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Draft Guidance on Deucravacitinib

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Active Ingredient: Deucravacitinib

Dosage Form: Tablet

Route: Oral

Strength: 6 mg

Recommended Studies: Two in vivo bioequivalence studies with pharmacokinetic endpoints

1. Type of study: Fasting
   Design: Single-dose, two-treatment, two-period crossover in vivo
   Strength: 6 mg
   Subjects: Healthy males and non-pregnant, non-lactating females
   Additional comments: Exclude subjects with latent tuberculosis or abnormal liver function tests or blood counts. Monitor for signs and symptoms of infection during the study. Subjects should be informed not to use live attenuated vaccines immediately prior to or during the study.

2. Type of study: Fed
   Design: Single-dose, two-treatment, two-period crossover in vivo
   Strength: 6 mg
   Subjects: Healthy males and non-pregnant, non-lactating females
   Additional comments: See comments above.

Analyte to measure: Deucravacitinib in plasma

Bioequivalence based on (90% CI): Deucravacitinib

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 each of the test and reference products. Specifications will be determined upon review of the abbreviated new drug application.

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