

# Dissolution Technologies Policy Update: Generic Comparison Studies to be Published Online Only

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Generic comparisons occur when an article provides data on two or more manufacturers of the same drug product and compares the dissolution profiles. Sometimes this comparison will include the innovator product as the reference. The usual outcome is to show that the profiles of these products are, or are not, bioequivalent using the similarity factor ( $f_2$ ) calculation (when applicable) or some other statistical means of comparison. The dissolution media used is commonplace and usually compendial, or sometimes the comparison can be made using alternative media containing surfactant. These comparisons are unique to a certain country or region. These articles are informative but rarely have novel dissolution approaches. *Dissolution Technologies* is an international journal, so it is important to publish these studies to inform the community of the status of generic product quality; however, space is limited with only four issues per year and restricted page extent. Beginning with the November 2020 issue, the new policy is to publish generic comparison studies on the *Dissolution Technologies* website only ([www.dissolutiontech.com](http://www.dissolutiontech.com)) and not in the printed journal. This policy provides a way to still publish the information without consuming the limited space in the hard copy. Web-only articles will still be assigned a DOI number for referencing and indexing purposes. These articles will still be reviewed to the same standard as stated in journal policy and guidelines. However, the articles would not be presented in the posting of the issue contents but on a separate section of the website called tentatively "Generic Comparisons." The authors would be informed upon submission of the unique placement of the article. If the author is satisfied with this arrangement, then we

will go forward with the review, if not, the authors may withdraw the article.

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