

# **Modernizing Quality Assessment through Automation: ONDP/Division of Biopharmaceutics Automation Tool Application**

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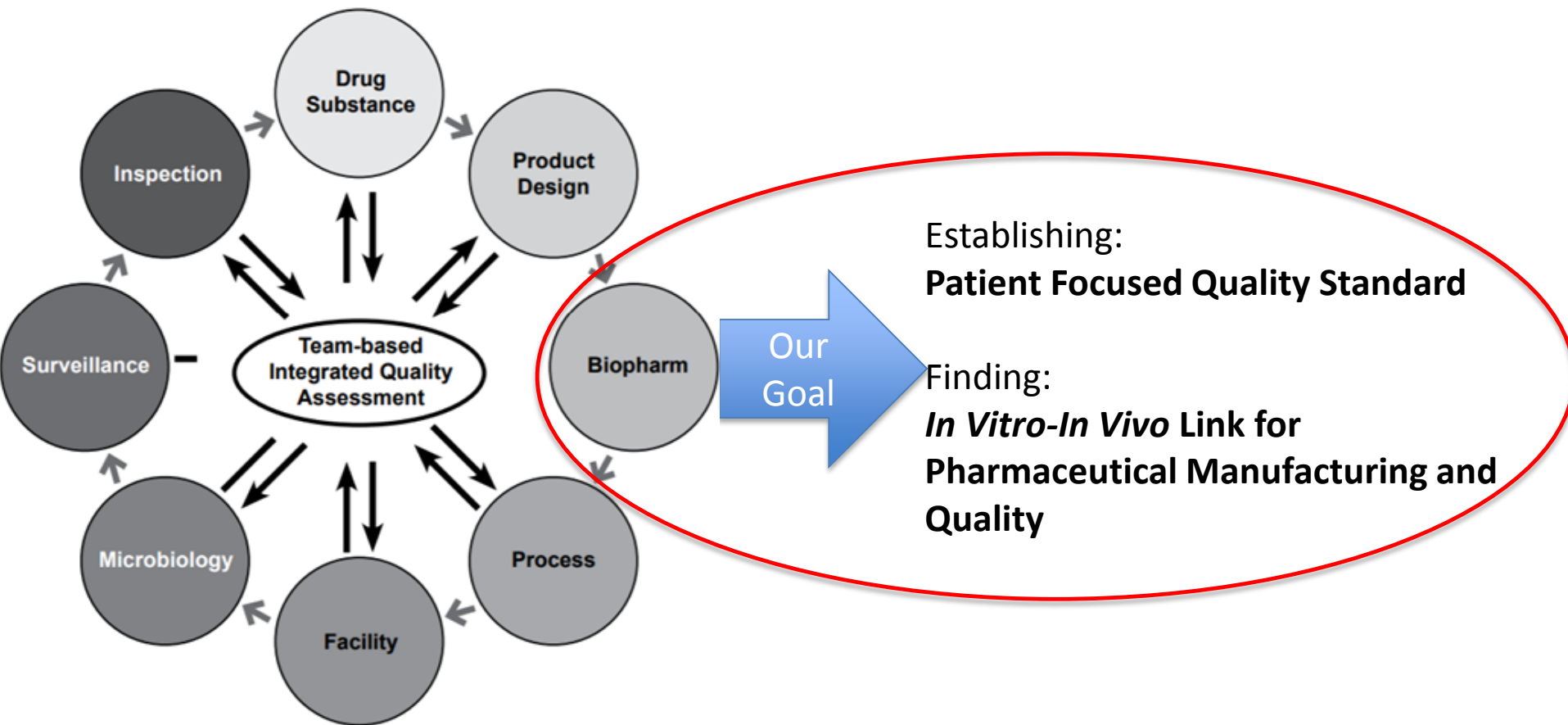
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# Outline

- Overview: review responsibilities in the **Division of Biopharmaceutics**
- Dissolution test and product quality assessment
- Automation tool for dissolution evaluation
  - ❑ Dissolution profiles comparison
  - ❑ Simulation to help assess dissolution acceptance criteria
- Summary
- Looking forward

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# Dissolution Test:

## Crucial in Product Quality Assessment

Applicable to multiple dosage forms:

*Tablets, Capsules, Implants, Powders, inserts, suspensions, etc.*

Assessment involved	Frequently used in
<b>Dissolution profiles comparison</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• f2 testing</li></ul> for highly variable dissolution: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Multivariate confidence region procedure (MVA Test)</li><li>• f2 bootstrapping</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pharmaceutical Development</li><li>• Biowaivers</li><li>• Interchangeability Evaluation</li><li>• Scale-up and Post-Approval Changes (SUPAC)</li></ul>
<b>Dissolution acceptance criteria</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Routine Quality Control</li><li>• Stability Studies</li></ul>

# Dissolution Profiles Comparison

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Note: Opening this application in Firefox is known to provide good resolution.

