

Draft Guidance on Lorcaserin Hydrochloride

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Active Ingredient: Lorcaserin hydrochloride

Dosage Form; Route: Extended release tablet; oral

Recommended Studies: Two studies

1. Type of study: Fasting
Design: Single-dose, two-way crossover in vivo
Strength: 20 mg
Subjects: Healthy males and nonpregnant females, general population.
Additional comments: none.
2. Type of study: Fed
Design: Single-dose, two-way crossover in vivo
Strength: 20 mg
Subjects: Healthy males and nonpregnant females, general population.
Additional comments: none.

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

Bioequivalence based on (90% CI): Lorcaserin

Waiver request of in-vivo testing: Not applicable

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).

In addition to the method above, for modified release products, dissolution profiles on 12 dosage units each of test and reference products generated using USP Apparatus I at 100 rpm and/or Apparatus II at 50 rpm in at least three dissolution media (pH 1.2, 4.5 and 6.8 buffer) should be submitted in the application. Agitation speeds may have to be increased if appropriate. It is acceptable to add a small amount of surfactant, if necessary. Please include early sampling times of 1, 2, and 4 hours and continue every 2 hours until at least 80% of the drug is released, to

provide assurance against premature release of drug (dose dumping) from the formulation. Specifications will be determined upon review of the data submitted in the application.