

Draft Guidance on Bupropion Hydrochloride

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Active ingredient: Bupropion Hydrochloride

Form/Route: Tablet/Oral

Recommended studies: 2 studies

1. Type of study: Fasting

Design: Single-dose, two-way crossover in-vivo

Strength: 100 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: 100 mg

Subjects: Healthy males and nonpregnant females, general population.

Additional Comments: Please refer to the Amantadine Hydrochloride Tablet Draft Guidance for additional information regarding fed studies.

Analytes to measure (in appropriate biological fluid): Bupropion and its active metabolites, hydroxybupropion, threohydrobupropion and erythrohydrobupropion, in plasma.

Please submit the metabolite data as supportive evidence of comparable therapeutic outcome. For the metabolites, the following data should be submitted: individual and mean concentrations, individual and mean pharmacokinetic parameters, and geometric means and ratios of means for AUC and C_{max}.

Bioequivalence based on (90% CI): Bupropion

Waiver request of in-vivo testing: Bupropion Hydrochloride Tablet, 75 mg based on (i) acceptable bioequivalence studies on the 100 mg strength, (ii) acceptable in-vitro dissolution testing of all strengths, and (iii) proportional similarity of the formulations across all strengths. Please refer to the Mirtazapine Tablet Draft Guidance for additional information regarding waivers of in-vivo testing.

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.