

Bioequivalent allowed indicator code A

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Value Domain
METEOR identifier:	612340
Registration status:	Commonwealth Department of Health , Retired 19/10/2023
Definition:	A code set representing the way in which a medicinal product is considered to be bioequivalent with other medicinal products.

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code
Data type:	String
Format:	A
Maximum character length:	1

	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	a	Able to be substituted with other 'a flagged' brands
	b	Able to be substituted with other 'b flagged' brands
Supplementary values:	blank	Not able to be substituted with other brands

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	The permissible values for this value domain should be reported in lowercase only.
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CODE a Able to be substituted with other 'a flagged' brands

This code is used to identify those medicinal products for which either:

1. the sponsor of the brand has submitted evidence to the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) that the medicinal product has been demonstrated to be bioequivalent or therapeutically equivalent, or
2. justification for not needing bioequivalence or therapeutic equivalence data has been provided to and accepted by the TGA.

CODE b Able to be substituted with other 'b flagged' brands

This code is used to identify those brands of medicinal products that are considered to be bioequivalent or therapeutically equivalent, but for which it is not known if there is equivalence between brands marked 'a' and those marked 'b'.

More information about brand equivalence is available from the relevant section of the 'Symbols used in the Schedule' page of the Schedule of Pharmaceutical Benefits - see the Reference documents section below.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	Department of Health
Reference documents:	Department of Health 2015. Schedule of Pharmaceutical Benefits. Department of Health, Canberra. Viewed 18 September 2015, http://www.pbs.gov.au/info/healthpro/explanatory-notes/section2/section-2-symbols

Relational attributes

**Data elements
implementing this value
domain:**

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