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Imatinib Product-Specific Bioequivalence Guidance

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Requirements for bioequivalence demonstration (PKWP)*

BCS Classification**	**BCS Class:** ☐ **I** ☐ **III** ☒ **Neither of the two** **Background:** Imatinib can be classified as a high permeability compound, but complete information on solubility is not available at present.
BE Study design	**single dose** **cross-over**
	healthy volunteers

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	☐ **fasting** ☐ **fed** ☐ **both** ☒ **either fasting or fed** Either a fasting or a fed study is acceptable. The SmPC recommends intake in fed state to minimise the risk of gastrointestinal irritations. However, a single dose fasting study in healthy volunteers is feasible and preferred to increase the sensitivity to detect differences between products. A fed study is acceptable according to the Guideline on the investigation of bioequivalence based on SmPC recommendations.
	Strength: 400 mg because it is the highest strength **Background:** Linear PK in the range 25 mg – 1000 mg
	Number of studies: one single dose study
Analyte	☒ **parent** ☐ **metabolite** ☐ **both**
	☒ **plasma** ☐ **blood** ☐ **urine**
	Enantioselective analytical method: ☐ **yes** ☒ **no**
Bioequivalence assessment	**Main pharmacokinetic variables:** AUC_{0-72h}, Cmax
	90% confidence interval: 80.00– 125.00

16 * As drug variability has not been reviewed, this guidance is not applicable to highly variables drugs.

17 ** The BCS classification should be confirmed by the Applicant at time of submission based on available data (solubility experiments, literature, etc.). If
18 a drug substance has been classified as BCS class II or IV, no further solubility investigations are needed.