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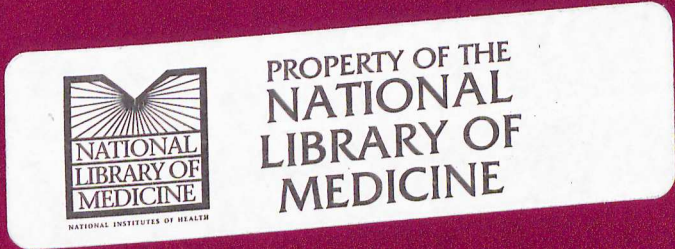
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RESULTS: Mean pharmacokinetic results are reported below:

Group (n=5)	AUC (ng*min/mL)			C _{max} (ng/mL)			T _{max} (min)		
	Mean	S.D.	CV%	Mean	S.D.	CV%	Mean (min-max)	S.D.	CV%
Naratriptan Alone	62851	17299	28	1052	303	29	27 (15-30)	7	25
Naratriptan/ Carrier A	73568	9377	13	1315	490	37	13* (5-15)	5	34
Naratriptan/ Carrier B	57587	18231	32	940	320	34	9* (5-15)	5	61

* Naratriptan and carrier combination versus control (Naratriptan alone), $p=0.02$

CONCLUSION: Peak naratriptan concentrations following drug-carrier combination were reached significantly earlier than when naratriptan was administered alone. The extent of absorption, measured as AUC and C_{max}, was not substantially affected by the administration of the combination.

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ASSESSMENT OF THE DOSE PROPORTIONALITY OF PALIPERIDONE PALMITATE 25, 50, 100 AND 150 MG EQ., A NEW LONG-ACTING INJECTABLE ANTIPSYCHOTIC FOLLOWING ADMINISTRATION IN THE DELTOID OR GLEUTEAL MUSCLES. A. Cleton,¹ S. Rossenu,¹ D. Hough,² H. Crauwels,¹ J. Berwaerts,² S. Gopal,² A. Vandebosch,¹ C. Rosso Fernandez,³ ¹Johnson & Johnson Pharmaceutical Research & Development, Beerse, Belgium, ²Johnson & Johnson Pharmaceutical Research & Development, Titusville, NJ, ³Clinical Trial Unit, University Hospital of Bellvitge, Barcelona, Spain

BACKGROUND: Study evaluated dose proportionality of paliperidone palmitate injections administered in either gluteal or deltoid muscle.

METHODS: A single-dose, open-label, parallel-group study randomized 201 schizophrenia subjects (safety set) into eight treatment groups: paliperidone palmitate 25 (n=48), 50 (n=50), 100 (n=51) or 150 (n=52) mg eq. injected into deltoid or gluteal muscle. Paliperidone dose proportionality was assessed by a linear regression model, for each injection site, with log-transformed dose-normalized AUC_∞ and C_{max} as dependent variables and log-transformed dose as predictor, respectively. C_{max} and AUC_∞ ratios of enantiomers [R078543(+)/R078544(-)] were documented.

RESULTS: AUC_∞ slopes were not significantly different from zero for deltoid (slope -0.06; $p=0.36$) and gluteal injections (slope -0.02; $p=0.76$) indicating dose proportional increase in AUC_∞. T_{max} was comparable for doses but slightly earlier for deltoid (13-14d) vs gluteal injections (13-17d). Median C_{max} (range 5.1-11.0ng/mL) was higher with deltoid vs gluteal injections except for 100mg eq. dose. C_{max} slopes were significantly different from zero for deltoid (slope -0.22, $p=0.0062$) and gluteal (slope -0.31; $p<0.0001$) injections, indicating a less than proportional increase in C_{max} with dose. Median (+)/(-) C_{max} and AUC_∞ ratios were ~1.7. After a single dose of paliperidone palmitate, subjects received concomitant oral antipsychotics. Treatment-emergent AEs (TEAEs) included tachycardia (10%), headache (7%), schizophrenia (6%), insomnia (5%), weight gain (5%). Only 2% of subjects discontinued due to TEAEs.

CONCLUSION: Data indicate AUC_∞ increased proportionally with increasing paliperidone palmitate doses (25-150mg eq.), regardless of gluteal or deltoid injection. C_{max} was less than dose proportional for doses >50mg eq. Overall, deltoid injection was associated with a higher C_{max} (except for 100mg eq.) and slightly earlier t_{max} vs gluteal injection.

