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*APPLICATION NUMBER:*

**205703Orig1s000**

**OTHER REVIEW(S)**

**505(b)(2) ASSESSMENT**

<b>Application Information</b>		
NDA # <b>205703</b>	NDA Supplement #: S-	Efficacy Supplement Type SE-
Proprietary Name: N/A Established/Proper Name: <b>esmolol hydrochloride</b> Dosage Form: <b>premixed injection</b> Strengths: <b>2500 mg/250 mL and 2000 mg/100 mL</b>		
Applicant: <b>HQ Specialty Pharma</b>		
Date of Receipt: <b>June 28, 2013</b>		
PDUFA Goal Date: <b>April 28, 2014</b>		Action Goal Date (if different):
RPM: Russell Fortney		
<p><b>1.1 Proposed Indication(s): Supraventricular Tachycardia or Noncompensatory Sinus Tachycardia</b></p> <p>Esmolol hydrochloride is indicated for the rapid control of ventricular rate in patients with atrial fibrillation or atrial flutter in perioperative, postoperative, or other emergent circumstances where short term control of ventricular rate with a short-acting agent is desirable.</p> <p>Esmolol hydrochloride is also indicated in noncompensatory sinus tachycardia where, in the physician's judgment, the rapid heart rate requires specific intervention. Esmolol hydrochloride is intended for short-term use.</p> <p><b>1.2 Intraoperative and Postoperative Tachycardia and Hypertension</b></p> <p>Esmolol hydrochloride is indicated for the short-term treatment of tachycardia and hypertension that occur during induction and tracheal intubation, during surgery, on emergence from anesthesia and in the postoperative period, when in the physician's judgment such specific intervention is considered indicated.</p> <p>Use of esmolol hydrochloride to prevent such events is not recommended.</p>		

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

- 1) Is this application for a recombinant or biologically-derived product and/or protein or peptide product *OR* is the applicant relying on a recombinant or biologically-derived product and/or protein or peptide product to support approval of the proposed product?
- YES  NO

*If "YES" contact the (b)(2) review staff in the Immediate Office, Office of New Drugs.*



**INFORMATION PROVIDED VIA RELIANCE  
(LISTED DRUG OR LITERATURE)**

- 2) List the information essential to the approval of the proposed drug that is provided by reliance on our previous finding of safety and efficacy for a listed drug by reliance on published literature, or by reliance on a final OTC monograph. *(If not clearly identified by the applicant, this information can usually be derived from annotated labeling.)*

Source of information* (e.g., published literature, name of listed drug(s), OTC final drug monograph)	Information relied-upon (e.g., specific sections of the application or labeling)
<b>NDA19386 Brevibloc</b>	<b>FDA's previous finding of safety and effectiveness</b>

\*each source of information should be listed on separate rows, however individual literature articles should not be listed separately

- 3) Reliance on information regarding another product (whether a previously approved product or from published literature) must be scientifically appropriate. An applicant needs to provide a scientific "bridge" to demonstrate the relationship of the referenced and proposed products. Describe how the applicant bridged the proposed product to the referenced product(s). (Example: BA/BE studies)

**Referenced product and subject product are both intravenous product; bridge via self-evident bioequivalence. See 21 CFR 320.24(b)(6).**

**RELIANCE ON PUBLISHED LITERATURE**

- 4) (a) Regardless of whether the applicant has explicitly stated a reliance on published literature to support their application, is reliance on published literature necessary to support the approval of the proposed drug product (i.e., the application *cannot* be approved without the published literature)?

YES  NO

*If "NO," proceed to question #5.*

- (b) Does any of the published literature necessary to support approval identify a specific (e.g., brand name) *listed* drug product?

YES  NO

*If "NO," proceed to question #5.*

*If "YES", list the listed drug(s) identified by name and answer question #4(c).*

- (c) Are the drug product(s) listed in (b) identified by the applicant as the listed drug(s)?

YES  NO

**RELIANCE ON LISTED DRUG(S)**

*Reliance on published literature which identifies a specific approved (listed) drug constitutes reliance on that listed drug. Please answer questions #5-9 accordingly.*

- 5) Regardless of whether the applicant has explicitly cited reliance on listed drug(s), does the application **rely** on the finding of safety and effectiveness for one or more listed drugs (approved drugs) to support the approval of the proposed drug product (i.e., the application cannot be approved without this reliance)?

YES  NO

*If "NO," proceed to question #10.*

- 6) Name of listed drug(s) relied upon, and the NDA #(s). Please indicate if the applicant explicitly identified the product as being relied upon (see note below):

Name of Listed Drug	NDA #	Did applicant specify reliance on the product? (Y/N)
<b>Brevibloc</b>	<b>19386</b>	<b>Y</b>

*Applicants should specify reliance on the 356h, in the cover letter, and/or with their patent certification/statement. If you believe there is reliance on a listed product that has not been explicitly identified as such by the applicant, please contact the (b)(2) review staff in the Immediate Office, Office of New Drugs.*

- 7) If this is a (b)(2) supplement to an original (b)(2) application, does the supplement rely upon the same listed drug(s) as the original (b)(2) application?

N/A  YES  NO

*If this application is a (b)(2) supplement to an original (b)(1) application or not a supplemental application, answer "N/A".*

*If "NO", please contact the (b)(2) review staff in the Immediate Office, Office of New Drugs.*

- 8) Were any of the listed drug(s) relied upon for this application:

- a) Approved in a 505(b)(2) application?

YES  NO

*If "YES", please list which drug(s).*

Name of drug(s) approved in a 505(b)(2) application:

- b) Approved by the DESI process?

YES  NO

*If "YES", please list which drug(s).*

Name of drug(s) approved via the DESI process:

- c) Described in a final OTC drug monograph?

YES  NO

If “**YES**”, please list which drug(s).

Name of drug(s) described in a final OTC drug monograph:

d) Discontinued from marketing?

YES  NO

If “**YES**”, please list which drug(s) and answer question d) i. below.

If “**NO**”, proceed to question #9.

Name of drug(s) discontinued from marketing:

i) Were the products discontinued for reasons related to safety or effectiveness?

YES  NO

*(Information regarding whether a drug has been discontinued from marketing for reasons of safety or effectiveness may be available in the Orange Book. Refer to section 1.11 for an explanation, and section 6.1 for the list of discontinued drugs. If a determination of the reason for discontinuation has not been published in the Federal Register (and noted in the Orange Book), you will need to research the archive file and/or consult with the review team. Do not rely solely on any statements made by the sponsor.)*

9) Describe the change from the listed drug(s) relied upon to support this (b)(2) application (for example, “This application provides for a new indication, otitis media” or “This application provides for a change in dosage form, from capsule to solution”).

**The formulation includes different inactive ingredients and is not eligible to be submitted under 505(j).**

*The purpose of the following two questions is to determine if there is an approved drug product that is equivalent or very similar to the product proposed for approval that should be referenced as a listed drug in the pending application.*

*The assessment of pharmaceutical equivalence for a recombinant or biologically-derived product and/or protein or peptide product is complex. If you answered **YES to question #1**, proceed to question #12; if you answered **NO to question #1**, proceed to question #10 below.*

10) (a) Is there a pharmaceutical equivalent(s) to the product proposed in the 505(b)(2) application that is already approved (via an NDA or ANDA)?

