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**Draft Guidance on Valproic Acid**

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**Active ingredient:** Valproic Acid

**Form/Route:** Capsules/Oral

**Recommended studies:** 2 Studies

1. Type of study: Fasting  
Design: Single-dose, two-way crossover *in-vivo*  
Strength: 250 mg  
Subjects: Healthy males and nonpregnant females, general population.  
Additional Comments: Please evaluate for normal liver function tests prior to dosing with valproic acid in bioequivalence studies.

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2. Type of study: Fed  
Design: Single-dose, two-way crossover *in-vivo*  
Strength: 250 mg  
Subjects: Healthy males and nonpregnant females, general population.  
Additional comments: Please see comment above.

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**Analytes to measure (in appropriate biological fluid):** Valproic Acid in plasma.

**Bioequivalence based on (90% CI):** Valproic Acid

**Waiver request of in-vivo testing:** Not Applicable

**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.