

**Draft Guidance on Tadalafil**

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**Active Ingredient:** Tadalafil

**Dosage Form:** Tablet

**Route:** Oral

**Strengths:** 2.5 mg, 5 mg, 10 mg, 20 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: 20 mg  
Subjects: Healthy males  
Additional comments: None

**Analyte to measure:** Tadalafil in plasma

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

**Waiver request of in vivo testing:** 2.5 mg, 5 mg, and 10 mg strengths based on (i) acceptable bioequivalence study on the 20 mg strength, (ii) acceptable in vitro dissolution testing of all strengths, and (iii) proportional similarity of the formulations across all strengths

**NOTE:** Tadalafil tablets, 20 mg, and tadalafil tablets, 2.5 mg, 5 mg, 10 mg, and 20 mg are the subject of two separate reference listed drugs (RLDs). Submit a separate abbreviated new drug application (ANDA) referencing each RLD. An applicant may request a waiver of in vivo bioequivalence testing for the ANDA referencing the single 20 mg strength RLD provided that it:

1. Submits acceptable bioequivalence study of this strength in the related ANDA,
2. Cross-references the study submitted in the ANDA for this strength, and
3. Meets the criteria of 21 CFR § 320.22(d) (2). Refer to the most recent version of the guidance for industry on *Variations in Drug Products that May Be Included in a Single ANDA*.<sup>a</sup>

**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 all strengths of the test product and RLD.<sup>1</sup> Specifications will be determined upon review of the ANDA.

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<sup>a</sup> For the most recent version of a guidance, check the FDA guidance website at <https://www.fda.gov/regulatory-information/search-fda-guidance-documents>.

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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*.