## Upload Individual or Mean Data (Excel files)

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← Upload the dissolution data file

Individual/Mean dissolution example excel files can be found in your Automation Tool folder or click below links to download:

[dissolution\\_individual\\_unit\\_example](#)

[dissolution\\_mean\\_data\\_example](#)

# Dissolution data input in Excel spreadsheet

**Cell A1 – Identifying Batch/Lot Label, and dissolution method/media used**

**Cell A2 – blank**

**Individual Unit Number (starting from cell A3 numerical values signifying the test unit)**

**Use one sheet for each unique batch/lot. Label accordingly in Cell A1**

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
1	Test lot 12345 (QC method/QC media)									
2		1	2	4	6	8	10	12		
3	1	3	15	62	98	99	99	98		
4	2	3	15	64	94	92	95	95		
5	3	3	9	37	80	96	97	97		
6	4	4	13	44	79	97	98	99		
7	5	3	12	39	71	96	98	98		
8	6	3	14	60	98	97	99	99		
9	7	4	13	44	82	93	98	98		
10	8	5	22	89	97	98	97	97		
11	9	4	16	64	96	98	96	96		
12	10	4	14	57	98	96	99	99		
13	11	4	16	63	96	96	97	97		
14	12	6	22	87	96	93	96	96		
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**Sampling Times (starting from cell B2 numerical values indicating collection times (minutes or hours))**

**Dissolution Data (starting from cell B3 numerical values indicating percent drug release)**

Sheet1 Sheet2 Sheet3

# Dissolution Profiles Comparison (Cont.)

## Upload Individual or Mean Data (Excel files)

Browse... example\_s.xls

Upload complete

## Individual data uploaded

Individual/Mean dissolution example excel files can be found in your Automation Tool folder or click below links to download:

[dissolution\\_individual\\_unit\\_example](#)

[dissolution\\_mean\\_data\\_example](#)

Download mean profiles overlay plot

☒ Show Error bar (1 standard deviation) in mean profile overlay plot

## Choose time unit for the dissolution data

☐ min ☒ hr

## Select dissolution data sets for pairwise F2 calculations

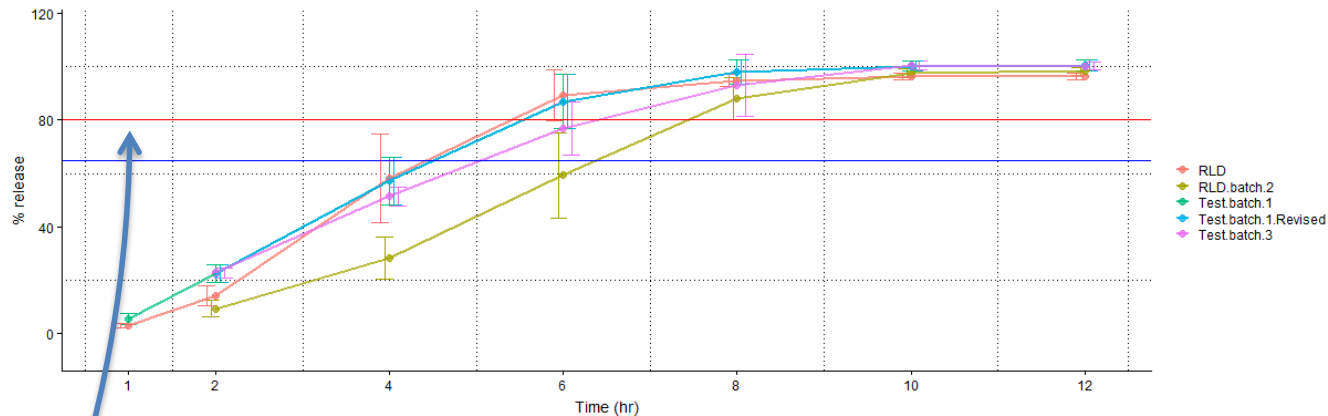
- ☒ RLD
- ☒ Test.batch.1
- ☒ Test.batch.1.Revised
- ☒ RLD.batch.2
- ☒ Test.batch.3

