

Draft Guidance on Topiramate

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Active ingredient: Topiramate

Form/Route: Sprinkle Capsule; Oral

Recommended studies: 2 studies

1. Type of study: Fasting
Design: Single-dose, two-treatment, two-period crossover in vivo
Strength: 25 mg
Subjects: Healthy males, general population.
Additional comments: Due to the risk of teratogenicity of topiramate, the study should be conducted in healthy male volunteers.

2. Type of study: Fed
Design: Single-dose, two-treatment, two-period crossover in vivo
Strength: 25 mg
Subjects: Healthy males, general population.
Additional comments: Please see comment above.

Analytes to measure (in appropriate biological fluid): Topiramate in plasma

Bioequivalence based on (90% CI): Topiramate

Waiver request of in vivo testing: 15 mg based on (i) acceptable bioequivalence studies on the 25 mg strength, (ii) acceptable in vitro dissolution testing of all strengths, and (iii) proportional similarity of the formulations across 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.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/cder/dissolution/>. 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.