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Draft Guidance on Icatibant Acetate

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Active Ingredient:	Icatibant acetate
Dosage Form:	Injectable
Route:	Subcutaneous
Strength:	EQ 30mg Base/3mL (EQ 10mg Base/mL)
Recommended Study:	Request for waiver of in vivo bioequivalence study requirements

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), a generic icatibant acetate subcutaneous injectable product that is 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

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

² Q2 (Quantitative sameness) means that concentrations of the inactive ingredient(s) used in the test product are within $\pm 5\%$ of those used in the reference listed product.

³ 21 CFR 314.94(a)(9)(iii).

Additional information:

Device:

The RLD is presented as a kit that consists of a prefilled syringe and an injection needle. The prefilled syringe and the injection needle are the device constituent parts.

FDA recommends that prospective applicants examine the size and shape, the external critical design attributes, and the external operating principles of the RLD device when designing the test device including:

- Single-dose, fixed-dose, prefilled syringe format
- Needle gauge and length

User interface assessment:

An abbreviated new drug application for this product should include complete comparative analyses so FDA can determine whether any differences in design for the user interface of the proposed generic product, as compared to the RLD, are acceptable and whether the product can be expected to have the same clinical effect and safety profile as the RLD when administered to patients under the conditions specified in the labeling. For additional information, refer to the most recent version of the FDA guidance for industry on *Comparative Analyses and Related Comparative Use Human Factors Studies for a Drug-Device Combination Product Submitted in an ANDA*.^a

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