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Draft Guidance on Carbidopa; Levodopa

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Active Ingredients: Carbidopa; Levodopa

Dosage Form: Tablet, orally disintegrating

Route: Oral

Strengths: 10 mg; 100 mg, 25 mg; 100 mg, 25 mg; 250 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: 25 mg; 250 mg
   Subjects: Healthy males and non-pregnant, non-lactating females
   Additional comments: The orally disintegrating tablet should be placed on the tongue, allowed to disintegrate, and swallowed without water.

Analytes to measure: Carbidopa and levodopa in plasma

Bioequivalence based on (90% CI): Carbidopa and levodopa

Waiver request of in vivo testing: 10 mg; 100 mg and 25 mg; 100 mg strengths based on (i) acceptable bioequivalence study on the 25 mg; 250 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 both 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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[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*.