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EVALUATION OF THE PHARMACOKINETIC PROFILE OF GLEUTEAL VERSUS DELTOID INTRAMUSCULAR INJECTIONS OF PALIPERIDONE PALMITATE 100 MG EQUIVALENT IN PATIENTS WITH SCHIZOPHRENIA. A. Cleton,¹ S. Rossenu,¹ D. Hough,² H. Crauwels,¹ A. Vandebosch,¹ J. Berwaerts,² M. Eerdeken,¹ I. Francetic,³ ¹Johnson & Johnson Pharmaceutical Research & Development, Beerse, Belgium, ²Johnson & Johnson Pharmaceutical Research & Development, Titusville, NJ, ³Institute of Clinical Pharmacology, Clinical Hospital Centre, Zagreb, Croatia

BACKGROUND: The aim of this study was to compare the PK profile of paliperidone palmitate 100 mg eq. administered into the deltoid (n=24) or gluteal muscle (n=25).

METHODS: In this multiple-dose, open-label, parallel-group study, patients with schizophrenia were randomized to receive 4 consecutive injections (Days 1, 8, 36 and 64).

RESULTS: The median C_{max} was higher in deltoid vs. gluteal muscle after the 2nd (31.3 vs. 24.1ng/mL) and 4th (23.7 vs. 22.3ng/mL) injections. After 4 injections, the median fluctuation index (FI) was higher (71.9 vs. 56.2%), with a larger intersubject variability for deltoid vs. gluteal injection. Median T_{max} was similar between injection sites after the 2nd (10 vs. 10 days) and 4th injections (5 vs. 6.5 days). The median concentration-time profile was higher following deltoid injection. After 4 injections, median AUC_∞ was similar for both injection sites; C_{max} and AUC_∞ for paliperidone were 30% (90%CI=100.56-168.93) and 20% (90%CI=93.09-154.69) higher in deltoid vs. gluteal muscle, respectively. Increased median predose plasma concentrations on Days 8, 36 and 64 suggested subjects were not completely at steady state after 4 injections. Most commonly reported adverse events (combined injection sites) were orthostatic hypotension (24%), hypotension (14%), diastolic hypertension (12%) and injection site pain (14%). Four patients discontinued due to psychosis. Paliperidone palmitate was well tolerated, with a mean injection site pain VAS score of 3.3 for gluteal vs. 10.8 for deltoid muscle (Day 1, 8 hours after injection).

CONCLUSION: Paliperidone palmitate 100 mg eq., had an increased AUC_∞, higher C_{max} and greater FI when injected into the deltoid vs. gluteal muscle, although similar T_{max} was noted, for both injection sites. Paliperidone palmitate 100 mg eq. was well tolerated.

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RECIRCULATORY PHARMACOKINETIC MODEL OF FENTANYL AEROSOL IN VOLUNTEERS. M. J. Avram, PhD,¹ T. K. Henthorn, MD,² D. A. Spyker, PhD, MD,³ J. V. Cassella, PhD³; ¹Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine, Chicago, IL, ²University of Colorado Health Sciences Center, Denver, CO, ³Alexza Pharmaceuticals, Inc, Palo Alto, CA

BACKGROUND/AIMS: A thermally-generated aerosol (TGA) system can deliver pure drug reliably to the alveoli, resulting in rapid systemic drug absorption.¹ This study determined the pharmacokinetics (PK) of fentanyl from the moment of administration as a TGA and as a rapid intravenous (IV) infusion to volunteers and absolute TGA bioavailability.

METHODS: Fentanyl disposition was determined twice in each of 10 healthy volunteers (5 males, 5 females, mean ± SD age 25.3 ± 4.0 yr and weight 77.7 ± 7.4 kg) in this IRB-approved 2-period crossover study. Studies were conducted after a 5 s IV (25 µg) infusion and after a TGA (25 µg coated dose) via Staccato[®] Fentanyl for Inhalation, Alexza Pharmaceuticals, Palo Alto, CA, delivered in a single breath. Twenty-five arterial blood samples were collected from 15 sec to 8 h after drug administration. Plasma fentanyl concentrations were measured by liquid chromatography-tandem mass spectrometry. IV and TGA PK were characterized simultaneously by a recirculatory PK model.²

RESULTS: TGA fentanyl administration produced plasma arterial drug concentrations similar to those produced by rapid IV infusion. The good simultaneous fit of the recirculatory model to arterial