*(Pharmaceutical equivalents are drug products in identical dosage forms intended for the same route of administration that: (1) contain identical amounts of the identical active drug ingredient, i.e., the same salt or ester of the same therapeutic moiety, or, in the case of modified release dosage forms that require a reservoir or overage or such forms as prefilled syringes where residual volume may vary, that deliver identical amounts of the active drug ingredient over the identical dosing period; (2) do not necessarily contain the same inactive ingredients; **and** (3) meet the identical compendial or other applicable standard of identity, strength, quality, and purity, including potency and, where applicable, content uniformity, disintegration times, and/or dissolution rates. (21 CFR 320.1(c), FDA’s “Approved Drug Products with Therapeutic Equivalence Evaluations” (the Orange Book)).*

*Note that for proposed combinations of one or more previously approved drugs, a pharmaceutical equivalent must also be a combination of the same drugs.*

YES  NO

If "NO" to (a) proceed to question #11.  
If "YES" to (a), answer (b) and (c) then proceed to question #12.

(b) Is the pharmaceutical equivalent approved for the same indication for which the 505(b)(2) application is seeking approval?

YES  NO

(c) Is the listed drug(s) referenced by the application a pharmaceutical equivalent?

N/A  YES  NO

If this application relies only on non product-specific published literature, answer "N/A"  
If "YES" to (c) and there are no additional pharmaceutical equivalents listed, proceed to question #12.

If "NO" or if there are additional pharmaceutical equivalents that are not referenced by the application, list the NDA pharmaceutical equivalent(s); you do not have to individually list all of the products approved as ANDAs, but please note below if approved approved generics are listed in the Orange Book. Please also contact the (b)(2) review staff in the Immediate Office, Office of New Drugs.

Pharmaceutical equivalent(s):

11) (a) Is there a pharmaceutical alternative(s) already approved (via an NDA or ANDA)?

*(Pharmaceutical alternatives are drug products that contain the identical therapeutic moiety, or its precursor, but not necessarily in the same amount or dosage form or as the same salt or ester. Each such drug product individually meets either the identical or its own respective compendial or other applicable standard of identity, strength, quality, and purity, including potency and, where applicable, content uniformity, disintegration times and/or dissolution rates. (21 CFR 320.1(d)) Different dosage forms and strengths within a product line by a single manufacturer are thus pharmaceutical alternatives, as are extended-release products when compared with immediate- or standard-release formulations of the same active ingredient.)*

*Note that for proposed combinations of one or more previously approved drugs, a pharmaceutical alternative must also be a combination of the same drugs.*

YES  NO

If "NO", proceed to question #12.

(b) Is the pharmaceutical alternative approved for the same indication for which the 505(b)(2) application is seeking approval?

YES  NO

(c) Is the approved pharmaceutical alternative(s) referenced as the listed drug(s)?

N/A  YES  NO

If this application relies only on non product-specific published literature, answer "N/A"  
If "YES" and there are no additional pharmaceutical alternatives listed, proceed to question #12.

If “NO” or if there are additional pharmaceutical alternatives that are not referenced by the application, list the NDA pharmaceutical alternative(s); you do not have to individually list all of the products approved as ANDAs, but please note below if approved generics are listed in the Orange Book. Please also contact the (b)(2) review staff in the Immediate Office, Office of New Drugs.

Pharmaceutical alternative(s):

<b>PATENT CERTIFICATION/STATEMENTS</b>
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- 12) List the patent numbers of all unexpired patents listed in the Orange Book for the listed drug(s) for which our finding of safety and effectiveness is relied upon to support approval of the (b)(2) product.

Listed drug/Patent number(s): **6,310,094-January 12, 2021 (July 12, 2021 PED)**  
**6,528,540-January 12, 202 (July 12, 2021 PED)**

No patents listed  proceed to question #14

- 13) Did the applicant address (with an appropriate certification or statement) all of the unexpired patents listed in the Orange Book for the listed drug(s) relied upon to support approval of the (b)(2) product?

YES  NO

If “NO”, list which patents (and which listed drugs) were not addressed by the applicant.

Listed drug/Patent number(s):

- 14) Which of the following patent certifications does the application contain? (Check all that apply and identify the patents to which each type of certification was made, as appropriate.)

- No patent certifications are required (e.g., because application is based solely on published literature that does not cite a specific innovator product)
- 21 CFR 314.50(i)(1)(i)(A)(1): The patent information has not been submitted to FDA. (Paragraph I certification)
- 21 CFR 314.50(i)(1)(i)(A)(2): The patent has expired. (Paragraph II certification)

Patent number(s):

- 21 CFR 314.50(i)(1)(i)(A)(3): The date on which the patent will expire. (Paragraph III certification)

Patent number(s):

Expiry date(s):

- 21 CFR 314.50(i)(1)(i)(A)(4): The patent is invalid, unenforceable, or will not be infringed by the manufacture, use, or sale of the drug product for which the application is submitted. (Paragraph IV certification). *If Paragraph IV certification was submitted, proceed to question #15.*

Patent number(s): 6,310,094 Expiry date(s): January 12, 2021 (July 12, 2021 PED)

Patent number(s): 6,528,540 Expiry date(s): January 12, 2021 (July 12, 2021 PED)

- 21 CFR 314.50(i)(3): Statement that applicant has a licensing agreement with the NDA holder/patent owner (must also submit certification under 21 CFR 314.50(i)(1)(i)(A)(4) above). *If the applicant has a licensing agreement with the NDA holder/patent owner, proceed to question #15.*
- 21 CFR 314.50(i)(1)(ii): No relevant patents.
- 21 CFR 314.50(i)(1)(iii): The patent on the listed drug is a method of use patent and the labeling for the drug product for which the applicant is seeking approval does not include any indications that are covered by the use patent as described in the corresponding use code in the Orange Book. Applicant must provide a statement that the method of use patent does not claim any of the proposed indications. (Section viii statement)

Patent number(s):

Method(s) of Use/Code(s):

15) Complete the following checklist **ONLY** for applications containing Paragraph IV certification and/or applications in which the applicant and patent holder have a licensing agreement:

(a) Patent number(s): **6,310,094 and 6,528,540**

(b) Did the applicant submit a signed certification stating that the NDA holder and patent owner(s) were notified that this b(2) application was filed [21 CFR 314.52(b)]?

YES  NO

*If "NO", please contact the applicant and request the signed certification.*

(c) Did the applicant submit documentation showing that the NDA holder and patent owner(s) received the notification [21 CFR 314.52(e)]? This is generally provided in the form of a registered mail receipt.

YES  NO

*If "NO", please contact the applicant and request the documentation.*

(d) What is/are the date(s) on the registered mail receipt(s) (i.e., the date(s) the NDA holder and patent owner(s) received notification):

Date(s): **September 9, 2013**

*Note, the date(s) entered should be the date the notification occurred (i.e., delivery date(s)), not the date of the submission in which proof of notification was provided*

(e) Has the applicant been sued for patent infringement within 45-days of receipt of the notification listed above?



*Note that you may need to call the applicant (after 45 days of receipt of the notification) to verify this information **UNLESS** the applicant provided a written statement from the notified patent owner(s) that it consents to an immediate effective date of approval.*

YES  NO  Patent owner(s) consent(s) to an immediate effective date of approval

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**LABELS AND LABELING MEMORANDUM**

Division of Medication Error Prevention and Analysis (DMEPA)  
Office of Medication Error Prevention and Risk Management (OMEPRM)  
Office of Surveillance and Epidemiology (OSE)  
Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER)

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**Date of This Memorandum:** March 10, 2014  
**Requesting Office or Division:** Division of Cardiovascular and Renal Products (DCRP)  
**Application Type and Number:** NDA 205703  
**Product Name and Strength:** Esmolol Hydrochloride Premixed Injection  
2500 mg/250 mL (10 mg/mL)  
2000 mg/100 mL (20 mg/mL)  
**Product Type:** Single Ingredient Product  
**Rx or OTC:** Rx  
**Applicant/Sponsor Name:** HQ Specialty Pharma Corporation  
**Submission Date:** February 18, 2014  
**OSE RCM #:** 2013-1607  
**DMEPA Primary Reviewer:** Loretta Holmes, BSN, PharmD  
**DMEPA Associate Director:** Irene Z. Chan, PharmD, BCPS

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**1. REASON FOR REVIEW**

This memorandum evaluates the revised labels and labeling for Esmolol Hydrochloride Premixed Injection.

