

Panel Discussion IVPT Data Challenges and Statistical Analysis

In-vitro Release Test (IVRT) and In-vitro Permeation Test (IVPT) Methods Best Practices and Scientific Considerations for ANDA Submissions Virtual Public Workshop

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IVPT Study Results



	University of Mississippi	University of Maryland	University of South Australia
Dose	15 mg/cm ²		
Dosing technique	Dispensed-Spatula	Dispensed and dispersed- Positive	Dispensed- Pipette
	Dispersed-glass rod	displacement pipette	Dispersed- Syringe plunger
Skin type	Torso	Abdomen	Abdomen
Thickness	Dermatomed	Dermatomed	Heat separated epidermis
Instrument	Franz diffusion cell (2 cm ²)	In-Line Flow through cell (0.95 cm ²)	Franz diffusion cell (1.3 cm ²)
Skin Integrity	Electrical Resistance	Trans Epidermal Water Loss	Electrical resistance



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IVPT Data Challenges



- Challenges related to data analysis
 - due to inconsistency of study conditions across method validation and pivotal studies
 - due to frequency of sampling and sampling technique, e.g., full receptor replacement vs. aliquot sampling
 - related to duration of the IVPT study as it relates to maximum flux (J_{max})

IVPT Data Challenges



- *IVPT Sensitivity and Selectivity studies*
 - Number of donors and replicates for method validation studies
 - Qualitative vs. Quantitative assessment of data
- *IVPT pivotal study*
 - Number of donors (N) and replicates for pivotal study
 - Alternate options for identifying N, compared to utilizing a pilot study
- Challenges related to data analysis for formulations with multiple active pharmaceutical ingredients

Statistical Analysis



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- Challenges related to calculation of flux and cumulative permeation
- Challenges related to utilization of statistical approach
- Challenges related to handling "zero" values



Statistical Analysis



• Challenges related "aberrant" data



- Documentation related to exclusion of data with documented protocol violations or experimental errors
- Handling of "aberrant" data without documented protocol violations or experimental errors

