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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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dat Doan, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, Food and Drug Administration, 10903 New Hampshire Ave., Bldg. 51, Rm. 3334, Silver Spring, MD 20993, 240–402–8926; or Stephen Ripley, Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research, Food and Drug Administration, 10903 New Hampshire Ave., Bldg. 71, Rm. 7301, Silver Spring, MD 20993–0002, 240–402–7911.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

FDA is announcing the availability of a guidance for industry entitled “Bispecific Antibody Development Programs.” The regulatory pathway for evaluation of monoclonal antibodies is well established, but additional guidance is warranted regarding antibody-based products that target more than one antigen. This guidance addresses challenges that may arise during development of bispecific antibodies and provides recommendations regarding the type of data necessary to support approval.

This guidance finalizes the draft guidance of the same title issued on April 19, 2019 (84 FR 16512). FDA considered comments received on the draft guidance as the guidance was finalized. In addition to minor editorial changes to improve clarity, changes from the draft to the final guidance include:

- Emphasis on discussing unique aspects of the quality, nonclinical, and clinical development programs for bispecific antibodies
- Clarification regarding potential immunogenicity associated with bispecific antibodies
- Clarification of clinical assessments comparing a bispecific antibody and an approved monospecific product(s)

This 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 “Bispecific Antibody Development Programs.” 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

While this guidance contains no collection of information, it does refer to previously approved FDA collections 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 for this guidance. The previously approved collections of information are subject to review by OMB under the PRA. The collections of information in 21 CFR part 312 have been approved under OMB control number 0910–0014.

III. Electronic Access


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Lauren K. Roth,
Acting Principal Associate Commissioner for Policy.

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counterterrorism and emergency preparedness activities, FDA’s Center for Devices and Radiological Health (CDRH) began developing operational plans and interventions that would enable CDRH to anticipate and respond to medical device shortages that might arise in the context of federally declared disasters/emergencies or regulatory actions. In particular, CDRH identified the need to acquire and maintain detailed data on domestic inventory, manufacturing capabilities, distribution plans, and raw material constraints for medical devices that would be in high demand and/or would be vulnerable to shortages in specific disaster/emergency situations or following specific regulatory actions. Such data could support prospective risk assessment, help inform risk mitigation strategies, support real-time decision making by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) during actual emergencies or emergency preparedness exercises, and mitigate or prevent harm to the public health.

This voluntary data collection process consists of outreach to firms that have been identified as producing or distributing medical devices that may be considered essential to the response effort. In this initial outreach, the intent and goals of the data collection effort will be described, and the specific data request made. Data are collected, using the least burdensome methods, in a structured manner to answer specific questions. After the initial outreach, we will request updates to the information periodically to keep the data current and accurate. Additional follow-up correspondence may occasionally be needed to verify/validate data, confirm receipt of follow-up correspondence(s), and/or request additional details to further inform FDA’s public health response. These data, collected under section 1003(d)(2) of the FD&C Act, are currently approved under OMB control number 0910–0491. We have made minor changes to this “Shortages data collection” at this time (see first row of table 1 of this document) to reflect additional learnings from recent experience.

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) was enacted on March 27, 2020. Section 3121 of the CARES Act amended the FD&C Act by adding section 506J to the FD&C Act [21 U.S.C. 356j]. Section 506J provides FDA with new authorities under section 506J of the FD&C Act, as it relates to device shortages and potential device shortages occurring during the COVID–19 pandemic, for the duration of the COVID–19 public health emergency. The guidance includes additional voluntary items that manufacturers could provide the Agency, including additional information about device manufacturing and supply, and updates to initial notifications. While PRA requirements for the voluntary information collections recommended in the guidance are waived during the COVID–19 pandemic, public health emergency using this new authority, mandatory collections, such as those under section 506J of the FD&C Act, may not be part of the waiver. FDA requested emergency clearance under 44 U.S.C. 3507(j) and 5 CFR 1320.13 to immediately approve revision of OMB control number 0910–0491 to add the information collection required by section 506J of the FD&C Act, as amended. The emergency clearance approval expires on May 31, 2021; therefore, CDRH is requesting a revision of OMB control number 0910–0491 to add the information collection required by 506J of the FD&C Act.