**2. MATERIALS REVIEWED**

DMEPA evaluated the revised labels and labeling submitted on February 18, 2014 (Appendix A). We compared the revised labels and labeling against our recommendations provided in OSE Review 2013-1607, dated December 30, 2013, and sent via email on January 21, 2014, to assess whether the revised labels and labeling address our concerns from a medication error perspective.

**3. CONCLUSION & RECOMMENDATIONS**

Our review of the revised labels and labeling determined the Applicant has implemented all of our recommendations and we find the revisions acceptable. Therefore, we have no further recommendations at this time.

If you have further questions or need clarification, please contact Karen Bengtson, OSE Project Manager, at 301-796-3338.

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**Label, Labeling and Packaging Review**

Date: December 30, 2013

Reviewer: Loretta Holmes, BSN, PharmD  
Division of Medication Error Prevention and Analysis

Team Leader: Irene Z. Chan, PharmD, BCPS  
Division of Medication Error Prevention and Analysis

Drug Name and Strengths: Esmolol Hydrochloride Premixed Injection  
2500 mg/ 250 mL (10 mg/mL)  
2000 mg/100 mL (20 mg/mL)

Application Type/Number: NDA 205703

Applicant: HQ Specialty Pharma Corporation

OSE RCM #: 2013-1607

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## 1 INTRODUCTION

This review evaluates the proposed labels and labeling for Esmolol Hydrochloride Premixed Injection (NDA 205703) in response to a request from the Division of Cardiovascular and Renal Products (DCRP) for areas of vulnerability that could lead to medication errors.

### 1.1 REGULATORY HISTORY

NDA 205703 for Esmolol Hydrochloride Premixed Injection is a 505(b)(2) application relying on clinical and preclinical data for Brevibloc Premixed Injection (NDA 019386). Brevibloc Injection was approved on December 31, 1986.

### 1.2 PRODUCT INFORMATION

The following product information was provided in the June 28, 2013 submission.<sup>1</sup>

<b>Active Ingredient</b>	Esmolol Hydrochloride
<b>Indication of Use</b>	Control of ventricular rate in supraventricular tachycardia including atrial fibrillation and atrial flutter and control of heart rate in noncompensatory sinus tachycardia Control of perioperative tachycardia and hypertension
<b>Route of Administration</b>	Intravenous
<b>Dosage Form</b>	Premixed Injection Bag
<b>Strengths</b>	2500 mg/250 mL (10 mg/mL) and 2000 mg/100 mL (20 mg/mL)
<b>Dose and Frequency</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Titrate using ventricular rate or blood pressure at <math>\geq</math> 4-minute intervals</li><li>• Supraventricular tachycardia (SVT) or noncompensatory sinus tachycardia<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Optional loading dose: 500 mcg per kg infused over one minute</li><li>○ Then 50 mcg per kg per minute for the next 4 minutes</li><li>○ Adjust dose as needed to a maximum of 200 mcg per kg per minute</li><li>○ Additional loading doses may be administered</li></ul></li><li>• Perioperative tachycardia and hypertension<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Loading dose: 500 mcg per kg over 1 minute for gradual control (1 mg per kg over 30 seconds for immediate control)</li></ul></li></ul>

<sup>1</sup> See Appendix B for a side-by-side comparison of Esmolol Hydrochloride Premixed Injection Bags and Brevibloc Premixed Injection Bags.



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Then 50 mcg per kg per minute for gradual control (150 mcg per kg per minute for immediate control) adjusted to a maximum of 200 (tachycardia) or 300 (hypertension) mcg per kg per minute</li> </ul>						
<b>How Supplied</b>	<p>Esmolol Hydrochloride Premixed Injection is available in the following presentations:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th><b>Strength</b></th> <th><b>Package</b></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2500 mg (10 mg/mL) 250 mL</td> <td>10 bags per carton</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2000 mg (20 mg/mL) 100 mL <b>Double Strength</b></td> <td>10 bags per carton</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	<b>Strength</b>	<b>Package</b>	2500 mg (10 mg/mL) 250 mL	10 bags per carton	2000 mg (20 mg/mL) 100 mL <b>Double Strength</b>	10 bags per carton
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2500 mg (10 mg/mL) 250 mL	10 bags per carton						
2000 mg (20 mg/mL) 100 mL <b>Double Strength</b>	10 bags per carton						
<b>Storage</b>	Store at 20° to 25°C (68° to 77°F)[See USP Controlled Room Temperature]. PROTECT FROM FREEZING. Avoid excessive heat.						
<b>Container and Closure System</b>	The Premixed Injection is provided in a single-use dual port bag with an aluminum overwrap. The container closure is not made with natural rubber latex.						

## 2 METHODS AND MATERIALS REVIEWED

DMEPA searched the FDA Adverse Events Reporting System (FAERS) database for Brevibloc medication errors that may inform this review. We also reviewed the proposed labels and labeling submitted by the Applicant. Furthermore, we compared the proposed labels and labeling to the currently marketed Brevibloc labels and labeling to determine if there were any areas of vulnerability that could lead to medication errors.

### 2.1 SELECTION OF MEDICATION ERROR CASES

We previously conducted a search of the FDA Adverse Event Reporting System (FAERS)<sup>2</sup> for Brevibloc medication errors in a previous review<sup>3</sup>. The previous search covered the time period 12/31/1986 through August 2008. There were no medication error cases retrieved that involved the nomenclature, labels and labeling for Brevibloc Premixed Injection bags. Thus, for this review, we searched the FAERS database for cases received since August 2008 using the strategy listed in Table 1.

<sup>2</sup> See Appendix A for a description of the FAERS database.

<sup>3</sup> Smith, Diane C. Brevibloc Label and Labeling Review, OSE Review 2008-1359, dated October 29, 2008.

<b>Table 1: FAERS Search Strategy</b>	
Date range	09/01/2008 through 11/26/2013
Drug Names	Trade Name: Brevibloc
MedDRA Search Strategy	Medication Errors (HLGT) Product Packaging Issues (HLT) Product Label Issues (HLT) Product Quality Issues NEC (HLT)

The aforementioned search strategy did not retrieve any medication error cases involving Brevibloc Premixed Injection.

## **2.2 LABELS AND LABELING**

Using the principals of human factors and Failure Mode and Effects Analysis,<sup>4</sup> along with postmarketing medication error data, the Division of Medication Error Prevention and Analysis (DMEPA) evaluated the following:

- Dual Port Bag Labels submitted on June 28, 2013 (Appendix C)
- Overwrap Labeling submitted on June 28, 2013 (Appendix D)
- Carton Labeling submitted on June 28, 2013 (Appendix E)
- Insert Labeling submitted on June 28, 2013 (no image)

Additionally, we compared the Esmolol Hydrochloride Premixed Injection proposed labels and labeling against the currently marketed Brevibloc Premixed Injection labels and labeling (Appendix F) to identify any potential safety issues.

## **3 MEDICATION ERROR RISK ASSESSMENT**

Our review of the Esmolol Hydrochloride Premixed Injection labels and labeling identified areas of concern that can be improved for clarity to promote the safe use of the product. These areas of concern include the readability, prominence, and accuracy of important information on the labels or labeling. We provide recommendations for the labels and labeling in Section 4, below.

## **4 CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

DMEPA concludes the proposed labels and labeling can be improved to increase the readability and prominence of important information on the label to promote the safe use of the product and mitigate any confusion.