## Choose time points for pairwise F2 calculations

☒ 1 ☒ 2 ☒ 4 ☒ 6 ☒ 8 ☒ 10 ☒ 12

## specification of dissolution: Q (%)

80



Mean plot: Red horizontal line: Q(%); Blue horizontal line: Q-15%

Name	F2-Value
RLD Vs RLD.batch.2	37.62
RLD Vs Test.batch.1	68.08
RLD Vs Test.batch.1.Revised	67.09
RLD Vs Test.batch.3	56.86
RLD.batch.2 Vs Test.batch.1	37.57
RLD.batch.2 Vs Test.batch.1.Revised	37.57
RLD.batch.2 Vs Test.batch.3	43.82
Test.batch.1 Vs Test.batch.1.Revised	100.00
Test.batch.1 Vs Test.batch.3	63.83
Test.batch.1.Revised Vs Test.batch.3	63.83

MEAN	1	2	4	6	8	10	12
RLD	2.83	14.08	58.17	89.42	94.92	96.42	96.42
RLD.batch.2		9.33	28.42	59.25	88	97.67	98.33
Test.batch.1	5.5	22.33	57.17	87	98.08	100.33	100.67
Test.batch.1.Revised		22.33	57.17	87	98.08	100.33	100.67
Test.batch.3		22.75	51.33	76.92	93	100.42	100.33

CV(%)	1	2	4	6	8	10	12
RLD	33.09	26.65	28.85	10.71	2.31	1.36	1.36
RLD.batch.2		33.36	27.65	26.87	8.95	1.87	1.58
Test.batch.1	35.95	15.19	15.91	11.6	4.67	1.92	2.09
Test.batch.1.Revised		15.19	15.91	11.6	4.67	1.92	2.09
Test.batch.3		7.98	7.02	12.76	12.58	1.61	1.37



# Dissolution Profiles Comparison (Cont.)



Select 1st dissolution profile:

RLD

Select 2nd dissolution profile:

Test.batch.1

Choose time points for MAV and bootstrapping

☒ 1 ☒ 2 ☒ 4 ☒ 6 ☒ 8 ☒ 10 ☒ 12

Number of replications for the bootstrapping

500

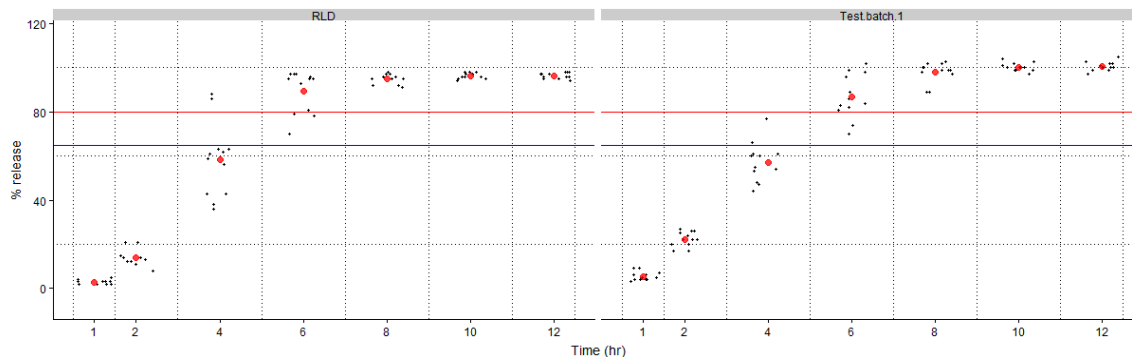
Press for bootstrapping

Select download file type

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Download comparison plots

Download data file



## MVA test

Compare	Time points	Dosage unit	Mahalanobis Distance (MSD)	Upper 90% CI (MSD)	MAX MSD	Similarity limit
RLD vs Test.batch.1	7	12	7.19025795174293	9.03786970435277	10.0736619344423	10

In MVA, the similarity can be verified if the upper bound of the confidence interval is smaller or equal to the MAX MSD

## Bootstrapping test

Compare	Time points	Dosage unit	Lower 90% CI (BCA)	Upper 90% CI (BCA)	Mean from bootstrapping	Original f2
RLD vs Test.batch.1	7	12	66.6449371536966	70.8917688237604	66.8100396054361	68.0766073512341

In bootstrapping, the similarity can be verified if the lower bound of the confidence interval is larger or equal to 50

# Dissolution Acceptance Criteria Assessment Simulation Tool



- To visualize appropriateness of a proposed/recommended acceptance criteria
- To estimate the pass rate (as per USP guidelines) for a proposed/recommended acceptance criteria