In the Federal Register of February 23, 2021 (86 FR 10972), FDA published a 60-day notice requesting public comment on the proposed collection of information. No comments were received.

FDA estimates the burden of this collection of information as follows:

I. Shortages Data Collection Currently Approved Under OMB Control Number 0910–0491

FDA bases these estimates on past experiences with direct contact with the medical device manufacturers and distributors, and anticipated changes in the medical device manufacturing and distributions patterns for the specific devices that may be monitored. FDA estimates that there may be up to 500 manufacturers and distributors for which there may be targeted outreach because their devices may be essential to the response effort. This targeted outreach will be conducted periodically to either obtain primary data or to verify/validate updated data (although additional outreach may be undertaken as needed).

From the manufacturer and distributor’s point of view, the data being requested represent common data elements that they monitor and track as part of routine business operations and, therefore, are readily available. It is anticipated that for most manufacturers and distributors, the estimated time to fulfill CDRH’s data request will not exceed 30 minutes per request.

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1 Under section 506J of the FD&C Act, manufacturers of the following devices must notify FDA of a permanent discontinuation in manufacturing:
• Devices that are critical to public health during a public health emergency, including those that are life-supporting, life-sustaining, or intended for use in emergency medical care or during surgery; or
• Devices for which FDA determines information on potential meaningful supply disruptions is needed during a public health emergency.

2 See section 506J(a)(1), (2) of the FD&C Act.
3 See section 506J(a) of the FD&C Act.
4 See https://www.fda.gov/media/137712/download.
II. Information Collection Under Section 506J of the FD&C Act and Related Voluntary Collections

Based on current registration and listing data (approved under OMB control number 0910–0625), we estimate the number of respondents that will submit a notification under section 506J of the FD&C Act to be approximately 20 percent of currently registered manufacturers. Data from our Registration and Listing system indicate that there are approximately 42,000 unique FDA Establishment Identification registered manufacturers. Therefore, we estimate 8,400 respondents per year. We believe that the burden, as well as the provision of additional voluntary information related to the burden hour estimate should be 2,611 hours. We will correct this error upon submission of this information collection to reflect our current data and estimations.

The information collection reflects a revision to add the information collection required by section 506J of the FD&C Act (as amended by section 3121 of the CARES Act) and additional voluntary collections related to section 506J of the FD&C Act to OMB control number 0910–0491.

Upon review of OMB control number 0910–0491, we note that there is a data-entry error in the RISC/ORIA Combined Information System (ROCIS) for a previous information collection approval on February 3, 2020. Currently, ROCIS lists the total burden hours for that approval as 390 hours; the correct total burden hour estimate is 520 hours. This error has carried through to the current total burden listed in ROCIS as 2,481 hours for the approval on November 24, 2020; the correct total burden hour estimate should be 2,611 hours. We will correct this error upon submission of this information collection request to OMB.

Additionally, we have updated the number of respondents in each information collection to reflect our current data and estimations. These revisions and adjustments reflect an overall increase of 2,589 hours to the (corrected) estimated total burden.

Dated: May 19, 2021.

Lauren K. Roth,
Acting Principal Associate Commissioner for Policy.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute on Aging: Notice of Closed Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, notice is hereby given of the following meeting.

The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Name of Committee: National Institute on Aging Special Emphasis Panel; Infectious Etiology of AD.

Date: June 24–25, 2021.

Time: 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institute on Aging, Gateway Building, 7201 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Video Meeting).

Contact Person: Joshua Jin-Hyouk Park, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Scientific Review Branch, National Institute on Aging, National Institutes of Health, Gateway Building 2W200, 7201 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 496–6208, joshua.park4@nih.gov.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.866, Aging Research, National Institutes of Health, HHSS)

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute on Aging; Amended Notice of Meeting

Notice is hereby given of a change in the meeting of the National Institute on Aging Special Emphasis Panel, June 14, 2021, 11:30 a.m. to June 14, 2021, 03:30 p.m., National Institute on Aging, Gateway Building, 7201 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20892 which was published in the Federal Register on April 06, 2021, 86 FR 17847.

The meeting notice is amended to change the date of the meeting from June 14, 2021 to June 17, 2021. The meeting is closed to the public.


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Table 1—Estimated Annual Reporting Burden

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