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Introduction

This document has been prepared for surgical heart valve substitutes with emphasis on providing guidance for *in vitro* testing, preclinical *in vivo* and clinical evaluations, reporting of all *in vitro*, preclinical *in vivo*, and clinical evaluations and labelling and packaging of the device. This process is intended to clarify the required procedures prior to market release and to enable prompt identification and management of any subsequent issues.

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1 Scope

This document is applicable to heart valve substitutes intended for implantation in human hearts, generally requiring cardiopulmonary bypass and generally with direct visualization. See Annex E for examples of surgical heart valve substitutes and their components.

This document is applicable to both newly developed and modified surgical heart valve substitutes and to the accessory devices, packaging, and labelling required for their implantation and for determining the appropriate size of the surgical heart valve substitute to be implanted.

This document establishes an approach for verifying/validating the design and manufacture of a surgical heart valve substitute through risk management. The selection of appropriate qualification tests and methods are derived from the risk assessment. The tests can include those to assess the physical, chemical, biological, and mechanical properties of surgical heart valve substitutes and of their materials and components. The tests can also include those for pre-clinical *in vivo* evaluation and clinical evaluation of the finished surgical heart valve substitute.

This document defines operational conditions and performance requirements for surgical heart valve substitutes where adequate scientific and/or clinical evidence exists for their justification.

For some heart valve substitutes (e.g. sutureless), the requirements of both this document and ISO 5840-3:2021 can be relevant and are considered as applicable to the specific device design and are based on the results of the risk analysis.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 5840-1:2021, *Cardiovascular implants — Cardiac valve prostheses — Part 1: General requirements*

ISO 5840-3, *Cardiovascular implants — Cardiac valve prostheses — Part 3: Heart valve substitutes implanted by transcatheter techniques*

〚A1〛 ISO/PAS 7020:2023, *Sizing parameters of surgical valve prostheses: Requirements regarding the application of ISO 5840-2* 〚A1〛

ISO 10993-2, *Biological evaluation of medical devices — Part 2: Animal welfare requirements*

ISO 14155, *Clinical investigation of medical devices for human subjects — Good clinical practice*

ISO 14630, *Non-active surgical implants — General requirements*

ISO 16061, *Instrumentation for use in association with non-active surgical implants — General requirements*

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3.1
acute assessment
intra-procedural and immediate post-procedural results used to assess *in vivo* safety and performance

Note 1 to entry: All animals entered into acute short-term assessment shall remain under general anaesthesia for the duration of the study.

3.2
chronic assessment
long-term results following the procedure used to assess chronic *in vivo* safety and performance after the animal has recovered from anaesthesia

Note 1 to entry: The endpoints and durations of these studies should be determined by risk analysis.

3.3
component-joining material
material such as a suture, adhesive, or welding compound used to assemble the components of a heart valve system

[SOURCE: ISO 5840-1:2021, 3.31]

3.4
external sewing ring diameter
ESRD
outside diameter in millimetres of the sewing ring at the largest point

Note 1 to entry: See Figure 1.

Note 2 to entry: See also 3.5, 3.7 and 3.8.

3.5
prosthesis minimum internal diameter
<flexible surgical heart valve> numerical indication of the minimum diameter within a fully assembled flexible surgical heart valve substitute and which is measured with a standard validated procedure, taking the entire flow channel into consideration

Note 1 to entry: See Figure 1.

〈A1〉 *Text deleted* 〈A1〉

3.6
prosthesis minimum internal diameter
<rigid surgical heart valve> measurement of the prosthesis minimum internal housing diameter

Note 1 to entry: See Figure 1.

〈A1〉 *Text deleted* 〈A1〉

3.7
intra-annular
wholly or partially within the patient's annulus

Note 1 to entry: See Figure 1.

Note 2 to entry: See also 3.4, 3.5 and 3.8.

