Draft Guidance on Chlorpheniramine Polistirex; Hydrocodone Polistirex

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Active ingredients: Chlorpheniramine Polistirex; Hydrocodone Polistirex

Form/Route: Extended Release Suspension/Oral

Recommended studies: 2 studies

1. Type of study: Fasting
   Design: Single-dose, two-way crossover in-vivo
   Strength: Eq. to 8 mg maleate; Eq. to 10 mg bitartrate/ 5 mL
   Subjects: Healthy males and nonpregnant females, general population.
   Additional Comments: 

2. Type of study: Fed
   Design: Single-dose, two-way crossover in-vivo
   Strength: 8 mg/10 mg per 5 mL
   Subjects: Healthy males and nonpregnant females, general population.
   Additional Comments: 

Analytes to measure (in appropriate biological fluid): Chlorpheniramine and hydrocodone in plasma

Bioequivalence based on (90% CI): Chlorpheniramine and hydrocodone

Waiver request of in-vivo testing: Not Applicable

Dissolution test method and sampling times:

Please note that a Dissolution Methods Database is available to the public at the OGD website at http://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/cder/dissolution/. Please find the dissolution information for this product at this website. Please note that a dosage unit for a suspension is the labeled strength (5 ml). A total of 12 units from 12 different bottles should be used.

For modified release products, dissolution profiles generated using USP Apparatus I at 100 rpm and/or Apparatus II at 50 rpm in at least three dissolution media (pH 1.2, 4.5 and 6.8 buffer) on 12 dosage units each of test and reference products should be submitted in the application. Agitation speeds may have to be increased if appropriate. It is acceptable to add a small amount of surfactant, if necessary. Please include early sampling times of 1, 2, and 4 hours and continue every 2 hours until at least 80% of the drug is released. Specifications will be determined upon review of the data submitted in the application.

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