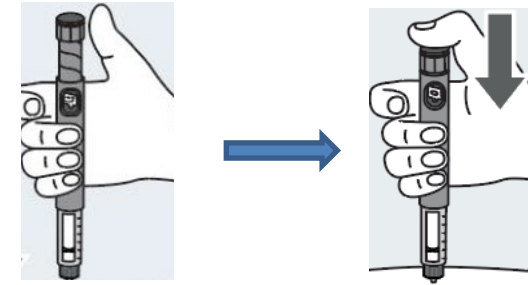
- Demonstrated device performance equivalency in regard to functionality, accuracy, and robustness per ISO standards
- Formative HF with RLD users-objective and subjective data showing product could be used safely; some participants needed time to get familiar/use it
- ***Establish device sameness through a comparative TA and comparative testing of essential design requirements***

PreANDA Meeting Feedback

- Other design differences identified may have an impact on external critical design attributes that involves administration of the product
- **CUHF study would be required** to address the differences and assess clinical risk and safety when proposed drug product is substituted for the RLD.



Other Design Differences identified in Pen Injector Product Requiring CUHF



Proposed device: Dose selector barrel/dose button extends out from the main body of the pen

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RLD device: dose button remains static in a fixed position

Proposed device: Other doses visible on the dose selector barrel as it extends from pen main body

vs

RLD device: only allows for one dose to be visible in the dose window

Proposed device: dose button requires a dynamic push action to return extended barrel into pen body and deliver dose

vs

RLD device: requires a static push action

Chain of Events related to CUHF Study

1st Pre-ANDA Meeting Request to ANDA submission: ~24 months

CUHF PROTOCOL

- Paired study with participants using both proposed and RLD pen injectors
- Surrogate participants with similar patient characteristics using RLD equivalent product
- Evaluate critical tasks related to the differing external critical design attributes

Pre-ANDA MEETING

- Justification needed for selected NI margin based on RLD studies
- Comparison only to RLD users and no agreement on use of surrogate patients
 - *If recruitment difficulties during study:* send information on efforts, proposed alternative options and rationale for consideration

Post-Meeting COMMENTS

- Older pediatric user group: no guardian intervention to capture more robust user data
- Primary endpoint of the study is overall use success
- May be necessary to include other critical tasks in the overall use success and not only those impacted by differing external critical design attributes

CUHF Study: "Pilot"

- 42 patients performed in 3 different cities
- Demonstrated -0.30 NI margin and a sample size of 20 subjects would be needed (99.9% power)
- Already evaluated 21 subjects per user group and sufficiently powered to demonstrate proposed pen is non-inferior to the RLD
- Results indicated it is very unlikely (0.01%) that further testing would produce different results.
- Analysis provides substantial data-based evidence to justify other design differences will not impact safe use and no further CUHF testing should be required.

ANDA REVIEW

- Design validation information requested during site inspection and CUHF approach questioned
- CRL with CUHF comments
 - Use of RLD training for new pediatric users
 - No presence of guardian
 - Suggested use of surrogate patients
 - Need to assess deviation from IFU even if not impacting critical tasks and patient's routine practice

Case Study: Real-World Challenges to Consider



Study Design

- Establishing NI margin based on RLD use errors
- Overall use error margin instead of individual critical tasks
- Limited to no published studies on RLD HF data
- Pilot studies to determine NI depletes subjects for subsequent CUHF study

Recruitment of RLD Users

- New patient population, second line treatment
- Other generic products already on market and in use by patients
- Restrictive inclusion criteria, e.g. no presence of guardians for non-emergency products

Costs and Timeline

- Formative/pilot studies to determine CUHF requirements
- Availability and cost of RLD
- Use of 3rd party companies to increase recruitment
- Study performance in multiple cities to recruit sufficient subjects

Opportunity

Scientific data may guide future guidance to address CUHF study design challenges



Challenge

CUHF statistical model: Non-inferiority model applies most stringent error rate margin “d” across all critical use tasks

CUHF study design: Challenges in recruiting, RLD availability and cost



Opportunity

Refine CUHF model to improve assessment of actual patient risk

- Application of error margin “d” to individual critical tasks based on severity of harm
- Account for learning effect (likelihood of repeated error) for individual critical tasks

Alternative HF study approaches

- HF study with generic device only
 - Compare generic device usability between RLD users vs. naive users

CUHF waiver based on data & experience

- Leverage platform CUHF data, predictive studies or real world evidence when justified





Thank You & Questions?