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The term generic equivalents is not used in this report. It has been widely used, but has been given so many different interpretations that it has become confusing.

Instead, the following terms are utilized:

Chemical equivalents - Those multiple-source drug products which contain essentially identical amounts of the identical active ingredients, in identical dosage forms, and which meet existing physico-chemical standards in the official compendia.

Biological equivalents - Those chemical equivalents which, when administered in the same amounts, will provide essentially the same biological or physiological availability, as measured by blood levels, etc.

Clinical equivalents - Those chemical equivalents which, when administered in the same amounts, will provide essentially the same therapeutic effect as measured by the control of a symptom or a disease.