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## Bioequivalence study of test formulations T1 and T2 Nadolol tablets USP with reference formulation in healthy adult, human subjects under fed conditions

	
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### ABSTRACT

A randomized, open label, balanced, three-treatment, three-sequence, three-period, single dose, three-way crossover, oral bioequivalence assay in healthy adult, human subjects, under fed conditions determined from blood plasma sample collected. The test formulations T1 and T2 Nadolol Tablets USP 80 Mg with reference formulation Nadolol Tablets USP 80 mg. A total of 18 healthy human adult male subjects were recruited for the study. The final pharmacokinetic and statistical analysis was performed with all 15 subjects. Study concluded that test products Nadolol tablets concluded to not bio-equivalent to the reference product.

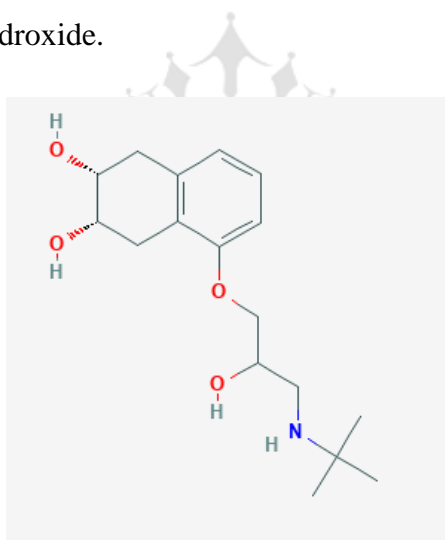


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## INTRODUCTION

Two medicinal products containing the same active substance are considered bioequivalent if they are pharmaceutically equivalent or pharmaceutical alternatives and their bioavailabilities (rate and extent of absorption) after administration in the same molar dose lie within acceptable predefined limits. These limits are set to ensure comparable *in vivo* performance, i.e. similarity in terms of safety and efficacy. Bioequivalence studies are a surrogate marker for clinical effectiveness and safety data as it would not normally be practical to repeat clinical studies for generic products. It is accepted that if plasma concentrations of the active ingredient of the generic and innovator medicines are the same, then their concentration at the site of action and therefore their safety and effectiveness will be the same.

Nadolol (**Figure No. 1**) is a synthetic non-selective beta-adrenergic receptor blocking agent designated chemically as 1-(tert-butylamino)-3-[(5, 6, 7, 8-tetrahydro-cis-6, 7-dihydroxy-1-naphthyl) oxy]-2-propanol. Nadolol is a white crystalline powder. It is freely soluble in ethanol, soluble in hydrochloric acid, slightly soluble in water and in chloroform, and very slightly soluble in sodium hydroxide.



**Figure No. 1: Structural Formula of Nadolol**

Non-selective  $\beta$ -adrenergic blocking agent ( $\beta$ -blocker): Nadolol competes with adrenergic neurotransmitter such as catecholamine for binding at sympathetic receptor sites, in the heart and vascular smooth muscle, inhibiting the effect of catecholamine epinephrine and norepinephrine and decreasing heart rate, cardiac output, systolic and diastolic blood pressure. It also blocks beta-2 adrenergic receptors located in bronchiole smooth muscle causing bronchoconstriction. By binding juxtaglomerular apparatus, Nadolol inhibit the production of renin thereby inhibiting the angiotensin II and aldosterone production. Nadolol

thus inhibits vasoconstriction and water retention due to angiotensin II and aldosterone respectively.

## **MATERIALS AND METHODS**

Study design: open label, randomized, balanced, three-treatment, three-sequence, three period, single dose, three-way crossover, and oral bioequivalence study under fed condition. Volunteer screening record (VSR) file: The following documents were used during the screening and recruitment of volunteers: screening consent form; demographics, general physical and systemic examination forms; ECG; chest X-ray reports; HIV counselling & test record and inclusion and exclusion criteria.

Consent obtained from 18 volunteers and all these subjects were admitted as per the admission procedures detailed in this protocol.

A balanced block randomization schedule was generated before the start of study by using SAS® software version 9.2 (or higher version available). According to the randomization schedule, subjects has received the assigned formulation in each period, with the possible sequences,, T1T2R" (where T1= Test Formulation-1, T2 = Test Formulation-2 and R = Reference Formulation).

Admission Day: The principal investigator has informed the subjects before initiation of study through an oral presentation of informed consent document regarding the purpose, procedures to be carried out, potential risks and benefits and rights of the subjects. Sitting posture vital sign's like BP (blood pressure), PR (pulse rate), RR (respiratory rate), & oral body temperature.

