Draft Guidance on Baricitinib

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Active Ingredient: Baricitinib

Dosage Form; Route: Tablet; oral

Recommended Studies: Two studies

1. Type of study: Fasting

Design: Single-dose, two-way crossover in vivo

Strength: 2 mg

Subjects: Males and non-pregnant, non-lactating females, general population Additional comments: 1) Prospective study participants should be tested and confirmed negative for latent tuberculosis before enrolling in a bioequivalence study; 2) Enrolled study participants should have normal liver function tests, blood counts, and lipid profiles at baseline prior to study drug administration; 3) Exclude subjects at an increased risk for thrombosis.

2. Type of study: Fed

Design: Single-dose, two-way crossover in vivo

Strength: 2 mg

Subjects: Males and non-pregnant, non-lactating females, general population

Additional comments: See comments above

Analyte to measure (in appropriate biological fluid): Baricitinib in plasma

Bioequivalence based on (90% CI): Baricitinib

Waiver request of in vivo testing: Not applicable

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 the test and reference products. Specifications will be determined upon review of the abbreviated new drug application.