If you have further questions or need clarifications, please contact Cherye Milburn, OSE Project Manager, at 301-796-2084.

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<sup>4</sup> Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI). Failure Modes and Effects Analysis. Boston. IHI:2004.

#### 4.1 COMMENTS TO THE DIVISION

DMEPA provides the following comments for consideration by the review division prior to the approval of this NDA:

##### A. Insert Labeling

###### 1. General Comment

The term “(b) (4)” is used when referring to the 10 mg/mL strength. However, this term is not used in the insert labeling for Brevibloc when referring to the 10 mg/mL strength. In order to provide consistency between the labels and to minimize potential confusion that may be caused by the use of the term, we recommend it be deleted from the insert labeling.

###### 2. Dosage and Administration, Full Prescribing Information

Section 2.4 Directions for Use, Figure 1: The Medication Port and Delivery Port in the illustration of the Dual Port bag are not identified. We recommend labeling the diagram to show the location of the two ports.

#### 4.2 COMMENTS TO THE APPLICANT

DMEPA advises the recommendations below be implemented prior to approval of this NDA:

##### A. General Comment

The use of the term “(b) (4)” on the 10 mg/mL labels and labeling may be unclear and lead to confusion because is not used on the labels and labeling of the 10 mg/mL strength of the referenced drug. Therefore, remove this statement in order to provide consistency between the labels and to help minimize potential confusion with the use of the term.

##### B. Dual Port Bag Labels, Both Strengths



C. Overwrap Labeling, Both Strengths



(b) (4)

D. Carton Labeling, Both Strengths



(b) (4)

## APPENDICES

### Appendix A. Database Descriptions

#### FDA Adverse Event Reporting System (FAERS)

The FDA Adverse Event Reporting System (FAERS) is a database that contains information on adverse event and medication error reports submitted to FDA. The database is designed to support the FDA's post-marketing safety surveillance program for drug and therapeutic biologic products. The informatic structure of the database adheres to the international safety reporting guidance issued by the International Conference on Harmonisation. Adverse events and medication errors are coded to terms in the Medical Dictionary for Regulatory Activities (MedDRA) terminology. The suspect products are coded to valid tradenames or active ingredients in the FAERS Product Dictionary (FPD).

FDA implemented FAERS on September 10, 2012, and migrated all the data from the previous reporting system (AERS) to FAERS. Differences may exist when comparing case counts in AERS and FAERS. FDA validated and recoded product information as the AERS reports were migrated to FAERS. In addition, FDA implemented new search functionality based on the date FDA initially received the case to more accurately portray the follow up cases that have multiple receive dates.

FAERS data have limitations. First, there is no certainty that the reported event was actually due to the product. FDA does not require that a causal relationship between a product and event be proven, and reports do not always contain enough detail to properly evaluate an event. Further, FDA does not receive reports for every adverse event or medication error that occurs with a product. Many factors can influence whether or not an event will be reported, such as the time a product has been marketed and publicity about an event. Therefore, FAERS data cannot be used to calculate the incidence of an adverse event or medication error in the U.S. population.

**Appendix B: Product Characteristic Comparison Chart**

<b>Product:</b>	<b>Proposed Drug Product</b>	<b>Reference Listed Drug</b>
<b>Product Proprietary Name:</b>	None	Brevibloc Premixed Injection®
<b>Product Established name</b>	Esmolol Hydrochloride	Esmolol Hydrochloride
<b>Conditions of Use:</b>	Supraventricular Tachycardia (SVT) Intraoperative and Postoperative Tachycardia and/or Hypertension	Supraventricular Tachycardia (SVT) Intraoperative and Postoperative Tachycardia and/or Hypertension
<b>Active Ingredient(s):</b>	Esmolol Hydrochloride	Esmolol Hydrochloride
<b>Inactive Ingredients:</b>	N/A Sodium Acetate Trihydrate Glacial Acetic Acid Ethanol Propylene Glycol (b)(4) Sodium Hydroxide WFI	Sodium Chloride Sodium Acetate Trihydrate Glacial Acetic Acid N/A N/A Hydrochloric Acid Sodium Hydroxide WFI
<b>Route of Administration:</b>	Injectable	Injectable
<b>Dosage Form:</b>	IV (Infusion)	IV (Infusion)
<b>Strength:</b>	2500mg/250mL (10mg/ mL) 2000mg/100 mL (20mg / mL)	2500mg/250mL (10mg/ mL) 2000mg/100 mL (20mg / mL)

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## RPM FILING REVIEW

(Including Memo of Filing Meeting)

**To be completed for all new NDAs, BLAs, and Efficacy Supplements [except SE8 (labeling change with clinical data) and SE9 (manufacturing change with clinical data)]**

Application Information		
NDA # 205703 BLA#	NDA Supplement #:S- BLA Supplement #	Efficacy Supplement Type SE-
Proprietary Name: Established/Proper Name: Esmolol hydrochloride premixed injection Dosage Form: injection Strengths: 2500 mg/250 mL and 2000 mg/100 mL		
Applicant: HQ Specialty Pharma Agent for Applicant (if applicable):		
Date of Application: June 28, 2013 Date of Receipt: June 28, 2013 Date clock started after UN:		
PDUFA Goal Date: April 28, 2014		Action Goal Date (if different):
Filing Date: August 27, 2013		Date of Filing Meeting: August 20, 2013
Chemical Classification: (1,2,3 etc.) (original NDAs only) 5		
Proposed indication(s)/Proposed change(s): Esmolol hydrochloride is indicated for the rapid control of ventricular rate in patients with atrial fibrillation or atrial flutter in perioperative, postoperative, or other emergent circumstances where short term control of ventricular rate with a short-acting agent is desirable. Esmolol hydrochloride is also indicated in noncompensatory sinus tachycardia where, in the physician's judgment, the rapid heart rate requires specific intervention. Esmolol Hydrochloride Premixed Injection is intended for short-term use.  Esmolol hydrochloride is indicated for the short-term treatment of tachycardia and hypertension that occur during induction and tracheal intubation, during surgery, on emergence from anesthesia and in the postoperative period, when in the physician's judgment such specific intervention is considered indicated.  Use of esmolol hydrochloride to prevent such events is not recommended.		
Type of Original NDA: AND (if applicable) Type of NDA Supplement:	<input type="checkbox"/> 505(b)(1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 505(b)(2) <input type="checkbox"/> 505(b)(1) <input type="checkbox"/> 505(b)(2)	
<i>If 505(b)(2): Draft the "505(b)(2) Assessment" review found at: <a href="http://inside.fda.gov:9003/CDER/OfficeofNewDrugs/ImmediateOffice/UCM027499">http://inside.fda.gov:9003/CDER/OfficeofNewDrugs/ImmediateOffice/UCM027499</a> and refer to Appendix A for further information.</i>		
Review Classification:  <i>If the application includes a complete response to pediatric WR, review classification is Priority.</i>  <i>If a tropical disease priority review voucher was submitted, review classification is Priority.</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Standard <input type="checkbox"/> Priority  <input type="checkbox"/> Tropical Disease Priority Review Voucher submitted	
Resubmission after withdrawal? <input type="checkbox"/>		Resubmission after refuse to file? <input type="checkbox"/>
Part 3 Combination Product? <input type="checkbox"/>  <i>If yes, contact the Office of Combination Products (OCP) and copy them on all Inter-Center consults</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Convenience kit/Co-package <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-filled drug delivery device/system (syringe, patch, etc.) <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-filled biologic delivery device/system (syringe, patch, etc.) <input type="checkbox"/> Device coated/impregnated/combined with drug <input type="checkbox"/> Device coated/impregnated/combined with biologic	



