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# Foreword

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This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition (ISO 10993-4:2002), which has been technically revised.

It also incorporates the Amendment ISO 10993-4:2002/Amd 1:2006.

The following changes were made:

a) some definitions have been revised and new definitions have been added;

b) Tables 1 and 2 have been consolidated into a single new Table 1 with test categories and headers reorganized to emphasize and include material and mechanical-induced haemolysis testing and *in vitro* and *in vivo* testing for assessment of risk for thrombosis;

c) Tables 3 and 4 have been consolidated into a single new Table 2 with a simplified list of suggested and most common tests;

d) Annex B has been updated to cover only the most common practiced tests for assessing blood interactions;

e) Annex C has been added to cover the topic of *in vivo* thrombosis and methods for testing;

f) Annex D, which was Annex C in the previous edition, has been updated and now includes added information on mechanically-induced haemolysis;

g) Annex E has been added to cover the topic of complement testing and best test method practices;

h) Annexes F and G have been added to present the less common tests used to assess interactions with blood and the tests that are not recommended for preclinical assessment of medical device blood interaction, respectively. Many of these methods were previously included in Annex B;

 

i) subtle language refinements can be found throughout the revised document;

j) the Bibliography has been reorganized by common subjects of interest and updated with additional and more current references.

# Introduction

The selection and design of test methods for the interactions of medical devices with blood should take into consideration device design, materials, clinical utility, usage environment and risk benefit. This level of specificity can only be covered in vertical standards.

The initial source for developing this document was the publication, *Guidelines for blood/material interactions*, Report of the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute[14] chapters 9 and 10. This publication was subsequently revised[15].