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

**Active Ingredient:** Opicapone

**Dosage Form; Route:** Capsule; oral

**Recommended Study:** One study

1. **Type of study:** Fasting
   
   **Design:** Single-dose, two-treatment, two-period, crossover in vivo
   
   **Strength:** 50 mg
   
   **Subjects:** Males and non-pregnant, non-lactating females, general population
   
   **Additional comments:** Subjects should be instructed not to engage in potentially hazardous activities requiring complete mental alertness, such as driving a motor vehicle or operating machinery until they have completely returned to their level of baseline cognitive functioning after taking opicapone.

**Analyte to measure:** Opicapone in plasma
**Bioequivalence based on (90% CI):** Opicapone

**Waiver request of in vivo testing:** 25 mg based on (i) acceptable bioequivalence study on the 50 mg strength, (ii) acceptable in vitro dissolution testing of both strengths, and (iii) proportional similarity of the formulations between both strengths.

**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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