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Draft Guidance on Varenicline Tartrate

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Active ingredient: Varenicline Tartrate

Form/Route: Tablet/Oral

Recommended studies: 2 Options: BCS or *In-Vivo* Studies

I. BCS Waiver option:

It may be possible to request a waiver of *in-vivo* testing for all the strengths of this product provided that the appropriate documentation regarding high solubility, high permeability and rapid dissolution as detailed in the Guidance for Industry: *Waiver of In Vivo Bioavailability and Bioequivalence for Immediate – Release Solid Oral Dosage Forms Based on the Biopharmaceutics Classification System* is submitted in the application. You may use information contained in the approved labeling of the reference product. Peer reviewed articles may not contain the necessary details of the testing for the Agency to make a judgment regarding the quality of the studies. A decision regarding the acceptability of the waiver request can only be made upon review of the data submitted in the application.

II. *In-Vivo* option:

1. Type of study: Fasting
Design: Single-dose, two-way crossover *in-vivo*
Strength: 1 mg
Subjects: Healthy males and nonpregnant females, general population
Additional Comments:

2. Type of study: Fed
Design: Single-dose, two-way crossover *in-vivo*
Strength: 1 mg
Subjects: Healthy males and nonpregnant females, general population
Additional Comments:

Analyte to measure: Varenicline in plasma

Bioequivalence based on (90% CI): Varenicline

Waiver request of *in-vivo* testing: 0.5 mg based on (i) acceptable bioequivalence studies on the 1 mg strength, (ii) proportional similarity of the 1 mg and 0.5 mg strengths, and (iii) acceptable *in vitro* dissolution testing of both 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.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/cder/dissolution/index.cfm>. 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.