Draft Guidance on Letermovir

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Active Ingredient: Letermovir

Dosage Form; Route: Tablet; oral

Recommended Studies: Two studies

1. Type of study: Fasting

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

Strength: 480 mg

Subjects: Females of non-child bearing potential, general population

Additional comments: Due to potential for impairment of male fertility and embryo-fetal toxicity, studies should not be conducted in males and females of child bearing potential.

2. Type of study: Fed

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

Strength: 480 mg

Subjects: Females of non-child bearing potential, general population

Additional comments: See comments above.

Analytes to measure (in appropriate biological fluid): Letermovir in plasma

Bioequivalence based on (90% CI): Letermovir

Waiver request of in vivo testing: 240 mg based on (i) acceptable bioequivalence studies on the 480 mg strength, (ii) proportional similarity of the formulations across both strengths, and (iii) acceptable in vitro dissolution testing of both 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 each of all strengths of the test and reference products. Specifications will be determined upon review of the abbreviated new drug application (ANDA).