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## **Draft Guidance on Cimetidine**

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**Active Ingredient:** Cimetidine

**Dosage Form:** Tablet

Route: Oral

**Strengths:** 200 mg, 300 mg, 400 mg, 800 mg

**Recommended Studies:** Two in vivo bioequivalence studies with pharmacokinetic

endpoints

1. Type of study: Fasting

Design: Single-dose, two-treatment, two-period crossover in vivo

Strength: 800 mg

Subjects: Healthy males and non-pregnant, non-lactating females

Additional comments: None

2. Type of study: Fed

Design: Single-dose, two-treatment, two-period crossover in vivo

Strength: 800 mg

Subjects: Healthy males and non-pregnant, non-lactating females

Additional comments: None

Analyte to measure: Cimetidine in plasma

Bioequivalence based on (90% CI): Cimetidine

Waiver request of in vivo testing: 200 mg, 300 mg, and 400 mg strengths based on (i) acceptable bioequivalence studies on the 800 mg strength (ii) acceptable in vitro dissolution testing of all strengths, and (iii) proportional similarity of the formulations across all strengths

**Dissolution test method and sampling times:** The dissolution information for this drug product can be found in the FDA's Dissolution Methods database, <a href="http://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/cder/dissolution/">http://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/cder/dissolution/</a>. 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 abbreviated new drug application.

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