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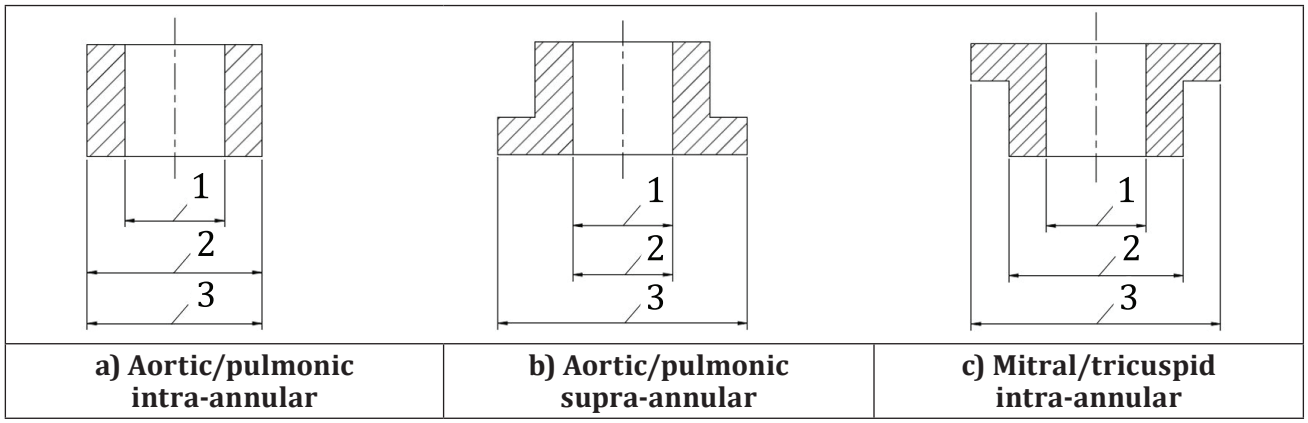

a) Aortic/pulmonic intra-annular	b) Aortic/pulmonic supra-annular	c) Mitral/tricuspid intra-annular

Key

1 prosthesis minimum internal diameter

2 patient annulus diameter

3 external sewing ring diameter

Figure 1 — Designation of dimensions of surgical heart valve substitute sewing ring configurations

3.8
〚A1〛 supra-annular region 〚A1〛
region wholly above the patient's annulus

Note 1 to entry: See Figure 1.

Note 2 to entry: See also 3.4, 3.5, and 3.7.

3.9
patient annulus diameter
PAD
diameter in millimetres of the smallest flow area within the patient's valve annulus

Note 1 to entry: See Figure 1.

3.10
valve size
designated valve size
manufacturer's designation of a surgical heart valve substitute which indicates the intended patient annulus diameter

Note 1 to entry: The valve size is equivalent to the *PAD* (3.9).

Note 2 to entry: This takes into consideration the manufacturer's recommended implant position relative to the annulus and the suture technique.

4 Abbreviations

For the purposes of this document, the following abbreviations apply.

AE adverse event

CIP clinical investigation plan

CRF case report form

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CT	computed tomography
EOA	effective orifice area
FEA	finite element analysis
IFU	instructions for use
LVOT	left ventricular outflow tract
MRI	magnetic resonance imaging
OPC	objective performance criteria
PMCF	post-market clinical follow-up
PVL	paravalvular leak
RMS	root mean square
SAE	serious adverse event
TEE	transoesophageal echo
TTE	transthoracic echo

5 Fundamental requirements

Refer to ISO 5840-1:2021, Clause 5.

6 Device description

6.1 General

Refer to ISO 5840-1:2021, 6.1.

6.2 Intended use

Refer to ISO 5840-1:2021, 6.2.

6.3 Design inputs

6.3.1 Operational specifications

Refer to ISO 5840-1:2021, 6.3.1.

6.3.2 Performance specifications

6.3.2.1 General

Refer to ISO 5840-1:2021, 6.1 for general requirements.

6.3.2.2 Surgical heart valve substitute minimum performance requirements

Surgical heart valves shall meet the following minimum performance specifications:

— allow forward flow with acceptably small mean pressure difference;

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— prevent retrograde flow with acceptably small regurgitation;

— resist embolization;

— avoid haemolysis;

— resist thrombus formation;

— be biocompatible;

— be compatible with *in vivo* diagnostic techniques;

— be deliverable and implantable in the target population;

— be able to ensure effective fixation within the target implant site;

— have an acceptable noise level;

— have reproducible function;

— maintain structural and functional integrity during the expected lifetime of the device;

— maintain its functionality and sterility for a reasonable shelf life prior to implantation.

