

# Evaluation of the Effect of Ritlecitinib on the Pharmacokinetics of Caffeine in Healthy Participants

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## Abstract

**Objective:** This clinical study was conducted to evaluate the impact of ritlecitinib on the pharmacokinetics (PK) of caffeine, a cytochrome P450 1A2 (CYP1A2) substrate. **Methods:** In this single-center, single-arm, open-label, fixed-sequence study, healthy participants received a single 100-mg dose of caffeine on two separate occasions: on Day 1 of Period 1 as monotherapy and on Day 8 of Period 2 after oral administration of ritlecitinib 200 mg once daily (QD) for 8 days. Serial blood samples were collected and analyzed using a validated LC/MS assay. PK parameters were estimated by using a non-compartmental method. Safety was monitored by physical examination, vital signs, electrocardiograms, and laboratory assessments. **Results:** Twelve participants were enrolled and completed the study. Co-administration of caffeine 100 mg in the presence of steady-state levels of ritlecitinib (200 mg QD) increased caffeine exposure compared with caffeine given alone. Area under the curve (AUC<sub>inf</sub>) and maximum concentration (C<sub>max</sub>) of caffeine increased by approximately 165% and 10%, respectively, when co-administered with ritlecitinib. The ratios of the adjusted geometric means (90% CI) for caffeine AUC<sub>inf</sub> and C<sub>max</sub> were 265.14% (234.12%-300.26%) and 109.74% (103.90%-15.91%), respectively, when caffeine was co-administered with steady-state ritlecitinib (test) compared with its administration alone (reference). Multiple doses of ritlecitinib when co-administered with a single dose of caffeine were generally safe and well tolerated in healthy participants. **Conclusion:** Ritlecitinib is a moderate inhibitor of CYP1A2 and can increase systemic exposures of CYP1A2 substrates.

## Effect of Ritlecitinib on PK of Caffeine

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