

Draft Guidance on Alprazolam

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Active ingredient: Alprazolam

Form/Route: Orally Disintegrating Tablet/Oral

Recommended studies: 2 studies

Type of study: Fasting

Design: Single-dose, two-treatment, two-period crossover *in-vivo*

Strength: 1 mg

Subjects: Normal healthy males and females, general population

Additional Comments: The whole tablet should be placed on the tongue and allowed to disintegrate for 30 seconds. After 30 seconds, all subjects should consume 240 mL of water.

Type of study: Fed

Design: Single-dose, two-treatment, two-period crossover *in-vivo*

Strength: 1 mg

Subjects: Normal healthy males and females, general population

Additional Comments: See comments above

Analytes to measure: Alprazolam in plasma

Bioequivalence based on (90% CI): Alprazolam

Waiver request of in-vivo testing: 0.25 mg, 0.5 mg and 2 mg based on (i) acceptable bioequivalence studies on the 1 mg strength, (ii) proportional similarity of the formulations across all strengths, and (iii) acceptable in vitro dissolution testing of all strengths.

Dissolution test method and sampling times:

Please note that a **Dissolution Methods Database** is available to the public at the OGD website at <http://www.fda.gov/cder/ogd/index.htm>. Please find the dissolution information for this product at this website. Please conduct comparative dissolution testing on 12 dosage units each of all strengths of the test and reference products. Specifications will be determined upon review of the application.