6.3.2.3 Accessories

The requirements of ISO 16061 for instruments used with surgical implants shall apply. Surgical heart valve accessories shall mitigate the risk of the valve being inadvertently implanted upside down.

Examples of surgical valve accessories, including sizing tools and valve handles, are shown in Annex E.

6.3.2.4 Implant procedure

Refer to ISO 5840-1:2021, 6.3.3.

6.3.3 Packaging, labelling, and sterilization

〚A1〛 Refer to ISO 5840-1:2021, 6.3.4.

Refer to ISO/PAS 7020:2023 for requirements pertaining to labelling of surgical valves.

Annex D contains a list of terms that can be used to describe various valve models. 〚A1〛

6.4 Design outputs

Refer to ISO 5840-1:2021, 6.4.

6.5 Design transfer (manufacturing verification/validation)

Refer to ISO 5840-1:2021, 6.5.

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6.6 Risk management

Refer to ISO 5840-1:2021, 6.6.

Annex A contains a list of potential hazards specific to surgical heart valve substitutes that can serve as the basis for a risk analysis.

7 Design verification and validation

7.1 General requirements

In vitro assessment shall be used to mitigate the risks identified in the risk analysis. General requirements that are applicable to all heart valve systems are provided in ISO 5840-1:2021, 7.1. Specific considerations for surgical heart valve substitutes are provided in this document.

7.2 *In vitro* assessment

7.2.1 General

Refer to ISO 5840-1:2021, 7.2.1.

7.2.2 Test conditions, sample selection, and reporting requirements

Refer to ISO 5840-1:2021, 7.2.2.

7.2.3 Material property assessment

Refer to ISO 5840-1:2021, 7.2.3.

7.2.4 Hydrodynamic performance assessment

Hydrodynamic testing shall be performed to provide information on the fluid dynamic performance of the surgical heart valve substitute. ISO 5840-1:2021, Annex I provides guidelines for conducting and reporting steady hydrodynamic tests. Guidelines for conducting and reporting of pulsatile hydrodynamic tests are provided in Annex F. For pulsatile flow testing, the performance of the pulse duplicator shall be characterized. Refer to F.2.2.2 for guidelines related to pulse duplicator characterization. The measurement accuracy and repeatability of the test system(s) shall be evaluated and documented. The hydrodynamic waveforms produced by the pulse duplicator shall reasonably simulate physiological conditions. Representative waveforms used to generate hydrodynamic test results shall be documented in the test report. Reference [11] provides characteristics of reasonable aortic and mitral waveforms.

Tests shall be carried out on at least three surgical heart valve substitutes of each size and on at least one reference valve of each of the smallest, largest, and an intermediate size. A larger sample size may be required to ensure adequate representation of the expected variability in the manufacture of devices.

The *in vitro* test results shall meet or exceed the minimum performance requirements provided in Table 1 and Table 2, which are given as a function of valve size. The minimum performance requirements correspond to the following nominal pulsatile-flow conditions: beat rate = 70 cycles/min, simulated cardiac output = 5,0 l/min, and systolic duration = 35 %, at normotensive pressure conditions, as specified in ISO 5840-1:2021, Table 3 or Table 4. These pulsatile flow conditions are based on a healthy normal adult and might not be applicable for paediatric device evaluation (see ISO 5840-1:2021, Annex E for paediatric parameters). The minimum performance requirements are based on values in the published scientific literature. The values in Table 1 and Table 2 are applicable to new or modified heart valve substitutes which have not been clinically proven or evaluated under previous versions of the ISO 5840 series.

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For pulmonary and tricuspid heart valve substitutes and paediatric devices, minimum performance requirements are not provided; however, the manufacturer shall justify the acceptability of hydrodynamic performance of the devices.

Additional hydrodynamic characterization testing shall be conducted over a range of test conditions as described in Annex F, F.2.3.2 and F.2.3.3. This testing is for characterization purposes only without corresponding minimum performance requirements.

