

Draft Guidance on Meloxicam

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Active Ingredient:	Meloxicam
Dosage Form:	Solution
Route:	Intravenous
Strength:	30 mg/mL (30 mg/mL)
Reference Listed Drug:	NDA 218395
Recommended Study:	Request for waiver of in vivo bioequivalence study requirements

Waiver request of in vivo bioequivalence study: To qualify for a waiver from submitting an in vivo bioequivalence study on the basis that bioequivalence is self-evident under 21 CFR 320.22(b)(1), a generic meloxicam intravenous solution product should be qualitatively (Q1)¹ and quantitatively (Q2)² the same as the reference listed drug (RLD).

An applicant may seek approval of a drug product intended for parenteral use that differs from the RLD in preservative, buffer, or antioxidant provided that the applicant identifies and characterizes the differences and provides information demonstrating that the differences do not affect the safety or efficacy of the proposed drug product.³

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¹ Q1 (Qualitative sameness) means that the test product uses the same inactive ingredient(s) as the RLD.

² Q2 (Quantitative sameness) means that concentrations of the inactive ingredient(s) used in the test product are within ±5% of those used in the RLD.

³ 21 CFR 314.94(a)(9)(iii).