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Requirements for bioequivalence demonstration (PKWP)*

BCS Classification**	**BCS Class:** ☐ **I** ☐ **III** ☒ **Neither of the two** **Background:** Elvitegravir may be considered a low solubility compound. Cobicistat may be considered a low solubility compound. Emtricitabine may be considered a high solubility compound. Tenofovir may be considered a high solubility compound.
Bioequivalence study design *in case a BCS biowaiver is not feasible or applied*	**single dose** **cross-over**
	healthy volunteers
	☐ **fasting** ☒ **fed** ☐ **both** ☐ **either fasting or fed**

	High fat meal.
	Strength: Elvitegravir 150 mg / cobicistat 150 mg / emtricitabine 200 mg / tenofovir disoproxil 245 mg. **Background:** only combination
	Number of studies: one single dose study
Analyte	☒ **parent** ☒ **metabolite** ☐ **both**
	☒ **plasma/serum** ☐ **blood** ☐ **urine**
	Enantioselective analytical method: ☐ **yes** ☒ **no**
	Elvitegravir, Cobicistat, Emtricitabine, Tenofovir as an active metabolite of tenofovir disoproxil.
Bioequivalence assessment	**Main pharmacokinetic variables:** AUC_{0-t} and C_{max}
	90% confidence interval: 80.00–125.00% for Elvitegravir, Emtricitabine, Tenofovir and Cobicistat.

* 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_{intra} > 30%) is expected, the applicants might follow respective guideline recommendations.

** This tentative BCS classification of the drug substance serves to define whether in vivo studies seems to be mandatory (BCS class II and IV) or, on the contrary (BCS Class I and III), the Applicant may choose between two options: in vivo approach or in vitro approach based on a BCS biowaiver. In this latter case, the BCS classification of the drug substance should be confirmed by the Applicant at the time of submission based on available data (solubility experiments, literature, etc.). However, a BCS-based biowaiver might not be feasible due to product specific characteristics despite the drug substance being BCS class I or III (e.g. in vitro dissolution being less than 85% within 15 min (BCS class III) or 30 min (BCS class I) either for test or reference, or unacceptable differences in the excipient composition).