

Draft Guidance on Mexiletine Hydrochloride

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Active Ingredient: Mexiletine hydrochloride

Dosage Form; Route: Capsule; oral

Recommended Studies: Two studies

1. Type of study: Fasting
Design: Single-dose, two-treatment, two-period crossover in vivo
Strength: 250 mg
Subjects: Males and non-pregnant, non-lactating females, general population
Additional comments: None

2. Type of study: Fed
Design: Single-dose, two-treatment, two-period crossover in vivo
Strength: 250 mg
Subjects: Males and non-pregnant, non-lactating females, general population
Additional comments: None

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

Bioequivalence based on (90% CI): Mexiletine

Waiver request of in vivo testing: The 150 mg and 200 mg strengths based on (i) acceptable bioequivalence studies on the 250 mg strength, (ii) proportional similarity of the formulations across all strengths, and (iii) acceptable in vitro dissolution testing of 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 for each strength of the test and reference products. Specifications will be determined upon review of the abbreviated new drug application.