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Draft Guidance on Metolazone

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Active ingredient: Metolazone

Form/Route: Tablet/Oral

Recommended studies: 3 studies

1. Type of study: Fasting
   Design: Single-dose, two-way crossover in-vivo
   Strength: 10 mg
   Subjects: Healthy males and nonpregnant females, general population
   Additional Comments:

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

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

Analytes to measure (in appropriate biological fluid): Metolazone in plasma

Bioequivalence based on (90% CI): Metolazone

Waiver request of in-vivo testing: 2.5 mg strength based on (i) acceptable bioequivalence study on the 5 mg and 10 mg strengths, (ii) acceptable in-vitro dissolution testing of all strengths, and (iii) proportional similarity of the formulations across all strengths.

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/cedr/dissolution/. Please find the dissolution information for this product at this website. Please conduct comparative dissolution testing on 12 dosage units each of all strengths of the test and reference products. Specifications will be determined upon review of the application.

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