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Draft Guidance on Diclofenac

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Active Ingredient: Diclofenac

Dosage Form: Capsule

Route: Oral

Strengths: 18 mg, 35 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: 35 mg
Subjects: Healthy males and non-pregnant non-lactating females
Additional comments: None

Analyte to measure: Diclofenac in plasma

Bioequivalence based on (90% CI): Diclofenac

Waiver request of in vivo testing: 18 mg strength based on (i) acceptable bioequivalence study on the 35 mg strength, (ii) acceptable in vitro dissolution testing of both strengths, and (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).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*.