Medical examination: physical and systemic examination Medication history recording. Urine test for drug(s) of abuse (amphetamines, barbiturates, benzodiazepines, tetrahydrocannabinol, cocaine and morphine) Breath test for alcohol consumption.

Sampling Schedule: A total of 25 blood samples were collected during the study from each subject. 1 pre-dose blood sample of 6mL and 24 post-dose blood samples of 4 mL each had drawn at 1.00, 1.50, 2.00, 2.25, 2.50, 2.75, 3.00, 3.25, 3.50, 3.75, 4.00, 4.25, 4.50, 4.75, 5.00, 5.50, 6.00, 8.00, 12.00, 16.00, 24.00, 36.00 and 48.00 and 72.00 hours after the actual start time of the drug administration under normal light condition.

Sample Collection, Processing and Transfer Procedures: Blood samples were collected through an indwelling cannula placed in a forearm vein using vacutainers and Luer adaptor or through fresh vein puncture in case of cannula blockage. Heparin-lock technique (about 0.5 mL of 05 IU/ mL heparin in normal saline solution had injected into the cannula after each sample collection) had used to prevent clotting of the blood in the indwelling cannula. Twenty-five (25) blood samples were withdrawn after discarding 0.5 mL of heparinised blood each time (except for the samples collected through fresh prick) at each sampling time point.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Pharmacokinetic parameters: The primary parameters were C<sub>max</sub>, AUC<sub>0-t</sub> and AUC<sub>0-inf</sub> which underwent descriptive and comparative statistical evaluation. And the secondary parameters were T<sub>max</sub>, T<sub>1/2el</sub>, K<sub>el</sub>, AUC\_% Extrap, TLIN and LQCT which underwent descriptive statistical evaluation. The following pharmacokinetic parameters were estimated by using Phoenix ® WinNonlin®.

Subject's Demographic Profile: Subject's demographic profile consist of all 18 male subjects of Age in between 18-43 (in years), Height 156.5-179.8 (In Cm), and Weight in range of 51-73 (In Kg).

Randomization schedule: A balanced block randomization schedule was generated before the start of study by using SAS® software version 9.4, SAS Enterprise Guide 6.1. According to the randomization schedule (**Table No. 1**), subjects were administered the assigned formulation in each period, with the following sequences 'T1T2R' or 'T2RT1' or T2T1R.

**Table No. 1: Randomisation schedule**

Sr. No.	Sequence	Period I	Period II	Period III
1	T1T2R	Test Formulation - T1	Test Formulation - T2	Reference - R
2	T2T1R	Test Formulation - T2	Test Formulation - T1	Reference - R
3	RT1T2	Reference – R	Test Formulation - T1	Test Formulation - T2
4	T2RT1	Test Formulation - T2	Reference – R	Test Formulation - T1
5	T1T2R	Test Formulation - T1	Test Formulation - T2	Reference - R
6	RT1T2	Reference – R	Test Formulation - T1	Test Formulation - T2
7	T2RT1	Test Formulation - T2	Reference – R	Test Formulation - T1
8	RT1T2	Reference – R	Test Formulation - T1	Test Formulation - T2
9	T1T2R	Test Formulation - T1	Test Formulation - T2	Reference - R
10	RT1T2	Reference – R	Test Formulation - T1	Test Formulation - T2
11	T1T2R	Test Formulation - T1	Test Formulation - T2	Reference – R
12	T2RT1	Test Formulation - T2	Reference – R	Test Formulation - T1
13	T1T2R	Test Formulation - T1	Test Formulation - T2	Reference – R
14	T2RT1	Test Formulation - T2	Reference – R	Test Formulation - T1
15	RT1T2	Reference – R	Test Formulation - T1	Test Formulation - T2
16	RT1T2	Reference – R	Test Formulation - T1	Test Formulation - T2
17	T1T2R	Test Formulation - T1	Test Formulation - T2	Reference - R
18	T2RT1	Test Formulation - T2	Reference – R	Test Formulation - T1

(Where, T1= Test Formulation One, T2= Test Formulation Two, and R = Reference Formulation). Equal allocation of subjects to each sequence was ensured).

Graphical Representation: An average plasma concentration vs. time curve of test and reference Nadolol tablets are almost same and figure no. 2 and 3 shows that average plasma concentrations Vs. time curve of test and reference Nadolol tablets (semi log) are almost same (**Table No. 2 & 3**).

