

## Draft Guidance on Lithium Carbonate

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**Active ingredient:** Lithium Carbonate

**Form/Route:** Capsules/Oral

**Recommended studies:** 1 study

Type of study: Fasting

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

Strength: 600 mg

Subjects: Normal healthy males and females, general population

Additional comments: Females should not be pregnant or lactating, and if applicable, should practice abstention or contraception during the study.

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**Analytes to measure (in appropriate biological fluid):** Lithium in plasma

**Bioequivalence based on (90% CI):** Lithium

**Waiver request of in-vivo testing:** 150 mg and 300 mg based on (i) acceptable bioequivalence studies on the 600 mg strength, (ii) proportionally similar across all strengths, and (iii) acceptable in vitro dissolution testing of 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.fda.gov/cder/ogd/index.htm>. 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.