

Draft Guidance on Brensocatib

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Active Ingredient: Brensocatib

Dosage Form: Tablet

Route: Oral

Strengths: 10 mg | 25 mg

Reference Listed Drug: NDA 217673

Recommended Study: One in vivo bioequivalence study with pharmacokinetic endpoints

1. Class of study: Bioequivalence

Type of study: Fasting

Design: Single-dose, two-treatment, two-period crossover in vivo

Strength: 25 mg

Subjects: Healthy males and non-pregnant, non-lactating females

Safety recommendation:

- Subjects should be informed not to use live attenuated vaccines immediately prior to or during the study.

Study design recommendation:

- $AUC_{(0-72h)}$ may be used in place of $AUC_{(0-t)}$ for comparing the extent of absorption, due to brensocatib’s long half-life. Ensure adequate washout periods between treatments in the crossover study.
- Alternatively, a parallel study design may be considered.

Analyte to measure: Brensocatib in plasma

Bioequivalence based on (90% CI): Brensocatib

Bioequivalence of additional strength: Waiver request of in vivo testing of additional strength based on (i) an acceptable bioequivalence study on the 25 mg strength, (ii) acceptable comparative in vitro dissolution studies between the additional strength and the 25 mg strength using 12 units per strength, and (iii) proportional similarity of the formulations between both strengths

Dissolution: Dissolution test(s) should be included for quality control and to support a waiver request of in vivo testing of an additional strength. For the quality control dissolution method, provide a dissolution method development report for the test product containing information and data that demonstrate appropriateness of the selected dissolution method¹ and sampling times, such as the discriminating ability to detect changes in critical quality attributes that could potentially impact drug product performance.

For drug products containing high solubility drug substances that meet the rapidly dissolving criteria, demonstration of discriminating ability may not be needed. For additional information, refer to the guidance for industry *Dissolution Testing and Acceptance Criteria for Immediate-Release Solid Oral Dosage Form Drug Products Containing High Solubility Drug Substances*.^a

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^a We update guidances periodically. For the most recent version of a guidance, refer to the FDA guidance webpage at <https://www.fda.gov/regulatory-information/search-fda-guidance-documents>.

¹ Applicant-developed, United States Pharmacopeia drug product monograph or Dissolution Methods database, <https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/cder/dissolution/index.cfm>