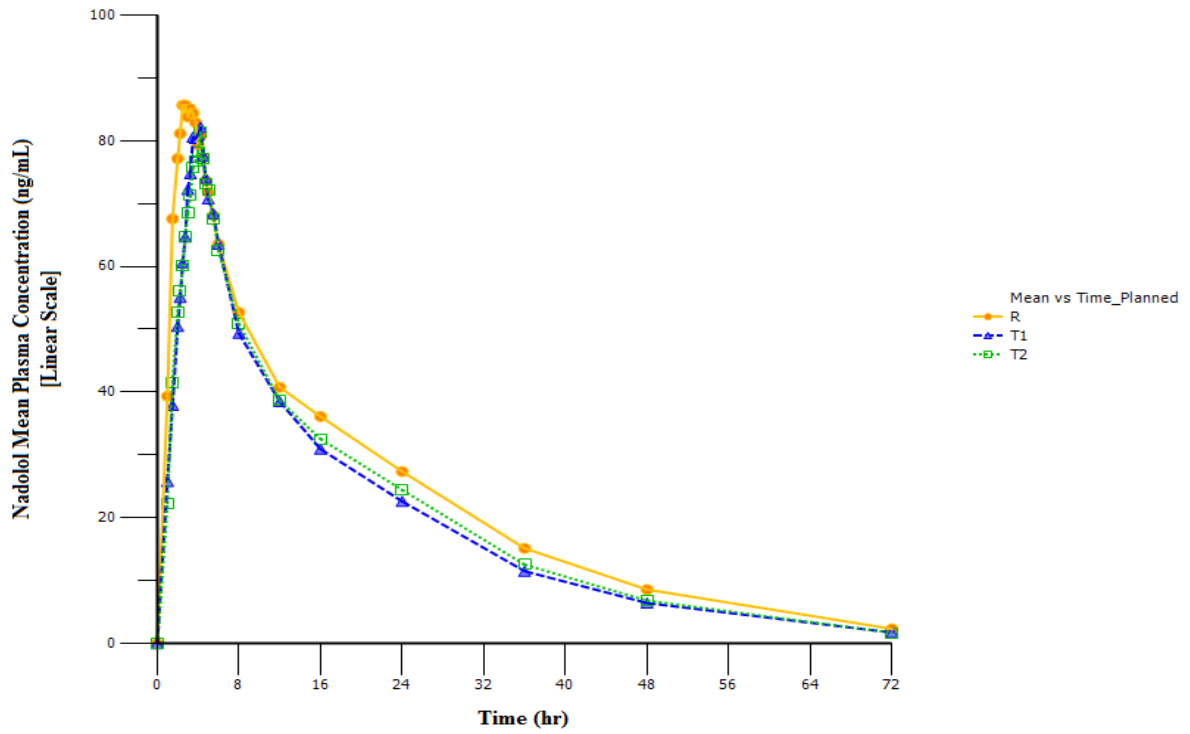


Figure No. 2: Average plasma concentrations Vs. time curve of test and reference Nadolol tablets (Linear Scale)

