

Guidance on Atenolol and Chlorthalidone

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Active Ingredient: Atenolol and Chlorthalidone

Dosage Form; Route: Tablet; oral

Recommended Studies: Two studies

1. Type of study: Fasting
Design: Single-dose, two-way crossover in vivo
Strength: 100 mg; 25 mg
Subject: Healthy males and nonpregnant females, general population
Additional Comments: None

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2. Type of study: Fed
Design: Single-dose, two-way crossover in vivo
Strength: 100 mg; 25 mg
Subjects: Healthy males and nonpregnant females, general population
Additional Comments: None

Analytes to measure (in appropriate biological fluid): Atenolol in plasma and chlorthalidone in whole blood.

Bioequivalence based on (90% CI): Atenolol and chlorthalidone

Waiver request of in-vivo testing: 50 mg; 25 mg, based on (i) acceptable bioequivalence studies on the 100 mg; 25 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 each of all strengths of the test and reference products. Specifications will be determined upon review of the abbreviated new drug application (ANDA).