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Draft Guidance on Chlorthalidone

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Active ingredient: Chlorthalidone

Form/Route: Tablets/Oral

Recommended studies: 2 studies

1. Type of study: Fasting
Design: Single-dose, two-way crossover *in-vivo*
Strength: 50 mg
Subjects: Healthy males and nonpregnant females, general population.
Additional Comments: You may also consider using a parallel study design due to chlorthalidone's long half-life. For long half-life drug products, an AUC truncated at 72 hours may be used in place of AUC_{0-t} or AUC_{0-∞}.

2. Type of study: Fed
Design: Single-dose, two-way crossover *in-vivo*
Strength: 50 mg
Subjects: Healthy males and nonpregnant females, general population.
Additional Comments: See comments above.

Analytes to measure (in appropriate biological fluid): Chlorthalidone in plasma

Bioequivalence based on (90% CI): Chlorthalidone

Waiver request of in-vivo testing: 15 mg and 25 mg based on (i) acceptable bioequivalence studies on the 50 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:

Please note that a **Dissolution Methods Database** is available to the public at the OGD website at <http://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/cder/dissolution/>. Please find the dissolution information for this product at this website. Please 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 application.