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Draft Guidance on Ibrutinib

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Active Ingredient:	Ibrutinib
Dosage Form:	Tablet
Route:	Oral
Strengths:	140 mg, 280 mg, 420 mg
Recommended Study:	One in vivo bioequivalence study with pharmacokinetic endpoints

1. Type of study: Fasting
Design: Single-dose, two-treatment, two-period crossover in vivo
Strength: 420 mg
Subjects: Healthy males and non-pregnant, non-lactating females
Additional comments: Due to the embryo-fetal toxicity of ibrutinib, female subjects of reproductive potential should use effective method of contraception during the study and for one month after the last dose. Males with female partner of reproductive potential should use effective method of contraception during the study and for one month after the last dose. Applicants may consider using a reference-scaled average bioequivalence approach for ibrutinib. If using this approach, provide evidence of high variability in the pharmacokinetic parameters (i.e., within-subject variability $\geq 30\%$) for the reference listed drug. For detailed information on this approach, refer to the most recent version of the FDA guidance for industry on *Bioequivalence Studies with Pharmacokinetic Endpoints for Drugs Submitted Under an ANDA*.^a

Analyte to measure: Ibrutinib in plasma

Bioequivalence based on (90% CI): Ibrutinib

Waiver request of in vivo testing: 140 mg and 280 mg strengths based on (i) acceptable bioequivalence study on the 420 mg strength, (ii) acceptable in vitro dissolution testing of all strengths, and (iii) proportional similarity of the formulations across all strengths

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 for each of all strengths of the test product and reference listed drug (RLD).¹ Specifications will be determined upon review of the abbreviated new drug application.

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^a For the most recent version of a guidance, check the FDA guidance website at <https://www.fda.gov/regulatory-information/search-fda-guidance-documents>.

¹ If the RLD is not available, refer to the most recent version of the FDA guidance for industry on *Referencing Approved Drug Products in ANDA Submissions*.