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## **Draft Guidance on Valganciclovir Hydrochloride**

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**Active Ingredient:** Valganciclovir hydrochloride

**Dosage Form:** Tablet

**Route:** Oral

**Strength:** EQ 450 mg Base

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

1. Type of study: Fed  
Design: Single-dose, two-treatment, two-period crossover in vivo  
Strength: EQ 450 mg Base at a dose of EQ 900 mg Base  
Subjects: Healthy males and non-pregnant, non-lactating females  
Additional comments: Females of reproductive potential should use effective contraception during the study and for at least 30 days after the last dose. Males should practice barrier contraception during the study and for at least 90 days after the last dose.

**Analytes to measure:** Valganciclovir and ganciclovir in plasma

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

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

**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 the test product and reference listed drug (RLD).<sup>1</sup> Specifications will be determined upon review of the abbreviated new drug application.

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<sup>1</sup> 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*.