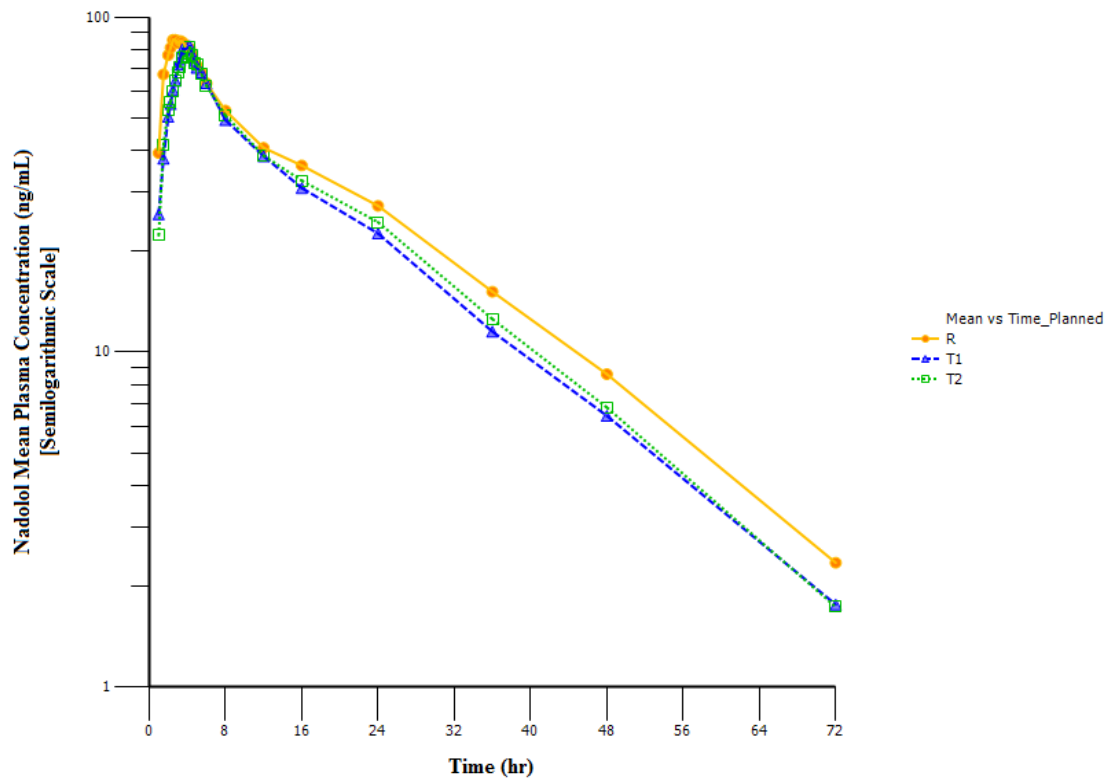


Figure No. 3: Average plasma concentrations Vs. time curve of test and reference Nadolol tablets (Semi log arithmetic Scale)

**Table No. 2: Analysis of Variance (ANOVA) Results**

Untransformed Data			
<b>TEST (T1)</b>			
Arithmetic Mean	91.0772	1381.2872	1428.3023
S.D.	26.46005	407.51120	419.04539
C.V.(%)	29.05	29.50	29.34
N	15	15	15
<b>TEST (T2)</b>			
Arithmetic Mean	93.4599	1421.0600	1470.7814
S.D.	30.69485	382.39445	397.99920
C.V.(%)	32.84	26.91	27.06
N	15	15	15
<b>REFERENCE (R)</b>			
Arithmetic Mean	100.9263	1622.6399	1686.6740
S.D.	36.88954	497.85510	517.33591
C.V.(%)	36.55	30.68	30.67
N	15	15	15

Cmax, AUC0-t and AUC0-inf of Test-1, Test-2 and Reference product.

**Table No. 3: Analysis of variance (ANOVA) Result**

	<b>Cmax</b> [ng/mL]	<b>AUC0-t</b> [ng*hr/mL]	<b>AUC0-inf</b> [ng*hr/mL]
Geometric Mean(T1)	87.2657	1312.8507	1359.1662
Geometric Mean(T2)	88.7998	1361.5021	1409.5405
Geometric Mean(R)	95.7373	1552.5073	1611.5201
T1/R Ratio(%)	91.15	84.56	84.34
90% C.I. (T1 vs. R)	81.72 — 101.67	78.19 — 91.46	77.79 — 91.44
T2/R Ratio(%)	92.75	87.70	87.47
90% C.I. (T2 vs. R)	83.15 — 103.46	81.09 — 94.85	80.67 — 94.83
Inter subject C.V.(%)	36.37	30.75	30.29
Intra subject C.V.(%)	17.56	12.55	12.95
Power(%)	95.64	99.80	99.71

## CONCLUSION

The 90% confidence interval of the ratio of geometric means for the test-1 and reference formulations for C<sub>max</sub> was found to be 81.72% to 101.67%, which is within the acceptance interval of 80.00% to 125.00%. The 90% confidence interval of the ratio of geometric means for the test-1 and reference formulations for AUC<sub>0-t</sub> was found to be 78.19% to 91.46%, which is not within the acceptance interval of 80.00% to 125.00%. The 90% confidence interval of the ratio of geometric means for the test-1 and reference formulations for AUC<sub>0-inf</sub> was found to be 77.79% to 91.44%, which is not within the acceptance interval of 80.00% to 125.00%.

The 90% confidence interval of the ratio of geometric means for the test-2 and reference formulations for C<sub>max</sub> was found to be 83.15% to 103.46%, which is within the acceptance interval of 80.00% to 125.00%. The 90% confidence interval of the ratio of geometric means for the test-2 and reference formulations for AUC<sub>0-t</sub> was found to be 81.09% to 94.85%, which is within the acceptance interval of 80.00% to 125.00%. The 90% confidence interval of the ratio of geometric means for the test-2 and reference formulations for AUC<sub>0-inf</sub> was found to be 80.67% to 94.83%, which is within the acceptance interval of 80.00% to 125.00%.

The products (T1, T2) Nadolol tablets concluded to not bio-equivalent to the reference product in Healthy Adult, Human Subjects.

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