Table 1 — Minimum device performance requirements, aortic

Parameter	Valve size mm							
	17	19	21	23	25	27	29	31
EOA (cm^2) greater than or equal to	0,70	0,85	1,05	1,25	1,45	1,70	1,95	2,25
Total regurgitant fraction (% of forward flow volume) less than or equal to	10	10	10	10	15	15	20	20

Table 2 — Minimum device performance requirements, mitral

Parameter	Valve size mm					
	23	25	27	29	31	33
EOA (cm^2) greater than or equal to	1,05	1,25	1,45	1,65	1,90	2,15
Total regurgitant fraction (% of forward flow volume) less than or equal to	15	15	15	20	20	20

The total regurgitant fraction shall include closing volume and leakage volume (see ISO 5840-1:2021, Figure 2). For traditional surgical valve designs with a sewing ring, the ring fabric may be sealed to prevent paravalvular leakage during testing. For novel surgical valve designs without a sewing ring (e.g. sutureless), sealing shall be justified and paravalvular leakage volume shall be included in the leakage volume.

7.2.5 Structural performance assessment

7.2.5.1 General

An assessment of the ability of the surgical heart valve substitute to withstand the loads and/or deformations to which it will be subjected shall be performed in order to evaluate the risks associated with potential structural failure modes.

7.2.5.2 Implant durability assessment

The requirements of ISO 5840-1 shall apply.

7.2.5.3 Device structural component fatigue assessment

The requirements of Annex H and of ISO 5840-1 shall apply.

7.2.5.4 Component corrosion assessment

The requirements of ISO 5840-1 shall apply.

7.2.5.5 Cavitation (rigid valves)

An assessment of the potential for cavitation as indicated by the formation of vapor bubbles during valve closure shall be considered for rigid valves. Assessment of cavitation damage shall be performed by a detailed examination of study valves used in the preclinical *in vivo* study and in the simulated long-

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term *in vitro* study (i.e. durability assessment). The *in vitro* cavitation assessment shall be performed by characterization of the smallest and largest valve sizes in terms of any observed damage and the extent of damage compared to the appropriate reference valves.

7.2.6 Design- or procedure-specific testing

7.2.6.1 General

See Annex G for examples of design specific or procedure specific testing to be considered. The manufacturer shall define all applicable requirements based on the results of the risk assessment for the specific device design.

7.2.6.2 Visibility

The ability to visualize the implanted device using the manufacturer's recommended imaging modalities (e.g. fluoroscopy, MRI, CT, echocardiography) shall be evaluated.

7.2.7 Device MRI compatibility

Refer to ISO 5840-1:2021, 7.2.7.

7.2.8 Simulated use

The requirements of ISO 5840-1:2021, 7.2.8 shall apply.

The model shall consider anatomical variation in intended patient population with respect to intended implant site as well as physiological factors (e.g. temperature effects, pulsatile flow). In the case where device anchoring relies on specific interactions with the native anatomy (e.g. annulus, aortic root), testing of the interactions shall be included in the simulated use evaluation. Justification for critical parameters of the simulated use model shall be provided.

7.2.9 Human factors/usability assessment

The requirements of ISO 5840-1:2021, 7.2.9 shall apply.

7.2.10 Implant thrombogenic and haemolytic potential assessment

The requirements of ISO 5840-1:2021, 7.2.10 shall apply.

7.3 Preclinical *in vivo* evaluation

7.3.1 General

The general requirements of ISO 14630 shall be considered.

7.3.2 Overall requirements

A preclinical *in vivo* test programme shall be conducted for new or modified devices in order to address the safety and performance of the surgical heart valve substitute. For design modifications to surgical heart valve substitutes with established clinical history, omission or abbreviation of preclinical *in vivo* evaluation shall be appropriately justified.

The preclinical programme design shall be based on risk assessment and appropriate ISO documents. This programme may involve the use of different species and implant durations to address the key issues identified in the risk assessment.

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The preclinical *in vivo* evaluation shall:

a) evaluate the haemodynamic performance of the surgical heart valve substitute;

b) assess the surgical handling characteristics of the test surgical heart valve substitute and its accessories (if any);

c) assess the biological reaction to the surgical heart valve substitute; consideration shall be given but not limited to the following items:

   1) healing characteristics (pannus formation, tissue overgrowth);

   2) haemolysis;

   3) thrombus formation;

   4) embolization of material from the heart valve substitute;

   5) biological response (e.g. inflammation, rejection);

   6) calcification (flexible valves);

   7) acoustic characteristics (rigid valves), if the manufacturer is making specific acoustic claims;

