

Draft Guidance on Doxycycline Hyclate

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Active Ingredient: Doxycycline hyclate

Dosage Form; Route: Tablet; oral

Recommended Studies: Two in vivo studies

1. Type of study: Fasting
Design: Single-dose, two-way crossover in vivo
Strength: EQ 150 mg base
Subjects: Healthy males and nonpregnant females, general population
Additional comments: Females should not be pregnant or lactating, and, if applicable, should practice abstention or contraception during the study
2. Type of study: Fed
Design: Single-dose, two-way crossover in vivo
Strength: EQ 150 mg base
Subjects: Healthy males and nonpregnant females, general population
Additional comments: Please see comments above.

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

Bioequivalence based on (90% CI): Doxycycline

Waiver request of in vivo testing: EQ 75 mg base based on (i) acceptable bioequivalence studies on the 150 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: The dissolution information for this drug product can be found on the FDA-Recommended Dissolution Methods Web site, available to the public at the following location: <http://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/cder/dissolution/>. 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 abbreviated new drug application (ANDA).

Note that the reference listed drug, EQ 150 mg base, is a dual-scored tablet (i.e., 3 x 50 mg). For additional information related to scored tablets, refer to the guidance *Tablet Scoring: Nomenclature, Labeling, and Data for Evaluation*, issued in March 2013 at

<http://www.fda.gov/downloads/Drugs/GuidanceComplianceRegulatoryInformation/Guidances/UCM269921.pdf>.