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**Procedure:** Interested persons may present data, information, or views, orally or in writing, on issues pending before the committee. All electronic and written submissions submitted to the Docket (see **ADDRESSES**) on or before September 4, 2019, will be provided to the committee. Oral presentations from the public will be scheduled between approximately 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. Those individuals interested in making formal oral presentations should notify the contact person and submit a brief statement of the general nature of the evidence or arguments they wish to present, the names and addresses of proposed participants, and an indication of the approximate time requested to make their presentation on or before August 26, 2019. Time allotted for each presentation may be limited. If the number of registrants requesting to speak is greater than can be reasonably accommodated during the scheduled open public hearing session, FDA may conduct a lottery to determine the speakers for the scheduled open public hearing session. The contact person will notify interested persons regarding their request to speak by August 27, 2019.

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Notice of this meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. app. 2).

Dated: August 12, 2019.

**Lowell J. Schiller,**

*Principal Associate Commissioner for Policy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. FDA-2013-N-0093]

#### Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for Office of Management and Budget Review; Comment Request; Review Transparency and Communication in Reviews of 351(k) Biologics License Applications in Biosimilars User Fee Act

**AGENCY:** Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing that a proposed collection of information has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Fax written comments on the collection of information by September 18, 2019.

**ADDRESSES:** To ensure that comments on the information collection are received, OMB recommends that written comments be faxed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB, Attn: FDA Desk Officer, Fax: 202-395-7285, or emailed to [oir\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:oir_submission@omb.eop.gov). All comments should be identified with the OMB control number 0910-0746. Also include the FDA docket number found in brackets in the heading of this document.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Domini Bean, Office of Operations, Food and Drug Administration, Three White Flint North, 10A-12M, 11601 Landsdown St., North Bethesda, MD 20852, 301-796-5733, [PRAStaff@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:PRAStaff@fda.hhs.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In compliance with 44 U.S.C. 3507, FDA has submitted the following proposed collection of information to OMB for review and clearance.

#### Evaluation of the Program for Enhanced Review Transparency and Communication for New Molecular Entity New Drug Applications and Original Biologics License Applications in Prescription Drug User Fee Acts and 351(k) Biologics License Applications in Biosimilars User Fee Act

OMB Control Number 0910-0746—Extension

This information collection supports the above captioned review program ("the Program"). The Program is part of our performance commitment under the fifth and sixth authorizations of the Prescription Drug User Fee Act (PDUFA), which allows us to collect user fees for the review of human drug and biologics applications for FYs 2013 through 2021, and the second authorization of the Biosimilars User Fee Act (BsUFA II), which applies to 351(k) BLAs for FYs 2018 through 2021. The Program is described in detail in FDA's Commitment Letters for PDUFA VI and BsUFA II, available at <https://www.fda.gov/downloads/ForIndustry/UserFees/PrescriptionDrugUserFee/UCM511438.pdf> and <https://www.fda.gov/downloads/ForIndustry/UserFees/BiosimilarUserFeeActBsUFA/UCM521121.pdf>.

The Program goals are to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the first review cycle and decrease the number of review cycles necessary for approval so that patients have timely access to safe, effective, and high quality new drugs and biologics. A key aspect of the extension of the Program to BsUFA II is to conduct an interim and final assessment that will evaluate how well the parameters of the Program have achieved the intended goals. The BsUFA II Commitment Letter specifies that an independent contractor can conduct the assessments and specifies that they include interviews of sponsors who submit 351(k) BLAs to the Program in BsUFA II. In accordance with the PDUFA V and BsUFA II Commitment Letters, we contracted Eastern Research Group, Inc. (ERG) to conduct independent interviews of applicants after FDA issues a first-cycle action for applications reviewed under the Program. The purpose of these interviews is to collect feedback from applicants on the success of the Program in increasing transparency and communication of reviews during the review process. ERG will anonymize and aggregate sponsor responses before inclusion in the assessments and presentation materials at public meetings. We will publish in the **Federal Register** for public comment

ERG’s assessments with interview results and findings.  
 In the **Federal Register** of March 12, 2019 (84 FR 8877), we published a 60-

day notice requesting public comment on the proposed collection of information. No comments were received.