## **Assumptions:**

- The dissolution data of BE/clinical batch (mean and %CV) is representative
- Normal distribution of the dissolution data

# Simulation Tool: Immediate release formulation



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**Immediate Release**   Extended Release   Delayed Release

Change the default numbers to display graphical results based on user inputs and the assumption of normal distribution.

specification of dissolution: Q (%)

80

Size of each batch

1e+05

mean dissolution (%) of each batch

83

i.e. 80 means mean percent dissolution is 80%

CV% of dissolution of each batch

10

i.e. 10 means CV is 10%

Resample

graphic presentation  
will change according  
to new sampling

Estimate pass rate based on mean and CV

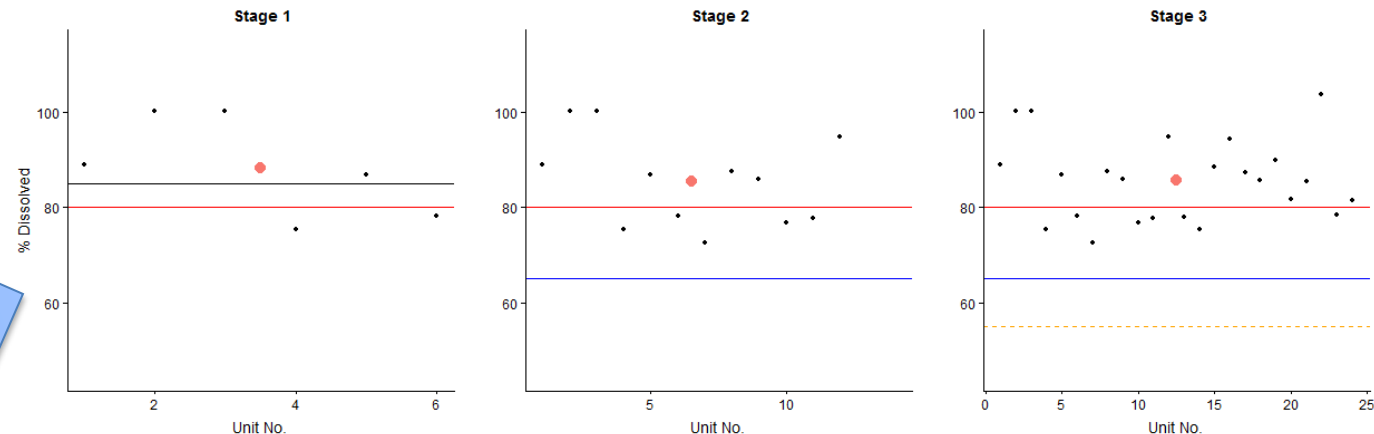
Number of batches simulated

50

Simulate to see batch pass rate

Per USP, for IR formulation, to pass stage 1: each unit is not less than Q+5%; To pass stage 2: Average (S1+S2) is equal to or greater than Q, and no unit is less than Q-15%; To pass stage 3: Average (S1+S2+S3) is equal to or greater than Q, not more than 2 units are less than Q-15%, and no unit is less than Q-25%

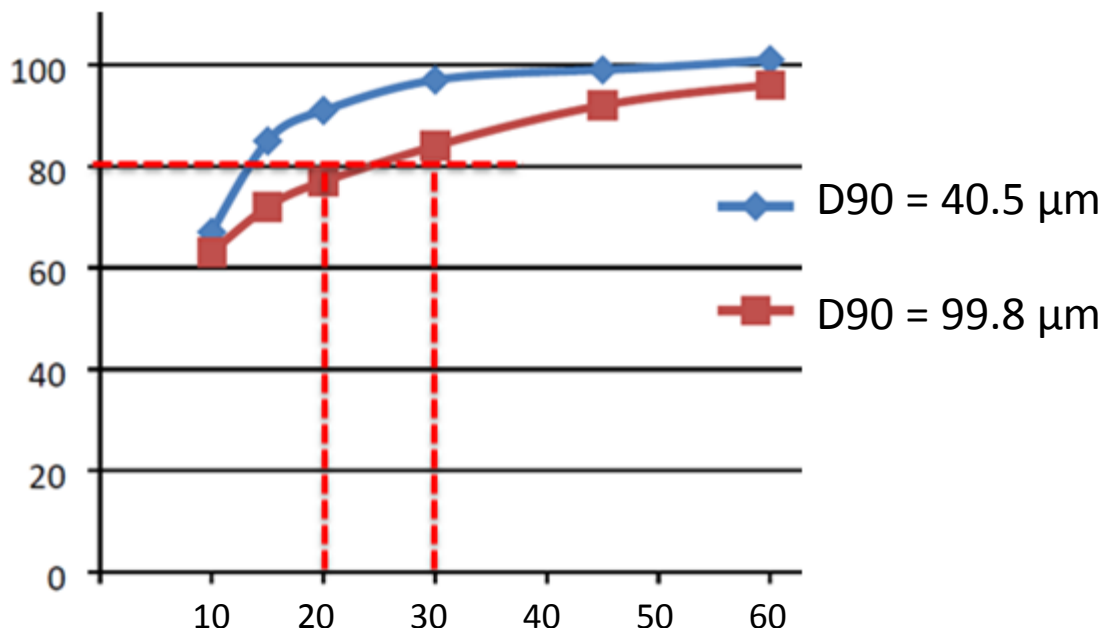
Graph displays the simulated results based on user defined dissolution specs, mean, and %CV



