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Subject: Review Memo: Biological License Application (BLA): New BLA *5/26/05*

US License 1649
Applicant Biomarin Pharmaceutical Inc.
Product Galsulfase
Indication Treatment of patients with mucopolysaccharidosis VI (MPS VI, Maroteaux Lamy Syndrome)

Due date: May 31, 2005

Recommendation: The facility/equipment information related to this application and corresponding amendments have been reviewed. Nineteen review items were noted during the review process and were subsequently resolved. The application, as amended, is recommended for approval.

Review Summary

Biomarin Pharmaceutical Inc. submitted this BLA to license Galsulfase and the associated Drug Substance and Drug Product manufacturing processes. Drug Substance manufacturing is conducted by Biomarin at their Novato, CA facility. Drug Product manufacturing is conducted by _____ Drug Substance and Product testing is conducted by Biomarin Pharmaceutical at its Novato, CA laboratories. For product distributed from the United States (US), labeling and packaging is performed by _____ and distributed by _____ and release testing is performed at _____

STN 125117, Biomarin Pharmaceuticals Inc.

BioMarin. For product distributed from the European Union (EU), labeling, packaging and final qualified person (QP) release is performed at _____ and QP release testing is performed at _____

The BLA was submitted in an electronic Common Technical Document (CTD) format. Seven Chemistry, Manufacturing and Control application amendments were submitted. The following is a list of the amendments and their corresponding contents:

Amendment BL 127117/0.002 - Proposed rhASB Manufacturing process modifications, January 13, 2005;

Amendment BL 127117/0.003 - Proposed rhASB Manufacturing process modifications - Comparability protocol, January 27, 2005;

Amendment BL 127117/0.005 - Revised sections 3.2.P.3.5 and 3.2.A.1 including requested facility diagrams and media fill information; Corrected address, February 4, 2005;

Amendment BL 127117/0.010 - Pre-license inspection follow-up: Analytical procedure standard operating procedures, March 31, 2005.

Amendment BL 127117/0.013 - Pre-license inspection follow-up: Establishment description (BLA item 15) for the distributor; Quality agreement information for _____ April 8, 2005:

Amendment BL 127117/0.014 - Pre-license inspection follow-up: Process validation of the _____ of rhASB formulated bulk drug substance (FBDS) and addition of an in-process control test for _____ in FBDS, April 15, 2005; and

Amendment BL 125117.017 - galsulfase; recombinant human N-acetylgalactosamine 4-sulfatase (rhASB). Follow-up to April 28, 2005 teleconference with DMPQ/TFRB, May 10, 2005.

Amendment BL 127117/0.019 - Certificates of Analysis for FBDS and DP, May 24, 2005.

The scope of this review was limited to a TFRB functionality review for the Drug Substance's Manufacturer, Controls, Container/Closure, Facility/Equipment, and Adventitious Agents sections and the Drug Product's Pharmaceutical Development, Manufacturer, Controls, Container/Closure, Facility/Equipment, and Adventitious Agents sections and the Environmental Assessment.

An evaluation of the application for completeness and adequacy was completed on February 6, 2005. Nineteen review items were noted during this evaluation.

The firm was contacted via telephone to discuss the review items on and April 28, 2005 (See Teleconference Memo dated 4/28/05). The firm adequately resolved 12 of the review items during the teleconference. The remaining 6 review items were addressed and resolved in a

supplement amendment received by the Agency on 5/10/05 or by further discussion with the firm through e-mail. The supplement amendments were evaluated and incorporated into this memo. See the Review Narrative Section for the review items and their subsequent resolution.

Products Affected

Galsulfase

Review Narrative

Drug Substance

Manufacturer, 3.2.S.2

Sections on Manufacturers Names, Description of Manufacturing Process and Process Controls, Control of Materials, Controls of Critical Steps and Intermediates, Process Validation and/or Evaluation, Manufacturing Process Development were provided.

Manufacturers Names, 3.2.S.2.1 – This section included name, address, and responsibility of bulk substance (BS) manufacturer Biomarin Pharmaceutical Inc. and its respective production facility involved in the manufacturing and testing of the BS.

Review Comment:

This is provided for information purpose. Biomarin’s Galli facility performs the formulation function. No further formulation is performed in the drug product facility,

The manufacturing sites of the bulk substance and the drug product and their functions are summarized in the following table.

