Draft Guidance on Testosterone

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Active ingredient: Testosterone

Form/Route: Pellet/Implantation

Recommended studies: 1 study

Type of study: Fasting
Design: Single-dose, two-arm, parallel, in vivo
Strength: 75 mg [Dose: 150 mg (two x 75 mg pellet)]
Subjects: Healthy, hypogonadal male patients

Additional comments:
- Subjects should not currently be receiving any treatment for their hypogonadism.
- The inclusion criterion for hypogonadal males is serum testosterone levels below 2.5 ng/mL.
- The parallel groups should be well-balanced with respect to the study population demographics
- An average baseline correction is obtained by averaging the three predose sampling times (-1.0, -0.5 and 0 hours). The baseline corrected and uncorrected data and statistical analyses should be submitted to the Agency.

Analytes to measure: Total testosterone (free and protein bound) in plasma

Bioequivalence based on (90% CI): Total testosterone (baseline-corrected) in plasma

Waiver request of in vivo testing: Not applicable

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.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/cder/dissolution/. 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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