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#### Written/Paper Submissions

Submit written/paper submissions as follows:

• *Mail/Hand delivery/Courier (for written/paper submissions):* Dockets Management Staff (HFA-305), Food and Drug Administration, 5630 Fishers Lane, Rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852.

• For written/paper comments submitted to the Dockets Management Staff, FDA will post your comment, as well as any attachments, except for information submitted, marked and identified, as confidential, if submitted as detailed in “Instructions.”

*Instructions:* All submissions received must include the Docket No. FDA-2005-D-0461 for “Acne Vulgaris: Establishing Effectiveness of Drugs Intended for Treatment; Guidance for Industry.” Received comments will be placed in the docket and, except for those submitted as “Confidential Submissions,” publicly viewable at <https://www.regulations.gov> or at the Dockets Management Staff between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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the information at: <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-09-18/pdf/2015-23389.pdf>.

*Docket:* For access to the docket to read background documents or the electronic and written/paper comments received, go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and insert the docket number, found in brackets in the heading of this document, into the “Search” box and follow the prompts and/or go to the Dockets Management Staff, 5630 Fishers Lane, Rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852.

You may submit comments on any guidance at any time (see 21 CFR 10.115(g)(5)).

Submit written requests for single copies of this guidance to the Division of Drug Information, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, Food and Drug Administration, 10001 New Hampshire Ave., Hillandale Building, 4th Floor, Silver Spring, MD 20993-0002. Send one self-addressed adhesive label to assist that office in processing your requests. See the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for electronic access to the guidance document.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Strother D. Dixon, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, Food and Drug Administration, 10903 New Hampshire Ave., Bldg. 22, Rm. 5168, Silver Spring, MD 20993-0002, 301-796-1015.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Background

FDA is announcing the availability of a guidance for industry entitled “Acne Vulgaris: Establishing Effectiveness of Drugs Intended for Treatment.” This guidance provides recommendations to industry for establishing the clinical effectiveness of drugs for the treatment of acne. This guidance finalizes the draft guidance for industry entitled “Acne Vulgaris: Developing Drugs for Treatment,” issued September 19, 2005 (70 FR 54945). Comments on the draft guidance were considered while finalizing this guidance. Changes made to the draft guidance include reformatting into a bulleted presentation and streamlining of information to core recommendations.

This guidance is being issued consistent with FDA’s good guidance practices regulation (21 CFR 10.115). The guidance represents the current thinking of FDA on establishing the effectiveness of drugs intended to treat acne. It does not establish any rights for any person and is not binding on FDA or the public. You can use an alternative approach if it satisfies the requirements of the applicable statutes and

regulations. This guidance is not subject to Executive Order 12866.

##### II. Electronic Access

Persons with access to the internet may obtain the guidance at either <https://www.fda.gov/Drugs/GuidanceComplianceRegulatoryInformation/Guidances/default.htm> or <https://www.regulations.gov>.

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**Leslie Kux,**

*Associate Commissioner for Policy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. FDA-2013-D-1020]

#### Bioanalytical Method Validation; Guidance for Industry; Availability

**AGENCY:** Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** The Food and Drug Administration (FDA or Agency) is announcing the availability of a final guidance for industry entitled “Bioanalytical Method Validation.” This final guidance incorporates public comments to the revised draft published in 2013 as well as the latest scientific feedback concerning bioanalytical method validation and provides the most up-to-date information needed by drug developers to ensure the bioanalytical quality of their data.

**DATES:** The announcement of the guidance is published in the **Federal Register** on May 22, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit either electronic or written comments on Agency guidances at any time as follows:

#### Electronic Submissions

Submit electronic comments in the following way:

• *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments. Comments submitted electronically, including attachments, to <https://www.regulations.gov> will be posted to the docket unchanged. Because your comment will be made public, you are solely responsible for ensuring that your comment does not include any confidential information that you or a third party may not wish to be posted, such as medical information, your or

anyone else's Social Security number, or confidential business information, such as a manufacturing process. Please note that if you include your name, contact information, or other information that identifies you in the body of your comments, that information will be posted on <https://www.regulations.gov>.

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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Brian Booth, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, Food and Drug Administration, 10903 New Hampshire Ave., Silver Spring, MD 20993, 301-796-1508; or Olutosin (Remi) Idowu, Center for Veterinary Medicine, 7500 Standish Pl., Rockville, MD 20855, 240-402-0704.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Background

FDA is announcing the availability of a guidance for industry entitled "Bioanalytical Method Validation." The guidance describes the elements of bioanalytical method development and validation that are needed to ensure the quality of an assay and the reliability of the data it generates. The concepts apply both to chromatographic assays as well as ligand-binding assays. This

guidance incorporates the latest scientific practices in method validation, newer science on incurred sample reanalysis, the use of new analytical platforms, the repurposing of diagnostic kits for drug development, and general advice on bioanalytical method development and validation for biomarkers in drug development.

This guidance is being issued consistent with FDA's good guidance practices regulation (21 CFR 10.115). The guidance represents the current thinking of FDA on "Bioanalytical Method Validation." It does not establish any rights for any person and is not binding on FDA or the public. You can use an alternative approach if it satisfies the requirements of the applicable statutes and regulations. This guidance is not subject to Executive Order 12866.

##### II. Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995

This guidance refers to previously approved collections of information that 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 part 58 have been approved under OMB control number 0910-0119; the collections of information in 21 CFR part 312 have been approved under OMB control number 0910-0014; the collections of information in 21 CFR part 314 have been approved under OMB control number 0910-0001; the collections of information in 21 CFR part 514 have been approved under OMB control number 0910-0032; the collections of information in 21 CFR part 511 have been approved under OMB control number 0910-0117; and the collections of information in section 360b(n)(1) (21 U.S.C 512(n)(1)) of the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act have been approved in OMB control number 0910-0669.

##### III. Electronic Access

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