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The main changes are as follows:

— the title was changed to reflect the requirements;

— the Scope was clarified;

— the inclusion and exclusion criteria (4.2.1.1) were clarified;

— the appropriate controls in 4.2.1.2, 4.2.1.3 and A.2.2 were clarified;

— the clinical assessment variables (4.2.2.2 and 4.2.2.3) were updated and clarified;

— the guidance for minimum completed participants were updated and the material and design details (Table A.1) were clarified;

— the contact lens group information for contact lens care product testing (A.2.2.2) was updated;

— the statistical considerations (A.2.3) were clarified;

— the details of serious adverse events (A.2.4.2) were clarified;

— examples of significant adverse events (A.2.4.3) were added;

— to clarify suggested reporting of results, Tables A.2 to A.15 were updated;

— a bulbar conjunctival staining grading scale (B.7) was added;

— to clarify quadrants of interest, Figure B.2 was updated;

— grading scales for anterior chamber cells and flare (B.9) were added;

— the visual performance testing (C.2) was clarified;

— the refractive performance (C.3) was clarified;

— the front surface deposits grading scale (C.6.2) was revised;

— the Bibliography was updated.

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# Introduction

Currently, contact lenses and contact lens care products are regulated in different ways in different countries. This document has been developed to encourage global alignment. Widespread adoption of this document can represent yet another step toward universal recognition. This document can also be used as a basis to fulfil design elements of ISO 9001 and or ISO 13485 as well as related national laws.

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## 1 Scope

This document gives requirements and guidelines for the clinical investigation (CI) to establish the safety and performance of contact lenses and contact lens care products.

NOTE 1 This document attempts to align the recognised regulatory requirements for the conduct of a CI to meet the marketing and labelling requirements for contact lenses and contact lens care products around the world. However, national requirements vary greatly. Wherever national practice or regulations dictate some legal requirement, this requirement takes precedence over this document.

NOTE 2 For indications beyond correction of refractive error, additional considerations for safety and performance are to be included in the clinical investigation plan (CIP).

## 2 Normative references

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ISO 14155, *Clinical investigation of medical devices for human subjects — Good clinical practice*

ISO 14534, *Ophthalmic optics — Contact lenses and contact lens care products — Fundamental requirements*

ISO 18369-1, *Ophthalmic optics — Contact lenses — Part 1: Vocabulary, classification system and recommendations for labelling specifications*