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MEMORANDUM



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SUBJECT: Product Quality Microbiology assessment of Microbial Limits for
KRX-0502 (ferric citrate coordination complex) [Submission Date: 6
August 2013]

The Microbial Limits specification for KRX-0502 (ferric citrate coordination complex) is acceptable from a Product Quality Microbiology perspective. Therefore, this submission is recommended for approval from the standpoint of product quality microbiology.

KRX-0502 (ferric citrate coordination complex) is a tablet for oral administration.

The drug product is tested for Microbial Limits at release using a method consistent with USP Chapter <61> (Microbiological Examination of Non-sterile Products: Microbial Enumeration Tests) and <62> (Microbiological Examination of Non-sterile Products: Tests for Specified Microorganisms). The Microbial Limits acceptance criteria are consistent with USP Chapter <1111> (Microbiological Examination of Non-sterile Products: Acceptance Criteria for Pharmaceutical Preparations and Substances for Pharmaceutical Use) and are provided in Table 1 below:

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Table 1 – Microbial Limits Specification

Test	Acceptance Criteria	Method
Total Aerobic Microbial Count	NMT ^{(b) (4)} CFU/g	USP <61>
Total Yeast and Mold Count	NMT ^{(b) (4)} CFU/g	USP <61>
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	Absent in ^{(b) (4)} g	USP <62>
<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>	Absent in ^{(b) (4)} g	USP <62>
<i>E. coli</i>	Absent in ^{(b) (4)} g	USP <62>
<i>S. aureus</i>	Absent in ^{(b) (4)} g	USP <62>

The Microbial Limits test methods were verified to be appropriate for use with the drug product following procedures consistent with those in USP Chapter <61>and <62>.

The drug product will also be tested for Microbial Limits annually as part of the post-approval stability protocol.

ADEQUATE

Reviewer Comments – The microbiological quality of the drug product is controlled via a suitable testing protocol.

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I concur.