

## **Draft Guidance on Betamethasone Dipropionate**

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**Active Ingredient:** Betamethasone dipropionate

**Dosage Form; Route:** Augmented ointment; topical

**Recommended Studies:** Two studies

1. Type of study: Pilot Vasoconstrictor Study  
Design: A pilot dose duration-response study using the reference product under un-occluded conditions  
Strength: EQ 0.05% Base  
Subjects: Males and non-pregnant, non-lactating females, general population  
Additional comments: Refer to the guidance “Topical Dermatological Corticosteroids: In Vivo Bioequivalence”.

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2. Type of study: Pivotal vasoconstrictor study  
Design: A pivotal bioequivalence study under un-occluded conditions  
Strength: EQ 0.05% Base  
Subjects: Males and non-pregnant, non-lactating females, general population  
Additional Comments: See comments above
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**Analytes to measure (in appropriate biological fluid):** Not applicable

**Bioequivalence based on (90% CI):** Pivotal vasoconstrictor study

**Waiver request of in vivo testing:** Not applicable

**Dissolution test method and sample times:** Not applicable