<input type="checkbox"/> Separate products requiring cross-labeling <input type="checkbox"/> Drug/Biologic <input type="checkbox"/> Possible combination based on cross-labeling of separate products <input type="checkbox"/> Other (drug/device/biological product)
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<input type="checkbox"/> Fast Track Designation <input type="checkbox"/> Breakthrough Therapy Designation <input type="checkbox"/> Rolling Review <input type="checkbox"/> Orphan Designation  <input type="checkbox"/> Rx-to-OTC switch, Full <input type="checkbox"/> Rx-to-OTC switch, Partial <input type="checkbox"/> Direct-to-OTC  Other:	<input type="checkbox"/> PMC response <input type="checkbox"/> PMR response: <input type="checkbox"/> FDAAA [505(o)] <input type="checkbox"/> PREA deferred pediatric studies [21 CFR 314.55(b)/21 CFR 601.27(b)] <input type="checkbox"/> Accelerated approval confirmatory studies (21 CFR 314.510/21 CFR 601.41) <input type="checkbox"/> Animal rule postmarketing studies to verify clinical benefit and safety (21 CFR 314.610/21 CFR 601.42)			
Collaborative Review Division ( <i>if OTC product</i> ): asdffsf				
List referenced IND Number(s):				
<b>Goal Dates/Product Names/Classification Properties</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>Comment</b>
PDUFA and Action Goal dates correct in tracking system?  <i>If no, ask the document room staff to correct them immediately. These are the dates used for calculating inspection dates.</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Are the proprietary, established/proper, and applicant names correct in tracking system?  <i>If no, ask the document room staff to make the corrections. Also, ask the document room staff to add the established/proper name to the supporting IND(s) if not already entered into tracking system.</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Is the review priority (S or P) and all appropriate classifications/properties entered into tracking system (e.g., chemical classification, combination product classification, 505(b)(2), orphan drug)? <i>For NDAs/NDA supplements, check the New Application and New Supplement Notification Checklists for a list of all classifications/properties at: <a href="http://inside.fda.gov:9003/CDER/OfficeofBusinessProcessSupport/ucm163969.htm">http://inside.fda.gov:9003/CDER/OfficeofBusinessProcessSupport/ucm163969.htm</a></i>  <i>If no, ask the document room staff to make the appropriate entries.</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Application Integrity Policy</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Is the application affected by the Application Integrity Policy (AIP)? <i>Check the AIP list at: <a href="http://www.fda.gov/ICECI/EnforcementActions/ApplicationIntegrityPolicy/default.htm">http://www.fda.gov/ICECI/EnforcementActions/ApplicationIntegrityPolicy/default.htm</a></i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
<i>If yes, explain in comment column.</i>				
<i>If affected by AIP, has OC/OMPQ been notified of the submission? If yes, date notified:</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<b>User Fees</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Is Form 3397 (User Fee Cover Sheet) included with authorized signature?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		

<p><u>User Fee Status</u></p> <p><i>If a user fee is required and it has not been paid (and it is not exempted or waived), the application is unacceptable for filing following a 5-day grace period. Review stops. Send Unacceptable for Filing (UN) letter and contact user fee staff.</i></p>	<p>Payment for this application:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Paid  <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt (orphan, government)  <input type="checkbox"/> Waived (e.g., small business, public health)  <input type="checkbox"/> Not required</p>																			
<p><i>If the firm is in arrears for other fees (regardless of whether a user fee has been paid for this application), the application is unacceptable for filing (5-day grace period does not apply). Review stops. Send UN letter and contact the user fee staff.</i></p>	<p>Payment of other user fees:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not in arrears  <input type="checkbox"/> In arrears</p>																			
<p><b>505(b)(2) (NDAs/NDA Efficacy Supplements only)</b></p>	<p><b>YES</b></p>	<p><b>NO</b></p>	<p><b>NA</b></p>	<p><b>Comment</b></p>																
<p>Is the application for a duplicate of a listed drug and eligible for approval under section 505(j) as an ANDA?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/></p>																	
<p>Is the application for a duplicate of a listed drug whose only difference is that the extent to which the active ingredient(s) is absorbed or otherwise made available to the site of action is less than that of the reference listed drug (RLD)? [see 21 CFR 314.54(b)(1)].</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/></p>																	
<p>Is the application for a duplicate of a listed drug whose only difference is that the rate at which the proposed product's active ingredient(s) is absorbed or made available to the site of action is unintentionally less than that of the listed drug [see 21 CFR 314.54(b)(2)]?</p> <p><i>If you answered yes to any of the above questions, the application may be refused for filing under 21 CFR 314.101(d)(9). Contact the 505(b)(2) review staff in the Immediate Office of New Drugs</i></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/></p>																	
<p>Is there unexpired exclusivity on any drug product containing the active moiety (e.g., 5-year, 3-year, orphan, or pediatric exclusivity)?</p> <p><i>Check the Electronic Orange Book at:  <a href="http://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/cder/ob/default.cfm">http://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/cder/ob/default.cfm</a></i></p> <p><b>If yes, please list below:</b></p> <table border="1" data-bbox="203 1482 1349 1623"> <thead> <tr> <th>Application No.</th> <th>Drug Name</th> <th>Exclusivity Code</th> <th>Exclusivity Expiration</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> </tr> <tr> <td> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> </tr> <tr> <td> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Application No.	Drug Name	Exclusivity Code	Exclusivity Expiration													<p><input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/></p>	
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<p><i>If there is unexpired, 5-year exclusivity remaining on the active moiety for the proposed drug product, a 505(b)(2) application cannot be submitted until the period of exclusivity expires (unless the applicant provides paragraph IV patent certification; then an application can be submitted four years after the date of approval.) Pediatric exclusivity will extend both of the timeframes in this provision by 6 months. 21 CFR 314.108(b)(2). Unexpired, 3-year exclusivity may block the approval but not the submission of a 505(b)(2) application.</i></p>																				
<p><b>Exclusivity</b></p>	<p><b>YES</b></p>	<p><b>NO</b></p>	<p><b>NA</b></p>	<p><b>Comment</b></p>																
<p>Does another product (same active moiety) have orphan exclusivity for the same indication? <i>Check the Orphan Drug</i></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>																		

<b>Designations and Approvals list at:</b> <a href="http://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/opdlisting/oopd/index.cfm">http://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/opdlisting/oopd/index.cfm</a>				
<b>If another product has orphan exclusivity</b> , is the product considered to be the same product according to the orphan drug definition of sameness [see 21 CFR 316.3(b)(13)]?  <i>If yes, consult the Director, Division of Regulatory Policy II, Office of Regulatory Policy</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Has the applicant requested 5-year or 3-year Waxman-Hatch exclusivity? ( <i>NDAs/NDA efficacy supplements only</i> )  If yes, # years requested:  <i>Note: An applicant can receive exclusivity without requesting it; therefore, requesting exclusivity is not required.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Is the proposed product a single enantiomer of a racemic drug previously approved for a different therapeutic use ( <i>NDAs only</i> )?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>If yes</b> , did the applicant: (a) elect to have the single enantiomer (contained as an active ingredient) not be considered the same active ingredient as that contained in an already approved racemic drug, and/or (b): request exclusivity pursuant to section 505(u) of the Act (per FDAAA Section 1113)?  <i>If yes, contact Mary Ann Holovac, Director of Drug Information, OGD/DLPS/LRB.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