Black line: User defined specs(Q)+5%; Red line: Q(%); Blue line: Q-15%; dash red line: Q-25%; Red dot: mean value for all units per time point

Pass rate (%) based on number of simulations specified

# Example: IR product (BCS Class II API)



*With the acceptance criterion set at “Q=80% at 20 minutes”*

Pass Stage 1 (%)	Pass Stage 2 (%)	Pass Stage 3 (%)	No. of simulations	Mean release (%)	CV (%)	Q (%)
0.00	4.00	4.2	500	77	8.4	80

*With the acceptance criterion set at “Q=80% at 30 minutes”*

Pass Stage 1 (%)	Pass Stage 2 (%)	Pass Stage 3 (%)	No. of simulations	Mean release (%)	CV (%)	Q (%)
0.00	98.00	100.00	500	83	6.2	80

# Simulation Tool: Extended release formulation



Immediate Release   Extended Release   Delayed Release

Please upload a file in the Dissolution Comparison tab.

Select dissolution profile to be simulated:

Test.batch.1

RLD

Test.batch.1

Test.batch.1.Revised

RLD.batch.2

Test.batch.3

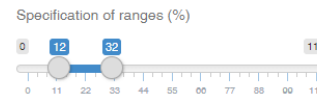
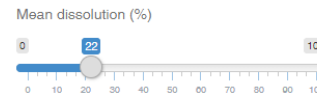
Number of batches simulated

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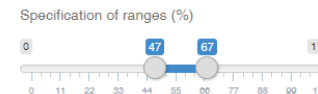
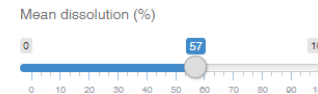
Simulate to see batch pass rate

Per USP, for ER formulation, to pass level 1: each unit is within the stated range (L, U); To pass level 2: Average (L1+L2) is within the stated range, and no unit is less than L-10% or more than U+10%; To pass level 3: Average (L1+L2+L3) is within the stated range, no more than 2 units are less than L-10% or more than U+10%, and no unit is less than L-20% or more than U+20%

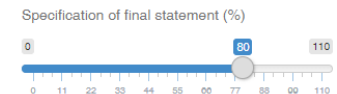
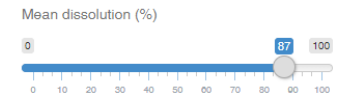
Specification for test time 2



Specification for test time 4



Specification for FINAL test time 6



Pass Level 1 (%)	Pass Level 2 (%)	Pass Level 3 (%)	No. of simulations
2.00	50.00	90.00	50

# *Summary*

- OPQ/ONDP/Division of Biopharmaceutics utilizes automation to streamline, improve efficiency and homogenize the review process
- The Automation Tool provides:
  - ☐ graphical output for dissolution profiles
  - ☐ automatic statistical analyses for profiles comparison
  - ☐ simulation to help determine clinical relevant dissolution acceptance criteria

# Looking Forward

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**Division of Biopharmaceutics in Office of New Drug Products continues to explore ways to establish the in vitro – in vivo link for pharmaceutical manufacturing quality**

- G-SRS provides a comprehensive framework, where quality specifications and corresponding clinical information can be captured
- Division of Biopharmaceutics is looking for ways to leverage the power of the G-SRS framework, and develop functionalities tailored to meet the needs of quality assessment, i.e. evaluating linkage between product quality attributes and clinical performances (PK data and quality related adverse events)

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