   8) structural valve deterioration and/or non-structural valve dysfunction;

   9) cavitation (rigid valves);

d) mimic, as closely as possible, the condition of the finished product as intended for clinical use, including exposure to process chemicals and the maximum number of allowed sterilization cycles;

e) evaluate the test surgical heart valve substitute in all positions for which it is intended (e.g. aortic, mitral);

f) subject comparably sized control surgical heart valve substitutes to identical test conditions as the test surgical heart valve substitute;

g) mimic, as closely as possible, the implantation technique for the placement of both the test and the control surgical heart valve substitutes (e.g. suture technique and orientation);

h) be performed by appropriately experienced and knowledgeable test laboratories;

i) address animal welfare in accordance with the principles given in ISO 10993-2.

7.3.3 Methods

Guidance on the conduct of *in vivo* preclinical evaluation and a series of tests which can be used to address the relevant issues are given in Annex C. The intent of these studies is to mimic as closely as possible the clinical use and haemodynamic performance of the surgical heart valve substitute. It is recognized that adverse events arising after valve implantation can be attributed to the implanted valve, the procedure, and/or the environment into which it is implanted, including interactions among these. Therefore, adverse clinical events arising during or after valve implantation shall be carefully analysed and interpreted in order to identify the cause of the adverse event to the extent possible.

The investigator should seek to control as many variables as possible within each study arm (e.g. species, gender, and age). The test surgical heart valve substitute shall be assessed in anatomical positions for which it is intended to be used clinically. Animals suffering from perioperative complications not related to the heart valve substitute may be excluded from the group of study animals with appropriate justification, but information about them shall be reported.

The number of animals used for implantation of test and control surgical heart valve substitutes and study endpoints shall be justified for each test based on the risk analysis.

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For all studies, the specified duration of the observation period of the animals shall be justified according to the parameter(s) under investigation. New devices (e.g. new design or novel blood-contacting materials) require an extended duration of the observation period (not less than 140 days). A minimum duration less than 140 d may be suitable for evaluating minor modifications of an existing surgical heart valve system, such as investigations of healing. Any pre-clinical investigation with a designated endpoint of less than 140 d requires a justification with rationale as to why a longer survival period was not attempted.

For survival studies, a post-mortem examination shall be performed (e.g. macroscopic, radiographic, histological) focusing on device integrity and device related pathology. The report shall include this information from all animals that have been entered into the study.

The study shall provide at least the following:

a) *in vivo* evaluation of the final device and system design;

b) any detectable pathological consequences involving the surgical heart valve substitute and/or the major organs, including but not limited to: post-implantation changes in shape or structural components, thrombo-embolic phenomena, pannus formation, and inflammatory responses;

c) any detectable structural alterations (macro- or microscopic or radiographic) in the surgical heart valve substitute (e.g. damage, support structure fracture, material degeneration, changes in shape or dimensions);

d) serial blood analyses performed pre-operatively, at appropriately justified intervals during the observation period, and at termination to assess haemolysis, abnormalities in haematology and clinical chemistry parameters;

e) implantation characteristics, including but not limited to usability, handling characteristics, and sizing technique;

f) haemodynamic performance over a range of cardiac indices (e.g. 2,5 l/min to 6,0 l/min);

g) any paravalvular leakage (PVL);

h) adverse clinical events, (e.g. myocardial infarction, significant cardiac arrhythmias, infection);

i) any other system or procedure related complication or events.

7.3.4 Test report

The test laboratory shall produce the test report, which shall include a summary assessment of the data generated during the course of the investigation. The test report shall include the complete study protocol. All data generated from the preclinical *in vivo* evaluation shall be incorporated into a comprehensive test report. The report should include the results generated by tests described in Annex C.

The test report shall include the following:

a) identification of each valve used (product description, serial number, and other appropriate valve identification);

b) detailed description of the animal model used and the rationale and justification for its use; the pre-procedural assessment of each animal shall include documentation of health status as well as gender, weight, and age of the animal;

c) description of the operative procedure, including implant technique, test surgical heart valve substitute orientation, valve position, and operative complications;

d) description of the pre-procedural and post-procedural clinical course of each animal including, clinical observations, medication(s), and interventions used to treat adverse events; a description of,

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