Format and Content				
<i>Do not check mixed submission if the only electronic component is the content of labeling (COL).</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> All paper (except for COL) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All electronic <input type="checkbox"/> Mixed (paper/electronic)  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CTD <input type="checkbox"/> Non-CTD <input type="checkbox"/> Mixed (CTD/non-CTD)			
<b>If mixed (paper/electronic) submission</b> , which parts of the application are submitted in electronic format?				
<b>Overall Format/Content</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>Comment</b>
<b>If electronic submission</b> , does it follow the eCTD guidance? <sup>1</sup> <b>If not</b> , explain (e.g., waiver granted).	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Index:</b> Does the submission contain an accurate comprehensive index?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Is the submission complete as required under 21 CFR 314.50 ( <i>NDAs/NDA efficacy supplements</i> ) or under 21 CFR 601.2 ( <i>BLAs/BLA efficacy supplements</i> ) including:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		

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<http://www.fda.gov/downloads/Drugs/GuidanceComplianceRegulatoryInformation/Guidances/ucm072349.pdf>

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> legible <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> English (or translated into English) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> pagination <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> navigable hyperlinks (electronic submissions only)				
<b>If no, explain.</b>				
<b>BLAs only:</b> Companion application received if a shared or divided manufacturing arrangement?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<b>If yes, BLA #</b>				
<b>Forms and Certifications</b>				
<i>Electronic forms and certifications with electronic signatures (scanned, digital, or electronic – similar to DARRTS, e.g., /s/) are acceptable. Otherwise, <b>paper</b> forms and certifications with hand-written signatures must be included. <b>Forms</b> include: user fee cover sheet (3397), application form (356h), patent information (3542a), financial disclosure (3454/3455), and clinical trials (3674); <b>Certifications</b> include: debarment certification, patent certification(s), field copy certification, and pediatric certification.</i>				
<b>Application Form</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Is form FDA 356h included with authorized signature per 21 CFR 314.50(a)?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>If foreign applicant, a U.S. agent must sign the form [see 21 CFR 314.50(a)(5)].</i>				
Are all establishments and their registration numbers listed on the form/attached to the form?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Patent Information</b> (NDAs/NDA efficacy supplements only)	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Is patent information submitted on form FDA 3542a per 21 CFR 314.53(c)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Financial Disclosure</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Are financial disclosure forms FDA 3454 and/or 3455 included with authorized signature per 21 CFR 54.4(a)(1) and (3)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		No clinical studies were conducted to support this application.
<i>Forms must be signed by the APPLICANT, not an Agent [see 21 CFR 54.2(g)].</i>				
<i>Note: Financial disclosure is required for bioequivalence studies that are the basis for approval.</i>				
<b>Clinical Trials Database</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Is form FDA 3674 included with authorized signature?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		No clinical studies were conducted.
<i>If yes, ensure that the application is also coded with the supporting document category, "Form 3674."</i>				

<i>If no, ensure that language requesting submission of the form is included in the acknowledgement letter sent to the applicant</i>				
<b>Debarment Certification</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>Comment</b>
<p>Is a correctly worded Debarment Certification included with authorized signature?</p> <p><i>Certification is not required for supplements if submitted in the original application; If foreign applicant, <b>both</b> the applicant and the U.S. Agent must sign the certification [per Guidance for Industry: Submitting Debarment Certifications].</i></p> <p><i>Note: Debarment Certification should use wording in FD&amp;C Act Section 306(k)(1) i.e., “[Name of applicant] hereby certifies that it did not and will not use in any capacity the services of any person debarred under section 306 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act in connection with this application.” Applicant may not use wording such as, “To the best of my knowledge...”</i></p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Field Copy Certification (NDAs/NDA efficacy supplements only)</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>Comment</b>
<p><b>For paper submissions only:</b> Is a Field Copy Certification (that it is a true copy of the CMC technical section) included?</p> <p><i>Field Copy Certification is not needed if there is no CMC technical section or if this is an electronic submission (the Field Office has access to the EDR)</i></p> <p><i>If maroon field copy jackets from foreign applicants are received, return them to CDR for delivery to the appropriate field office.</i></p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Controlled Substance/Product with Abuse Potential</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>Comment</b>
<p><u>For NMEs:</u> Is an Abuse Liability Assessment, including a proposal for scheduling, submitted per 21 CFR 314.50(d)(5)(vii)?</p> <p><i>If yes, date consult sent to the Controlled Substance Staff:</i></p> <p><u>For non-NMEs:</u> <i>Date of consult sent to Controlled Substance Staff:</i></p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

<b>Pediatrics</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>Comment</b>
<b><u>PREA</u></b> Does the application trigger PREA?  <i>If yes, notify PeRC RPM (PeRC meeting is required)<sup>2</sup></i>  <i>Note: NDAs/BLAs/efficacy supplements for new active ingredients, new indications, new dosage forms, new dosing regimens, or new routes of administration trigger PREA. All waiver &amp; deferral requests, pediatric plans, and pediatric assessment studies must be reviewed by PeRC prior to approval of the application/supplement.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
<b>If the application triggers PREA, are the required pediatric assessment studies or a full waiver of pediatric studies included?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<b>If studies or full waiver not included, is a request for full waiver of pediatric studies OR a request for partial waiver and/or deferral with a pediatric plan included?</b>  <i>If no, request in 74-day letter</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<b>If a request for full waiver/partial waiver/deferral is included, does the application contain the certification(s) required by FDCA Section 505B(a)(3) and (4)?</b>  <i>If no, request in 74-day letter</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<b><u>BPCA</u> (NDAs/NDA efficacy supplements only):</b>  Is this submission a complete response to a pediatric Written Request?  <i>If yes, notify Pediatric Exclusivity Board RPM (pediatric exclusivity determination is required)<sup>3</sup></i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
<b><u>Proprietary Name</u></b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Is a proposed proprietary name submitted?  <i>If yes, ensure that the application is also coded with the supporting document category, "Proprietary Name/Request for Review."</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b><u>REMS</u></b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Is a REMS submitted?  <i>If yes, send consult to OSE/DRISK and notify OC/OSI/DSC/PMSB via the CDER OSI RMP mailbox</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b><u>Prescription Labeling</u></b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Not applicable</b>			
Check all types of labeling submitted.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Package Insert (PI) <input type="checkbox"/> Patient Package Insert (PPI) <input type="checkbox"/> Instructions for Use (IFU) <input type="checkbox"/> Medication Guide (MedGuide)			

<sup>2</sup> <http://inside.fda.gov:9003/CDER/OfficeofNewDrugs/PediatricandMaternalHealthStaff/ucm027829.htm>

<sup>3</sup> <http://inside.fda.gov:9003/CDER/OfficeofNewDrugs/PediatricandMaternalHealthStaff/ucm027837.htm>

	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carton labels <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Immediate container labels <input type="checkbox"/> Diluent <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)			
	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Is Electronic Content of Labeling (COL) submitted in SPL format?  <i>If no, request applicant to submit SPL before the filing date.</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Is the PI submitted in PLR format? <sup>4</sup>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
<b>If PI not submitted in PLR format</b> , was a waiver or deferral requested before the application was received or in the submission? <b>If requested before application was submitted</b> , what is the status of the request?  <i>If no waiver or deferral, request applicant to submit labeling in PLR format before the filing date.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
All labeling (PI, PPI, MedGuide, IFU, carton and immediate container labels) consulted to OPDP?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
MedGuide, PPI, IFU (plus PI) consulted to OSE/DRISK? (send WORD version if available)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Carton and immediate container labels, PI, PPI sent to OSE/DMEPA and appropriate CMC review office (OBP or ONDQA)?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>OTC Labeling</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Not Applicable</b>			
Check all types of labeling submitted.	<input type="checkbox"/> Outer carton label <input type="checkbox"/> Immediate container label <input type="checkbox"/> Blister card <input type="checkbox"/> Blister backing label <input type="checkbox"/> Consumer Information Leaflet (CIL) <input type="checkbox"/> Physician sample <input type="checkbox"/> Consumer sample <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)			
	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Is electronic content of labeling (COL) submitted?  <i>If no, request in 74-day letter.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Are annotated specifications submitted for all stock keeping units (SKUs)?  <i>If no, request in 74-day letter.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
If representative labeling is submitted, are all represented SKUs defined?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

