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Draft Guidance on Desogestrel; Ethinyl Estradiol

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Active Ingredients: Desogestrel; Ethinyl estradiol

Dosage Form: Tablet

Route: Oral-21, Oral-28

Strength: 0.15 mg; 0.03 mg

Recommended Study: One in vivo bioequivalence study with pharmacokinetic endpoints

1. Type of study: Fasting
Design: Single-dose, two-treatment, two-period crossover in vivo
Strength: 0.15 mg; 0.03 mg
Subjects: Healthy non-pregnant, non-lactating females
Additional comments: Subjects should not be taking hormonal contraceptives.

Analytes to measure: Ethinyl estradiol and the active metabolite of desogestrel, 3-ketodesogestrel (etonogestrel) in plasma

Bioequivalence based on (90% CI): Ethinyl estradiol and 3-ketodesogestrel

Waiver request of in vivo testing: Not applicable

Dissolution test method and sampling times: The dissolution information for this drug product can be found in the FDA's Dissolution Methods database, <http://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/cder/dissolution/>. Conduct comparative dissolution testing on 12 dosage units for each of both strengths of the test product and reference listed drug (RLD).¹ Specifications will be determined upon review of the abbreviated new drug application.

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¹ If the RLD is not available, refer to the most recent version of the FDA guidance for industry on *Referencing Approved Drug Products in ANDA Submissions*.