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This is a new draft product-specific guidance for industry on generic acetaminophen.

**Active Ingredient:** Acetaminophen

**Dosage Form; Route:** Suppository; rectal

**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:** 650 mg  
   **Subjects:** Males and non-pregnant, non-lactating females, general population  
   **Additional comments:** None

**Analyte to measure:** Acetaminophen in plasma

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

**Additional strengths:** The bioequivalence of 80 mg, 120 mg, and 325 mg strengths to the corresponding reference product strengths may be demonstrated based on principles described in
the most recent version of the FDA guidance for industry on Bioequivalence Studies with Pharmacokinetic Endpoints for Drugs Submitted Under an ANDA.\(^a\)

**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/](http://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/cder/dissolution/). 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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