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Best Practices in Developing Proprietary Names for Human Prescription Drug Products Guidance for Industry.

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Look-alike and sound-alike names weaken the safety of medication use. This guidance provides a structure for industry to reduce instances of drug name similarities and describes the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) vetting process for drug names to improve naming actions prior to submission to the agency.