

**From:** [Kezer, Doreen M](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Question retention samples for reference listed drug (RLD)  
**Date:** Monday, August 25, 2014 3:08:59 PM  
**Attachments:** [Reserve Sample Guidance 5522fml.pdf](#)  
[Reserve Sample Final Rule.pdf](#)

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Good afternoon –

We sent your question to the Center for Drugs (CDER). Please see their answer below. Also please see the documents attached above.

Kind regards,

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**To:** Kezer, Doreen M  
**Cc:** Clayton, Tanya; Haidar, Sam H  
**Subject:** RE: Question retention samples for reference listed drug (RLD)

Hi Doreen,

I am following up on your request below. Since we were not provided the drug product or ANDA/NDA number it is difficult to be very specific with the answer.

Unless the sponsor conducts the clinical portions of the *in vivo* BE study, or the analytical portions of an *in vitro* BE study, in their own premises, the sponsor does not select or retain reserve samples under 320.63. Reserve sample retention is a requirement for the entity conducting clinical portions of an *in vivo* BE study or analytical portions of an *in vitro* BE study. Please refer to the final rule and sample guidance.

Regarding the first question: The RLD is an FDA approved product therefore it's specifications would be known and outlined in the approved label.

Thanks,  
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**From:** [redacted]  
**Sent:** Friday, August 15, 2014 9:07 AM  
**To:** OC GCP Questions  
**Subject:** Question retention samples for reference listed drug (RLD)  
**Importance:** High

Good morning,

I have a quick question and shall appreciate if you can please clarify it for me.

If a sponsor is intending to use a RLD in study and the sponsor has not tested RLD for use in their BE study then:

- 1) Does the sponsor have to test RLD as per the test article specifications?
- 2) If yes or no, does the sponsor have to retain 5 times quantity of RLD to meet the requirements as stated in 21 CFR 320.63

Please advice??

Regards,  
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