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<http://inside.fda.gov:9003/CDER/OfficeofNewDrugs/StudyEndpointsandLabelingDevelopmentTeam/ucm025576.htm>



<i>If no, request in 74-day letter.</i>				
All labeling/packaging, and current approved Rx PI (if switch) sent to OSE/DMEPA?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Other Consults</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Are additional consults needed? (e.g., IFU to CDRH; QT study report to QT Interdisciplinary Review Team)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<i>If yes, specify consult(s) and date(s) sent:</i>				
<b>Meeting Minutes/SPAs</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>Comment</b>
End-of Phase 2 meeting(s)? <b>Date(s):</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
<i>If yes, distribute minutes before filing meeting</i>				
Pre-NDA/Pre-BLA/Pre-Supplement meeting(s)? <b>Date(s):</b> 1/18/12 (preliminary responses only, mtg cancelled)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>If yes, distribute minutes before filing meeting</i>				
Any Special Protocol Assessments (SPAs)? <b>Date(s):</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
<i>If yes, distribute letter and/or relevant minutes before filing meeting</i>				

ATTACHMENT

**MEMO OF FILING MEETING**

**DATE:** August 20, 2013

**BLA/NDA/Supp #:** 205703

**PROPRIETARY NAME:** N/A

**ESTABLISHED/PROPER NAME:** Esmolol hydrochloride premixed injection

**DOSAGE FORM/STRENGTH:** 2500 mg/250 mL (10 mg/mL) and 2000 mg/100 mL (20 mg/mL)

**APPLICANT:** HQ Specialty Pharma

**PROPOSED INDICATION(S)/PROPOSED CHANGE(S):**

**BACKGROUND:** Esmolol hydrochloride is indicated for the rapid control of ventricular rate in patients with atrial fibrillation or atrial flutter in perioperative, postoperative, or other emergent circumstances where short term control of ventricular rate with a short-acting agent is desirable. Esmolol hydrochloride is also indicated in noncompensatory sinus tachycardia where, in the physician's judgment, the rapid heart rate requires specific intervention. Esmolol Hydrochloride Premixed Injection is intended for short-term use.

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Use of esmolol hydrochloride to prevent such events is not recommended.

**REVIEW TEAM:**

Discipline/Organization	Names		Present at filing meeting? (Y or N)
Regulatory Project Management	RPM:	Russell Fortney	Y
	CPMS/TL:	Edward Fromm	Y
Cross-Discipline Team Leader (CDTL)	Kasturi Srinivasachar		Y
Clinical	Reviewer:	N/A	
	TL:		
Social Scientist Review ( <i>for OTC products</i> )	Reviewer:	N/A	
	TL:		

OTC Labeling Review ( <i>for OTC products</i> )	Reviewer:	N/A	
	TL:		
Clinical Microbiology ( <i>for antimicrobial products</i> )	Reviewer:	N/A	
	TL:		

Clinical Pharmacology	Reviewer:	N/A	
	TL:		
Biostatistics	Reviewer:	N/A	
	TL:		
Nonclinical (Pharmacology/Toxicology)	Reviewer:	Philip Gatti	Y
	TL:	Al DeFelice	N
Statistics (carcinogenicity)	Reviewer:	N/A	
	TL:		
Immunogenicity (assay/assay validation) ( <i>for BLAs/BLA efficacy supplements</i> )	Reviewer:	N/A	
	TL:		
Product Quality (CMC)	Reviewer:	Pei-I Chu	N
	TL:	Kasturi Srinivasachar	Y
Quality Microbiology ( <i>for sterile products</i> )	Reviewer:	Denise Miller	Y
	TL:		
CMC Labeling Review	Reviewer:		
	TL:		
Facility Review/Inspection	Reviewer:		
	TL:		
OSE/DMEPA (proprietary name)	Reviewer:	Kim DeFronzo	
	TL:	Irene Chan	Y
OSE/DRISK (REMS)	Reviewer:		
	TL:		
OC/OSI/DSC/PMSB (REMS)	Reviewer:	N/A	
	TL:		

Bioresearch Monitoring (OSI)	Reviewer:	N/A	
	TL:		
Controlled Substance Staff (CSS)	Reviewer:	N/A	
	TL:		
Other reviewers			
Other attendees	Karen Bengston		

**FILING MEETING DISCUSSION:**

<p><b>GENERAL</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 505(b)(2) filing issues: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Is the application for a duplicate of a listed drug and eligible for approval under section 505(j) as an ANDA?</li> <li>○ Did the applicant provide a scientific “bridge” demonstrating the relationship between the proposed product and the referenced product(s)/published literature?</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Describe the scientific bridge (e.g., BA/BE studies):</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>Not required.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Per reviewers, are all parts in English or English translation?</li> </ul> <p><b>If no, explain:</b></p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> NO</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Electronic Submission comments</li> </ul> <p><b>List comments:</b></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable</p>
<p><b>CLINICAL</b></p> <p><b>Comments:</b></p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> FILE</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> REFUSE TO FILE</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Review issues for 74-day letter</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clinical study site(s) inspections(s) needed?</li> </ul> <p><b>If no, explain:</b></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> YES</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Advisory Committee Meeting needed?</li> </ul> <p><b>Comments:</b></p> <p><i>If no, for an NME NDA or original BLA , include the reason. For example:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>this drug/biologic is not the first in its class</i></li> <li><i>the clinical study design was acceptable</i></li> <li><i>the application did not raise significant safety or efficacy issues</i></li> <li><i>the application did not raise significant public health questions on the role of the drug/biologic in the diagnosis, cure, mitigation, treatment or prevention of a disease</i></li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Date if known: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> To be determined  Reason:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Abuse Liability/Potential</li> </ul> <p><b>Comments:</b></p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable <input type="checkbox"/> FILE <input type="checkbox"/> REFUSE TO FILE  <input type="checkbox"/> Review issues for 74-day letter
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If the application is affected by the AIP, has the division made a recommendation regarding whether or not an exception to the AIP should be granted to permit review based on medical necessity or public health significance?</li> </ul> <p><b>Comments:</b></p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
<p><b>CLINICAL MICROBIOLOGY</b></p> <p><b>Comments:</b></p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable <input type="checkbox"/> FILE <input type="checkbox"/> REFUSE TO FILE  <input type="checkbox"/> Review issues for 74-day letter
<p><b>CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY</b></p> <p><b>Comments:</b></p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable <input type="checkbox"/> FILE <input type="checkbox"/> REFUSE TO FILE  <input type="checkbox"/> Review issues for 74-day letter
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clinical pharmacology study site(s) inspections(s) needed?</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
<p><b>BIOSTATISTICS</b></p> <p><b>Comments:</b></p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable <input type="checkbox"/> FILE <input type="checkbox"/> REFUSE TO FILE  <input type="checkbox"/> Review issues for 74-day letter

