Draft Guidance on Acyclovir

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Active Ingredient: Acyclovir

Dosage Form; Route: Suspension; oral

Recommended Studies: Two studies

1. Type of study: Fasting

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

Strength: 200 mg/5 mL

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: 200 mg/5 mL

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

Additional comments: None

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

Bioequivalence based on (90% CI): Acyclovir

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 all strengths of the test and reference products. Note that a dosage unit for a suspension is the labeled strength (5 mL). Specifications will be determined upon review of the abbreviated new drug application.