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**Draft Guidance on Dexamethasone**

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**Active Ingredient:** Dexamethasone

**Dosage Form:** Tablet

**Route:** Oral

**Strength:** 20 mg

**Reference Listed Drug:** NDA 211379

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

1. Class of study: Bioequivalence  
Type of study: Fasting  
Design: Single-dose, two-treatment, two-period crossover in vivo  
Strength: 20 mg  
Subjects: Healthy males and non-pregnant, non-lactating females

**Analyte to measure:** Dexamethasone in plasma

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

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

**Dissolution:** Dissolution test(s) should be included for quality control. Provide a dissolution method development report for the test product containing information and data that demonstrate appropriateness of the selected dissolution method<sup>1</sup> and sampling times, such as the discriminating ability to detect changes in critical quality attributes that could potentially impact drug product performance.

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<sup>1</sup> Applicant-developed, United States Pharmacopeia drug product monograph or Dissolution Methods database, <https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/cder/dissolution/index.cfm>