DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. FDA–2016–D–4437]

In-Use Stability Studies and Associated Labeling Statements for Multiple-Dose Injectable Animal Drug Products; Guidance for Industry; Availability

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration (FDA). 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) #242 entitled “In-Use Stability Studies and Associated Labeling Statements for Multiple-Dose Injectable Animal Drug Products.” The purpose of in-use stability testing is to establish a period of time during which a multiple-dose drug product may be used while retaining acceptable quality specifications once the container is opened (e.g., after a container has been needle-punctured). This guidance reflects the Agency’s current thinking on how to formulate in-use statements, as well as how to design and carry out in-use stability studies to support these in-use statements, for multiple-dose injectable drug products intended for use in animals. This current thinking pertains to both generic drug products and pioneer drug products regardless of whether the pioneer reference listed new animal drug (RLNAD) currently has an in-use statement on the labeling.


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–2016–D–4437 for “In-Use Stability Studies and Associated Labeling Statements for Multiple-Dose Injectable Animal Drug Products.” 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, 240–402–7500.
• 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 information you claim to be confidential with a heading or cover note that states “THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINS CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION.” The Agency will review this copy, including the claimed confidential information, in its consideration of comments. The second copy, which will have the claimed confidential information redacted/blacked out, will be available for public viewing and posted on https://www.regulations.gov. Submit both copies to the Dockets Management Staff. If you do not wish your name and contact information to be made publicly available, you can provide this information on the cover sheet and not in the body of your comments and you must identify this information as “confidential.” Any information marked as “confidential” will not be disclosed except in accordance with 21 CFR 10.20 and other applicable disclosure law. For more information about FDA’s posting of comments to public dockets, see 80 FR 56469, September 18, 2015, or access the information at: https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2015-09-18/pdf/2015-23389.pdf.

Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents or the electronic and written/paper comments received, go to https://www.regulations.gov and insert the docket number, found in brackets in the heading of this document, into the “Search” box and follow the prompts and/or go to the Dockets Management Staff, 5630 Fishers Lane, Rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852, 240–402–7500. You may submit comments on any guidance at any time (see 21 CFR 10.115(g)(5)).

Submit written requests for single copies of the guidance to the Policy and Regulations Staff (HFV–6), Center for Veterinary Medicine, Food and Drug Administration, 7500 Standish Pl., Rockville, MD 20855. Send one self-addressed adhesive label to assist that office in processing your requests. See the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section for electronic access to the guidance document.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

In the Federal Register of January 4, 2017 (82 FR 851), FDA published the notice of availability for a draft GFI #242 entitled “In-Use Stability Studies and Associated Labeling Statements for Multiple-Dose Injectable Animal Drug Products.” The purpose of in-use stability testing is to establish a period of time during which a multiple-dose drug product may be used while retaining acceptable quality specifications once the container is opened (e.g., after a container has been needle-punctured).

FDA received two comments on the draft guidance and those comments were considered as the guidance was...
finalized. FDA made changes to provide additional clarification, including adding information regarding in-use labeling language that we recommend for multi-dose animal drug products (mostly food animal drugs) for which less than the theoretical maximum number of punctures are used for the in-use stability study; providing examples of adverse trending that may lead us to recommend the use of aged product for in-use stability studies; and clarifying that if changes are made to the storage temperature or expiry period that would impact a current in-use statement on an approved animal drug, that we recommend sponsors reassess the in-use statement and submit revised labeling for review.

This final guidance reflects the Agency’s current thinking on how to formulate in-use statements, as well as how to design and carry out in-use stability studies to support these in-use statements, for multiple-dose injectable drug products intended for use in animals. This current thinking pertains to both generic drug products and pioneer drug products regardless of whether the pioneer RNAD currently has an in-use statement on the labeling. This level 1 guidance is being issued consistent with FDA’s good guidance practices regulation (21 CFR 10.115). The guidance represents the current thinking of FDA on “In-Use Stability Studies and Associated Labeling Statements for Multiple-Dose Injectable Animal Drug Products.” It does not establish any rights for any person and is not binding on FDA or the public. You can use an alternative approach if it satisfies the requirements of the applicable statutes and regulations.

II. Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995

This guidance contains no collection of information. Therefore, clearance by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3501–3521) is not required. However, this guidance refers to previously approved FDA collections of information. These collections of information are subject to review by OMB under the PRA. The collections of information in 21 CFR part 514 have been approved under OMB control number 0910–0032; the collections of information in 21 CFR part 511 have been approved under OMB control number 0910–0117; and the collections of information in sections 512(b) and 512(f) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act have been approved under OMB control number 0910–0669.

III. Electronic Access

Persons with access to the internet may obtain the draft guidance at either https://www.fda.gov/animal-veterinary/guidance-regulations/guidance-industry or https://www.regulations.gov.


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For Further Information Contact:

https://www.fda.gov/animal-veterinary/drugs/biologics-biological-products/animal-drug-approval-process/

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National Institutes of Health

Government-Owned Inventions; Availability for Licensing

AGENCY: National Institutes of Health, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The inventions listed below are owned by an agency of the U.S. Government and are available for licensing to achieve expeditious commercialization of results of federally-funded research and development.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Licensing information may be obtained by communicating with Betty B. Tong, Ph.D., National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases, Technology Advancement Office, 12A South Drive Suite 3011, Bethesda, MD 20892; telephone: 301–451–7836; email: tongb@mail.nih.gov. A signed Confidential Disclosure Agreement may be required to receive any unpublished information.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

P2Y14 Receptor Antagonists Containing A Biaryl Core

The technology discloses composition of compounds that fully antagonize the human P2Y14 receptor, with moderate affinity with insignificant antagonism of other P2Y receptors. Therefore, they are highly selective P2Y14 receptor antagonists. Even though there is no P2Y14 receptor modulators in clinical use currently, selective P2Y14 receptor antagonists are sought as potential therapeutic treatments for asthma, cystic fibrosis, inflammation and possibly diabetes and neurodegeneration.

This technology is available for licensing for commercial development in accordance with 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR part 404.

Potential Commercial Applications

Development of P2Y14 receptor antagonist for treatment of disorders, such as:

• Inflammation
• Diabetes
• Cystic fibrosis
• Asthma
• Neurodegeneration

Development Stage:

• Early stage

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Office of the Director; Notice of Charter Renewal

In accordance with Title 41 of the U.S. Code of Federal Regulations, Section 102–3.65(a), notice is hereby given that the Charter for the National Toxicology Program Board of Scientific Counselors was renewed for an additional two-year period on November 14, 2020.

It is determined that the National Toxicology Program Board of Scientific Counselors is in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed on the National Institutes of Health by law, and that these duties can best be performed