

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES****Food and Drug Administration**

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**Guidance for Industry and Food and Drug Administration Staff; Establishing the Performance Characteristics of In Vitro Diagnostic Devices for the Detection or Detection and Differentiation of Influenza Viruses; Availability****AGENCY:** Food and Drug Administration, HHS.**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing the availability of the guidance entitled "Establishing the Performance Characteristics of In Vitro Diagnostic Devices for the Detection or Detection and Differentiation of Influenza Viruses." FDA is issuing this guidance to inform industry and Agency staff of its recommendations for analytical and clinical performance studies to support premarket submissions for in vitro diagnostic devices intended for the detection or detection and differentiation of influenza viruses.

**DATES:** Submit either electronic or written comments on this guidance at any time. General comments on Agency guidance documents are welcome at any time.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written requests for single copies of the guidance document entitled "Establishing the Performance Characteristics of In Vitro Diagnostic Devices for the Detection or Detection and Differentiation of Influenza Viruses" to the Division of Small Manufacturers, International, and Consumer Assistance, Center for Devices and Radiological Health, Food and Drug Administration, 10903 New Hampshire Ave., Bldg. 66, rm. 4613, Silver Spring, MD 20993-0002. Send one self-addressed adhesive label to assist that office in processing your request, or fax your request to 301-847-8149. See the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for information on electronic access to the guidance.

Submit electronic comments on the guidance to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Submit written comments to the Division of Dockets Management (HFA-305), Food and Drug Administration, 5630 Fishers Lane, Rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852. Identify comments with the docket number found in brackets in the heading of this document.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****I. Background**

This guidance document recommends studies that may be used to establish the analytical and clinical performance of in vitro diagnostic devices (IVDs) for the detection or detection and differentiation of influenza viruses. The document addresses devices that detect either influenza viral antigens or influenza viral genome (protein or nucleic acid), including those for novel influenza viruses in either human specimens or culture isolate. The guidance does not address devices that detect serological response from the host to the viral antigen, nor does it address establishing performance of non-influenza components of multi-analyte or multiplex devices. This guidance document identifies the classification regulations and product codes for existing legally marketed influenza tests and supplements other FDA documents that discuss the specific contents of premarket submissions. The draft of the guidance was issued for comment for 90 days on February 15, 2008. A total of four sets of comments were received. In response to comments, FDA made clarifying edits in several sections, and also added a section on determining the assay cut-off and equivocal zone. In addition, to address growing complexity of the devices, new sections were added regarding labeling, instrumentation, hardware and software, use of fresh and frozen specimens, nucleic acids extraction methods, and recommendations to help monitor postmarket device performance.

**II. Significance of Guidance**

This guidance is being issued consistent with FDA's good guidance practices regulation (21 CFR 10.115). The guidance represents the Agency's current thinking on "Establishing the Performance Characteristics of In Vitro Diagnostic Devices for the Detection or Detection and Differentiation of Influenza Viruses." It does not create or confer any rights for or on any person and does not operate to bind FDA or the public. An alternative approach may be used if such approach satisfies the requirements of the applicable statute and regulations.

**III. Electronic Access**

Persons interested in obtaining a copy of the guidance may do so by using the Internet. A search capability for all

CDRH guidance documents is available at <http://www.fda.gov/MedicalDevices/DeviceRegulationandGuidance/GuidanceDocuments/default.htm>.

Guidance documents are also available at <http://www.regulations.gov>. To receive the document "Establishing the Performance Characteristics of In Vitro Diagnostic Devices for the Detection or Detection and Differentiation of Influenza Viruses," you may either send an e-mail request to [dsmica@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:dsmica@fda.hhs.gov) to receive an electronic copy of the document or send a fax request to 301-847-8149 to receive a hard copy. Please use the document number 1638 to identify the guidance you are requesting.

**IV. Paperwork Reduction Act**

This guidance refers to previously approved collections of information found in FDA regulations. 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 56.115 have been approved under OMB control number 0910-0130; the collections of information in 21 CFR part 807, subpart E have been approved under OMB control number 0910-0120; the collections of information in 21 CFR 809.10 have been approved under OMB control number 0910-0485; 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; and the collections of information in 42 CFR part 493 have been approved under OMB control number 0910-0598.

**V. Comments**

Interested persons may submit to the Division of Dockets Management (see **ADDRESSES**), either electronic or written comments regarding this document. It is only necessary to send one set of comments. It is no longer necessary to send two copies of mailed comments. Identify comments with the docket number found in brackets in the heading of this document. Received comments may be seen in the Division of Dockets Management between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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