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**Draft Guidance on Pimozide**

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**Active Ingredient:** Pimozide

**Dosage Form:** Tablet

**Route:** Oral

**Strengths:** 1 mg, 2 mg

**Recommended Study:** One in vivo bioequivalence study with pharmacokinetic endpoints

1. Type of study: Fasting
   Design: Single-dose, two-treatment, two-period crossover in vivo
   Strength: 2 mg
   Subjects: Healthy males and non-pregnant, non-lactating females
   Additional comments: Ensure an adequate washout period between treatments in the crossover study due to the long elimination half-life of pimozide. Alternatively, a parallel study design may be considered.

**Analytes to measure:** Pimozide in plasma

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

**Waiver request of in-vivo testing:** 1 mg strength based on (i) acceptable bioequivalence study on the 2 mg strength, (ii) acceptable in vitro dissolution testing of both strengths, and (iii) proportional similarity of the formulations between both strengths

**Dissolution test method and sampling times:** The dissolution information for this drug product can be found in the FDA's Dissolution Methods database, http://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/cder/dissolution. Conduct comparative dissolution testing on 12 dosage units for each of both strengths of the test product and reference listed drug (RLD).[1] Specifications will be determined upon review of the abbreviated new drug application.

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[1] If the RLD is not available, refer to the most recent version of the FDA guidance for industry on *Referencing Approved Drug Products in ANDA Submissions.*