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Draft Guidance on Dolutegravir Sodium

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This guidance, which interprets the Agency's regulations on bioequivalence at 21 CFR part 320, provides product-specific recommendations on, among other things, the design of bioequivalence studies to support abbreviated new drug applications (ANDAs) for the referenced drug product. FDA is publishing this guidance to further facilitate generic drug product availability and to assist the generic pharmaceutical industry with identifying the most appropriate methodology for developing drugs and generating evidence needed to support ANDA approval for generic versions of this product.

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This is a new draft product-specific guidance for industry on generic dolutegravir sodium.

Active Ingredient: Dolutegravir sodium

Dosage Form: Route: Tablet, for suspension; oral

Recommended Studies: Two studies

1. Type of study: Fasting

Design: Single-dose, two-treatment, two-period crossover in vivo

Strength: EQ 5 mg Base

Subjects: Males and females, general population

Additional comments: Exclude females of reproductive potential due to the risk of

embryo-fetal toxicity.

2. Type of study: Fed

Design: Single-dose, two-treatment, two-period crossover in vivo

Strength: EQ 5 mg Base

Subjects: Males and females, general population Additional comments: See comments above.

Analyte to measure: Dolutegravir in plasma

Bioequivalence based on (90% CI): Dolutegravir

Waiver request of in vivo testing: Not applicable

Dissolution test method and sampling times: The dissolution information for this drug product can be found in the FDA's Dissolution Methods database, 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 (ANDA).

Additional Information:

Device:

This product is a drug-device combination product. Refer to the most recent version of the FDA guidance for industry on *Comparative Analyses and Related Comparative Use Human Factors Studies for a Drug-Device Combination Product Submitted in an ANDA*. An ANDA for a proposed generic drug-device combination product should include complete comparative analyses.

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