Draft Guidance on Prednisolone Sodium Phosphate

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Active Ingredient: Prednisolone sodium phosphate

Dosage Form; Route: Orally disintegrating tablet; oral

Recommended Studies: Two studies

1. Type of study: Fasting
   Design: Single-dose, two-treatment, two-period crossover in vivo
   Strength: EQ 30 mg Base
   Subjects: Males and non-pregnant, non-lactating females, general population
   Additional comments: The orally disintegrating tablet should be placed on the tongue, allowed to disintegrate, and swallowed without water.

2. Type of study: Fed
   Design: Single-dose, two-treatment, two-period crossover in vivo
   Strength: EQ 30 mg Base
   Subjects: Males and non-pregnant, non-lactating females, general population
   Additional comments: See comments above.

Analyte to measure (in appropriate biological fluid): Prednisolone in plasma

Bioequivalence based on (90% CI): Prednisolone

Waiver request of in vivo testing: EQ 10 mg Base and EQ 15 mg Base based on (i) acceptable bioequivalence studies on the EQ 30 mg Base strength, (ii) acceptable dissolution testing across all strengths, and (iii) proportional similarity in the formulations across all strengths.

Dissolution test method and sampling times: The dissolution information for this drug product can be found on the FDA-Recommended Dissolution Methods web site, available to the public at the following location: http://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/cder/dissolution/. 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 abbreviated new drug application.