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**Draft Guidance on Alpelisib**

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**Active Ingredient:** Alpelisib

**Dosage Form:** Granules

**Route:** Oral

**Strength:** 50 mg/packet

**Recommended Study:** One in vivo bioequivalence study with pharmacokinetic endpoints

1. Type of study: Fed  
Design: Single-dose, two-treatment, two-period crossover in vivo  
Strength: 50 mg/packet at the administered dose of 50 mg  
Subjects: Healthy males and non-pregnant, non-lactating females  
Additional comments:
  - Exclude subjects with risk factors for prolonged QTc interval and Torsades de Pointes. Exclude subjects with a history of drug hypersensitivity to prevent severe cutaneous adverse reactions. Females of reproductive potential should use effective contraception during the study and for one week after the last dose. Males with female partners of reproductive potential should use condoms and effective contraception during the study and one week after the last dose.
  - Follow the direct oral administration instructions described in the reference listed drug (RLD) labeling.

**Analyte to measure:** Alpelisib in plasma

**Bioequivalence based on (90% CI):** Alpelisib

**Waiver request of in vivo testing of additional strength:** Not applicable

**Dissolution test method and sampling times:** Dissolution test(s) should be included for quality control. Provide a dissolution method development report for the test product containing information and data that demonstrate appropriateness of the selected dissolution method and sampling times, such as the discriminating ability to detect changes in critical quality attributes that could potentially impact drug product performance.

**In vitro feeding tube studies:** The RLD labeling states that the product can be administered by a nasogastric (NG) or gastrostomy (G) tube after preparation. Refer to the most recent version of the guidance for industry *Oral Drug Products Administered Via Enteral Feeding Tube: In Vitro Testing and Labeling Recommendations*<sup>a</sup> for conducting the in vitro feeding tube studies including comparative recovery testing, sedimentation volume and redispersibility testing, in-use stability testing, and particle size distribution study.

Testing tube: NG tube (5 French) and G tube (12 French)

1. Comparative recovery testing
  - Three different configurations of 5 French NG tubes, defined by materials (e.g., polyvinylchloride, silicone, polyurethane) and/or designs (e.g., number of ports/eyes, open or closed distal end), including:
    - i. One configuration made of polyurethane
    - ii. One configuration made of silicone
    - iii. One additional configuration
  - Three different configurations of 12 French G tubes, including:
    - i. One configuration made of silicone
    - ii. Two additional configurations
    - iii. At least one tube should be tested with an inflated balloon design
  - Reporting of the pH value of the water
  - Holding times of 0 and 60 minutes
2. Sedimentation volume and redispersibility testing
3. In-use stability testing
4. Particle size distribution study

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<sup>a</sup> For the most recent version of a guidance, refer to the FDA guidance website at <https://www.fda.gov/regulatory-information/search-fda-guidance-documents>.