Table 1. Information of rhASB manufacturing facilities

Name and Address	FEI Number	Responsibility
Biomarin Pharmaceuticals Inc. 46 Galli Drive Novato, CA 94949	FEI:3004079983 Last Inspection: November 2004	Manufacture: Formulated drug substance Control testing: Formulated bulk drug substance, drug product, and stability. GMP warehouse
79 Digital Drive Novato, CA 94949	FEI: Last Inspection: November, 2004	Manufacture: Drug product Control testing: Drug product

FEI: _____ Last Inspection: May, 2004	Labeling and packaging
FEI: _____ September, 2004	In-Process testing: • • •

Description of Manufacturing Process and Process Controls, 3.2.S.2.2 – This section included descriptions and flow diagrams of the drug substance manufacturing processes; batch/scale definition; cell _____, purification; and bulk formulation, filling, and storage.

Review Comment:

Galsulfase is the recombinant human N-acetylgalactosamine 4-sulfatase (rhASB). The firm manufactures rhASB through _____

and shipped to a contract manufacturer for filling operations

Lot/Scale Definition – An explanation as to what is a lot, including _____, s, and the process volumes for each manufacturing step were provided.

Review Item 1:

Although the application explained how one FBDS lot is defined and derived from _____, the lot/batch numbering system is not defined and explained.

Resolution 1:

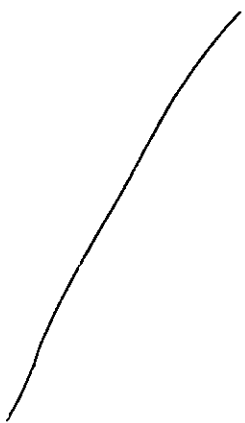
The firm was asked to explain its lot/batch numbering systems during the pre-approval inspection conducted on 2/22/-25, 2005. The purification lot number and the fill lot number are defined as following:

Table 2. Batch naming system

Position of number	Meaning	Example
1	P: purification V: fill	P for purification lot
2	Indication	6 for MPS VI
3 and 4	Year	04 for year 2004
5 and 6	Sequential lot number	03 for lot 3

_____ t – A description of each process step in the flow diagram was

provided. The information included scale, _____, major equipment,
process controls, in-process tests, operational parameters, material transfer, and storage
conditions. _____ are



Inspection Item 1 Resolution:

Please refer to the Establishment Inspection Report (EIR), Section XI, "Operations and Equipment, Production Processes and Validation, Cell Culture" for detailed information on

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§ 552(b)(4) Trade Secret / Confidential

§ 552(b)(5) Deliberative Process

§ 552(b)(5) Draft Labeling

Environmental Assessment

A claim for a categorical exclusion from preparing an Environmental Assessment under 21 CFR 25.31(c) was provided by the firm on the grounds the substances associated with this submission occurs naturally in the environment and the actions associated with this submission do not significantly alter the concentration or distribution of the substance, its metabolites, or degradation products in the environment.

Review Comment:

The firm claimed categorical exclusion based on both 21 CFR 25.31 (c) and (b). 21 CFR 25.31 (b) does not apply to biological product. The claim under 21 CFR 25.31 (c) is sufficient to qualify for categorical exclusion. Therefore, no amendment was requested.

cGMP Status

BioMarin Pharmaceuticals, Galli Drive, Novato, CA

A Compliance Check was completed for BioMarin Pharmaceuticals on 5/26/05. No outstanding compliance issues were identified. The following is the response from Colleen Hoyt, IPCB/DMPQ/CDER:

“The Investigations and Preapproval Compliance Branch has completed the review and evaluation of the compliance check request for STN 125117/0. The review and final classification of the EIR for the February 2005 BioMarin preapproval inspection has determined that the inspection is acceptable and there will be no compliance actions to prevent approval of STN 125117/0.”

The following facilities were compliant with GMPs as per Colleen Hoyt, IPCB/DMPQ/CDER and the inspection of these facilities was waived:

The firm was inspected in 11/2005 by Team Biologics and the decision was VAI.

According to Colleen Hoyt, OC/DMPQ/IPCB, _____ has been NAI the last three inspections (inspected as a packager/labeler by the field) so we waived the inspection of this facility. The most recent inspection was 5/04.

Conclusion

- I. The application was reviewed against existing regulations and guidelines for conformance and was found acceptable. The application, as amended, is recommended for approval. We recommend including the following PMC in the approval letter:

We acknowledge your commitment to conduct integrity testing of the _____ as a post-marketing commitment and your submission of the data by December 31, 2005.

- II. The Drug Substance's Control of Source and Starting Materials of Biological Origin, Characterization, Batch Analyses, Justification of Specifications, Reference Standards, and Stability sections and/or subsections were wholly deferred to the product office.

In addition, the Drug Product's Composition, Batch Formula, Controls of Excipients, Reference Standards, and Stability sections and/or subsections were wholly deferred to the product office.

- III. Six inspection items were identified. These items were evaluated during the pre-license inspection (PLI) and are addressed in the corresponding Establishment Inspection Report (EIR).

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