<p><b>NONCLINICAL (PHARMACOLOGY/TOXICOLOGY)</b></p> <p><b>Comments:</b></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FILE  <input type="checkbox"/> REFUSE TO FILE</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Review issues for 74-day letter</p>
<p><b>IMMUNOGENICITY (BLAs/BLA efficacy supplements only)</b></p> <p><b>Comments:</b></p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable  <input type="checkbox"/> FILE  <input type="checkbox"/> REFUSE TO FILE</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Review issues for 74-day letter</p>
<p><b>PRODUCT QUALITY (CMC)</b></p> <p><b>Comments:</b></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FILE  <input type="checkbox"/> REFUSE TO FILE</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Review issues for 74-day letter</p>
<p><b><u>Environmental Assessment</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Categorical exclusion for environmental assessment (EA) requested?   <b>If no</b>, was a complete EA submitted?</li> <li><b>If EA submitted</b>, consulted to EA officer (OPS)?</li> </ul> <p><b>Comments:</b></p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES  <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> YES  <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> YES  <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p>
<p><b><u>Quality Microbiology (for sterile products)</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Was the Microbiology Team consulted for validation of sterilization? (<b>NDAs/NDA supplements only</b>)</li> </ul> <p><b>Comments:</b> No filing issues.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES  <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p>
<p><b><u>Facility Inspection</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establishment(s) ready for inspection?</li> <li>▪ Establishment Evaluation Request (EER/TBP-EER) submitted to OMPQ?</li> </ul> <p><b>Comments:</b></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> YES  <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> YES  <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p>

<p><b><u>Facility/Microbiology Review (BLAs only)</u></b></p> <p><b>Comments:</b></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable  <input type="checkbox"/> FILE  <input type="checkbox"/> REFUSE TO FILE</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Review issues for 74-day letter</p>
<p><b><u>CMC Labeling Review</u></b></p> <p><b>Comments:</b></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Review issues for 74-day letter</p>
<p><b>APPLICATIONS IN THE PROGRAM (PDUFA V) (NME NDAs/Original BLAs)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Were there agreements made at the application’s pre-submission meeting (and documented in the minutes) regarding certain late submission components that could be submitted within 30 days after receipt of the original application?</li> <li>• If so, were the late submission components all submitted within 30 days?</li> </ul>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> YES  <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> YES  <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What late submission components, if any, arrived after 30 days?</li> </ul>	<p>N/A</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Was the application otherwise complete upon submission, including those applications where there were no agreements regarding late submission components?</li> </ul>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> YES  <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p>



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is a comprehensive and readily located list of all clinical sites included or referenced in the application?</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is a comprehensive and readily located list of all manufacturing facilities included or referenced in the application?</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
<b>REGULATORY PROJECT MANAGEMENT</b>	
<p><b>Signatory Authority:</b> Norman Stockbridge</p> <p><b>Date of Mid-Cycle Meeting</b> (for NME NDAs/BLAs in “the Program” PDUFA V):</p> <p><b>21<sup>st</sup> Century Review Milestones (see attached)</b> (listing review milestones in this document is optional):</p> <p><b>Comments:</b></p>	
<b>REGULATORY CONCLUSIONS/DEFICIENCIES</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	The application is unsuitable for filing. Explain why:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The application, on its face, appears to be suitable for filing.  <u>Review Issues:</u>  <input type="checkbox"/> No review issues have been identified for the 74-day letter.  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Review issues have been identified for the 74-day letter. List (optional):  <u>Review Classification:</u>  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Standard Review  <input type="checkbox"/> Priority Review
<b>ACTIONS ITEMS</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ensure that any updates to the review priority (S or P) and classifications/properties are entered into tracking system (e.g., chemical classification, combination product classification, 505(b)(2), orphan drug).
<input type="checkbox"/>	If RTF, notify everybody who already received a consult request, OSE PM, and Product Quality PM (to cancel EER/TBP-EER).
<input type="checkbox"/>	If filed, and the application is under AIP, prepare a letter either granting (for signature by Center Director) or denying (for signature by ODE Director) an exception for review.
<input type="checkbox"/>	BLA/BLA supplements: If filed, send 60-day filing letter

<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>If priority review:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• notify sponsor in writing by day 60 (For BLAs/BLA supplements: include in 60-day filing letter; For NDAs/NDA supplements: see CST for choices)</li> <li>• notify OMPQ (so facility inspections can be scheduled earlier)</li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Send review issues/no review issues by day 74
<input type="checkbox"/>	Conduct a PLR format labeling review and include labeling issues in the 74-day letter
<input type="checkbox"/>	Update the PDUFA V DARRTS page (for NME NDAs in the Program)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>BLA/BLA supplements: Send the Product Information Sheet to the product reviewer and the Facility Information Sheet to the facility reviewer for completion. Ensure that the completed forms are forwarded to the CDER RMS-BLA Superuser for data entry into RMS-BLA one month prior to taking an action [These sheets may be found in the CST eRoom at:  <a href="http://eroom.fda.gov/eRoom/CDER2/CDERStandardLettersCommittee/0_1685f">http://eroom.fda.gov/eRoom/CDER2/CDERStandardLettersCommittee/0_1685f</a>]</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other

## Appendix A (NDA and NDA Supplements only)

NOTE: The term "original application" or "original NDA" as used in this appendix denotes the NDA submitted. It does not refer to the reference drug product or "reference listed drug."

An original application is likely to be a 505(b)(2) application if:

- (1) it relies on published literature to meet any of the approval requirements, and the applicant does not have a written right of reference to the underlying data. If published literature is cited in the NDA but is not necessary for approval, the inclusion of such literature will not, in itself, make the application a 505(b)(2) application,
- (2) it relies for approval on the Agency's previous findings of safety and efficacy for a listed drug product and the applicant does not own or have right to reference the data supporting that approval, or
- (3) it relies on what is "generally known" or "scientifically accepted" about a class of products to support the safety or effectiveness of the particular drug for which the applicant is seeking approval. (Note, however, that this does not mean *any* reference to general information or knowledge (e.g., about disease etiology, support for particular endpoints, methods of analysis) causes the application to be a 505(b)(2) application.)

Types of products for which 505(b)(2) applications are likely to be submitted include: fixed-dose combination drug products (e.g., heart drug and diuretic (hydrochlorothiazide) combinations); OTC monograph deviations (see 21 CFR 330.11); new dosage forms; new indications; and, new salts.

An efficacy supplement can be either a (b)(1) or a (b)(2) regardless of whether the original NDA was a (b)(1) or a (b)(2).

An efficacy supplement is a 505(b)(1) supplement if the supplement contains all of the information needed to support the approval of the change proposed in the supplement. For example, if the supplemental application is for a new indication, the supplement is a 505(b)(1) if:

- (1) The applicant has conducted its own studies to support the new indication (or otherwise owns or has right of reference to the data/studies),
- (2) No additional information beyond what is included in the supplement or was embodied in the finding of safety and effectiveness for the original application or previously approved supplements is needed to support the change. For example, this would likely be the case with respect to safety considerations if the dose(s) was/were the same as (or lower than) the original application, and.
- (3) All other "criteria" are met (e.g., the applicant owns or has right of reference to the data relied upon for approval of the supplement, the application does not rely

for approval on published literature based on data to which the applicant does not have a right of reference).

An efficacy supplement is a 505(b)(2) supplement if:

- (1) Approval of the change proposed in the supplemental application would require data beyond that needed to support our previous finding of safety and efficacy in the approval of the original application (or earlier supplement), and the applicant has not conducted all of its own studies for approval of the change, or obtained a right to reference studies it does not own. For example, if the change were for a new indication AND a higher dose, we would likely require clinical efficacy data and preclinical safety data to approve the higher dose. If the applicant provided the effectiveness data, but had to rely on a different listed drug, or a new aspect of a previously cited listed drug, to support the safety of the new dose, the supplement would be a 505(b)(2),
- (2) The applicant relies for approval of the supplement on published literature that is based on data that the applicant does not own or have a right to reference. If published literature is cited in the supplement but is not necessary for approval, the inclusion of such literature will not, in itself, make the supplement a 505(b)(2) supplement, or
- (3) The applicant is relying upon any data they do not own or to which they do not have right of reference.

If you have questions about whether an application is a 505(b)(1) or 505(b)(2) application, consult with your OND ADRA or OND IO.

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