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## **Draft Guidance on Chlorthalidone**

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**Active Ingredient:** Chlorthalidone

**Dosage Form:** Tablet

**Route:** Oral

**Strengths:** 15 mg, 25 mg

**Recommended Study:** One in vivo bioequivalence study with pharmacokinetic endpoints

1. Type of study: Fed  
Design: Single-dose, two-treatment, two-period crossover in vivo  
Strength: 25 mg  
Subjects: Healthy males and non-lactating, non-pregnant females  
Additional comments: Ensure an adequate washout period between treatments in the crossover study due to the long elimination half-life of chlorthalidone. Alternatively, a parallel study design may be considered.

**Analyte to measure:** Chlorthalidone in plasma or in whole blood

**Bioequivalence based on (90% CI):** Chlorthalidone

**Waiver request of in vivo testing:** 15 mg strength based on (i) acceptable bioequivalence study on the 25 mg strength (ii) acceptable in vitro dissolution testing of both strengths (iii) proportional similarity of the formulations between both 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).<sup>1</sup> Specifications will be determined upon review of the abbreviated new drug application.

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<sup>1</sup> 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*.