We estimate the burden of the information collection as follows:

TABLE 1—ESTIMATED ANNUAL REPORTING BURDEN <sup>1</sup>

Portion of study	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Total annual responses	Average burden per response	Total hours
Pre-test .....	5	1	5	1.5	7.5
Interviews .....	75	1	75	1.5	112.5
Total .....					120

<sup>1</sup> There are no capital costs or operating and maintenance costs associated with this collection of information.

Since the last OMB approval of the information collection, we have adjusted our estimate downward by 60 survey respondents. We base our estimate on the most recent number of annual surveys. ERG interviews between one and three sponsor representatives for each 351(k) BLA first-cycle action issued for applications reviewed under the Program. ERG also conducts a pretest of the interview protocol with five respondents. Assuming it will take 1 to 1.5 hours to complete the pretest, we calculate a total of 7.5 annual burden hours. We estimate that up to 75 respondents will take part in the post-action interviews each year. Assuming each interview will last 1 to 1.5 hours, we calculate a total of 112.5 annual burden hours.

Dated: August 12, 2019.

**Lowell J. Schiller,**

*Principal Associate Commissioner for Policy.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Food and Drug Administration**

[Docket No. FDA-2018-D-2354]

**International Cooperation on Harmonisation of Technical Requirements for Registration of Veterinary Medicinal Products; Studies To Evaluate the Metabolism and Residue Kinetics of Veterinary Drugs in Food-Producing Species: Marker Residue Depletion Studies To Establish Product Withdrawal Periods in Aquatic Species; Guidance for Industry; Availability**

**AGENCY:** Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** The Food and Drug Administration (FDA or Agency) is

announcing the availability of a final guidance for industry (GFI) #257 entitled “Studies to Evaluate the Metabolism and Residue Kinetics of Veterinary Drugs in Food-Producing Species: Marker Residue Depletion Studies to Establish Product Withdrawal Periods in Aquatic Species” (VICH GL57). This guidance has been developed for veterinary use by the International Cooperation on Harmonisation of Technical Requirements for Registration of Veterinary Medicinal Products (VICH). This VICH guidance document is intended to provide study design recommendations that will facilitate the universal acceptance of the generated residue depletion data to fulfill the national/regional requirements. This guidance document provides recommendations on what should be included in a marker residue depletion study design for aquatic food-producing species.

**DATES:** The announcement of the guidance is published in the **Federal Register** on August 19, 2019.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit either electronic or written comments on Agency guidances at any time as follows:

*Electronic Submissions*

Submit electronic comments in the following way:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments. Comments submitted electronically, including attachments, to <https://www.regulations.gov> will be posted to the docket unchanged. Because your comment will be made public, you are solely responsible for ensuring that your comment does not include any confidential information that you or a third party may not wish to be posted, such as medical information, your or anyone else’s Social Security number, or confidential business information, such

as a manufacturing process. Please note that if you include your name, contact information, or other information that identifies you in the body of your comments, that information will be posted on <https://www.regulations.gov>.

- If you want to submit a comment with confidential information that you do not wish to be made available to the public, submit the comment as a written/paper submission and in the manner detailed (see “Written/Paper Submissions” and “Instructions”).

*Written/Paper Submissions*

Submit written/paper submissions as follows:

- *Mail/Hand Delivery/Courier (for written/paper submissions):* Dockets Management Staff (HFA-305), Food and Drug Administration, 5630 Fishers Lane, Rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852.

- For written/paper comments submitted to the Dockets Management Staff, FDA will post your comment, as well as any attachments, except for information submitted, marked and identified, as confidential, if submitted as detailed in “Instructions.”

*Instructions:* All submissions received must include the Docket No. FDA-2018-D-2354 for “Studies to Evaluate the Metabolism and Residue Kinetics of Veterinary Drugs in Food-Producing Species: Marker Residue Depletion Studies to Establish Product Withdrawal Periods in Aquatic Species” (VICH GL57). Received comments will be placed in the docket and, except for those submitted as “Confidential Submissions,” publicly viewable at <https://www.regulations.gov> or at the Dockets Management Staff between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

- **Confidential Submissions—**To submit a comment with confidential information that you do not wish to be made publicly available, submit your comments only as a written/paper submission. You should submit two copies total. One copy will include the