Draft Guidance on Sulfamethoxazole; Trimethoprim

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Active Ingredient: Sulfamethoxazole; Trimethoprim

Dosage Form; Route: Tablet; oral

Recommended Studies: Two studies

1. Type of study: Fasting
   Design: Single-dose, two-way, crossover in-vivo
   Strength: 800 mg/160 mg
   Subjects: Healthy males and non-pregnant, non-lactating females, general population
   Additional Comments: None

2. Type of study: Fed
   Design: Single-dose, two-way crossover in-vivo
   Strength: 800 mg/160 mg
   Subjects: Healthy males and non-pregnant, non-lactating females, general population
   Additional comments: None

Analytes to measure (in appropriate biological fluid): Sulfamethoxazole and trimethoprim in plasma

Bioequivalence based on (90% CI): Sulfamethoxazole and trimethoprim

Waiver request of in vivo testing: 400 mg/80 mg based on (i) acceptable bioequivalence studies on the 800 mg/160 mg 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 (ANDA).