Draft Guidance on Rizatriptan Benzoate

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Active ingredient: Rizatriptan Benzoate

Form/Route: Orally Disintegrating Tablet/Oral

Recommended studies: 2 studies

1. Type of study: Fasting
   Design: Single-dose, two-way crossover in-vivo
   Strength: 10 mg
   Subjects: Healthy males and nonpregnant females, general population
   Additional comments: The whole tablet should be placed on the tongue and allowed to disintegrate for 30 seconds. After 30 seconds, all subjects should consume 240 mL of water.

2. Type of study: Fed
   Design: Single-dose, two-way crossover in-vivo
   Strength: 10 mg
   Subjects: Healthy males and nonpregnant females, general population
   Additional comments: See comments above. Please refer to the Amantadine Hydrochloride Tablet Draft Guidance for additional information regarding fed studies.

Analytes to measure (in appropriate biological fluid): Rizatriptan in plasma

Bioequivalence based on (90% CI): Rizatriptan

Waiver request of in-vivo testing: 5 mg based on (i) acceptable bioequivalence studies on the 10 mg strength, (ii) acceptable dissolution testing across both strengths, and (iii) proportional similarity in the formulations across both strengths. Please refer to the Mirtazapine Tablet Draft Guidance for additional information regarding waivers of in vivo testing.

Dissolution test method and sampling times:
Please note that a Dissolution Methods Database is available to the public at the OGD website at http://www.fda.gov/cder/ogd/index.htm. Please find the dissolution information for this product at this website. Please 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 application.

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