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Draft Guidance on Docetaxel

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Active Ingredient: Docetaxel

Dosage Form: Solution

Route: Intravenous

Strength: 80 mg/4 mL (20 mg/mL)

Recommended Study: Request for waiver of in vivo bioequivalence study requirements

To qualify for a waiver of in vivo bioequivalence study requirements on the basis that bioequivalence is self-evident under 21 CFR 320.22(b)(1), a generic docetaxel 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 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 products are within ±5% of those used in the RLD.
[3] 21 CFR 314.94(a)(9)(iii).