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Nilotinib hard capsules 50, 150 and 200 mg product-specific bioequivalence guidance

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Disclaimer:

This guidance should not be understood as being legally enforceable and is without prejudice to the need to ensure that the data submitted in support of a marketing authorisation application complies with the appropriate scientific, regulatory and legal requirements.

Requirements for bioequivalence demonstration (MWP)*

BCS Classification**	BCS Class: <input type="checkbox"/> I <input type="checkbox"/> III <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Neither of the two Background: Nilotinib hydrochloride monohydrate is considered a low solubility compound
Bioequivalence study design <i>in case a BCS biowaiver is not feasible or applied</i>	single dose cross-over healthy subjects <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fasting <input type="checkbox"/> fed <input type="checkbox"/> both <input type="checkbox"/> either fasting or fed
	Strength: 200 mg Background: Highest strength for drug with low solubility but dose-proportional pharmacokinetics in dose range 50-200 mg.

	<i>In vitro evaluation:</i> Additionally, <i>in vitro</i> studies showing compatibility of the generic nilotinib formulation with applesauce should be conducted.
Analyte	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> parent <input type="checkbox"/> metabolite <input type="checkbox"/> both
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> plasma/serum <input type="checkbox"/> blood <input type="checkbox"/> urine
	Enantioselective analytical method: <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no
Bioequivalence assessment	Main pharmacokinetic variables: C_{\max} , AUC_{0-t}
	90% confidence interval: 80.00– 125.00%

* As intra-subject variability of the reference product has not been reviewed to elaborate this product-specific bioequivalence guideline, it is not possible to recommend at this stage the use of a replicate design to demonstrate high intra-subject variability and widen the acceptance range of C_{\max} . If high intra-individual variability ($CV_{\text{intra}} > 30\%$) is expected, the applicants might follow respective guideline recommendations.