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**Approval Package for:**

*APPLICATION NUMBER:*

**NDA 208194/S-003**

**Name:** Bendeka<sup>TM</sup> (bendamustine hydrochloride)  
Injection, 100 mg/4 mL (25 mg/mL).

**Sponsor:** Eagle Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

**Approval Date:** September 23, 2016

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**APPROVAL LETTER**



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**APPROVAL LETTER**

Eagle Pharmaceuticals, Inc.  
Attention: Foma Rashkovsky  
Vice President, Regulator Affairs  
50 Tice Boulevard, Suite 315  
Woodcliff Lake, NJ 07677

Dear Mr. Rashkovsky:

Please refer to your Supplemental New Drug Application (sNDA) dated August 3, 2016, received August 3, 2016, submitted pursuant to section 505(b)(2) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FDCA) for Bendeka (bendamustine hydrochloride) Parenteral 100 mg/4mL (25mg/mL).

This "Prior Approval" supplemental new drug application proposes the following change(s):  
Conduct the in-house (b) (4) test for release of the drug substance annually on the first batch received and adopt results from the vendor's CoA on the other subsequent batches for the year.

We have completed our review of this supplemental new drug application. This supplement is approved.

We remind you that you must comply with the requirements for an approved NDA set forth under 21 CFR 314.80 and 314.81.

If you have any questions, call Rabiya Laiq, Pharm.D., Regulatory Business Process Manager, at (240) 402-6153.

Sincerely,

*{See appended electronic signature page}*

Anamitro Banerjee, Ph.D.  
Branch Chief, Branch II (Acting)  
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Comments: The changes proposed in the NDA 208194/S-003 is acceptable. This supplement may be approved.

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**CHEMISTRY REVIEWS**

**Office of New Drug Products**  
**Division of New Drug Products I**  
**Review of Chemistry, Manufacturing, and Controls**

**1. NDA Supplement Number:** NDA 208194 / S-003

**2. Submission(s) Being Reviewed:**

Submission	Type	Submission Date	CDER Stamp Date	Assigned Date	PDUFA Goal Date	Review Date
0051	S-003	08/03/2016	08/03/2016	08/09/2016	11/08/2016	08/15/2016
0052	Amendment	09/06/2016	09/06/2016	NA	NA	09/07/2016

**3. Proposed Changes:** Eagle proposed stopping the current in-house (b) (4) testing for release of the drug substance and adopting the result from the vendor's Certificate of Analysis (CoA).

**4. Review #:** 1

**5. Clinical Review Division:** DHP

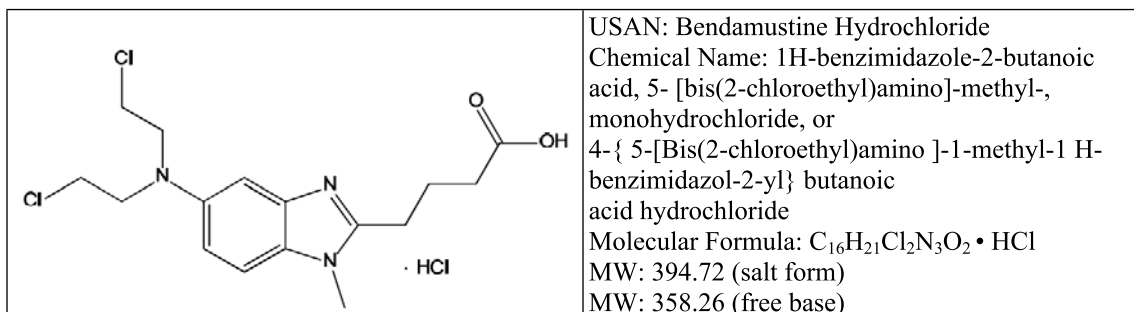
**6. Name and Address of Applicant:**

Eagle Pharmaceuticals  
50 Tice Blvd., Suite 315  
Woodcliff Lake, NJ 07677  
Phone: 201-326-5300

**7. Drug Product:**

Drug Name	Dosage Form	Strength	Route of Administration	Rx or OTC	Special Product
BendeKa (bendamustine hydrochloride) injection	Injection	100 mg/4 mL (25 mg/mL)	IV infusion	Rx	N/A

**8. Chemical Name and Structure of Drug Substance:**



**9. Indication:** For the treatment of Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia (CLL) and Indolent B-Cell non-Hodgkin Lymphoma (NHL)

**10. Supporting/Relating Documents:** NDA 208194 original submission

**11. Consults:** None

**12. Executive Summary:**

The applicant has submitted this manufacturing supplement to propose stopping the current in-house (b) (4) testing for release of the drug substance and adopt the result from the vendor's Certificate of Analysis (CoA).

The applicant has conducted an evaluation of (b) (4) test results obtained by (b) (4) (drug substance vendor) and (b) (4) (drug product manufacturer). Based on the review of results from multiple batches of bendamustine hydrochloride and the fact that (b) (4) is used as a (b) (4), the applicant determined that the (b) (4) testing performed by the vendor, (b) (4) is adequate to monitor and control (b) (4) levels in the drug substance. There is no need for the additional confirmatory (b) (4) testing currently performed by the drug product manufacturer, (b) (4) for incoming drug substance lots. The test will remain as a release test on the (b) (4) CoA and the (b) (4) level will continue to be reviewed by (b) (4) and Eagle QA prior to batch release and recorded on the (b) (4) CoA.

**13. Conclusions & Recommendations:**

This manufacturing supplement is recommended for approval.

**14. Comments/Deficiencies to be Conveyed to Applicant:** None

**15. Primary Reviewer:**

Nina Ni, Ph.D., CMC reviewer, Branch II, Division of New Drug Products I, Office of New Drug Products, Office of Pharmaceutical Quality (OPQ)

Nina Ni, Ph.D.  
09/07/2016

**16. Secondary Reviewer:**

Anamitro Banerjee, Ph.D., Acting Branch Chief, Branch II, Division of New Drug Products I, Office of New Drug Products, Office of Pharmaceutical Quality (OPQ)



Anamitro Banerjee, Ph.D.  
September 08, 2016

## CMC Assessment

### I. Background Information

BendeKa (bendamustine hydrochloride) injection was approved for the treatment of Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia (CLL) and Indolent B-Cell non- Hodgkin Lymphoma (NHL) on 12/07/2015.

In the original NDA, the drug substance manufacturer, (b) (4) performs (b) (4) testing by (b) (4) MS as part of routine batch release requirements. The drug product manufacturer, (b) (4), performs (b) (4) testing by (b) (4) MS as part of incoming drug substance release testing. Both sites use a specification of Not More Than (b) (4).

### II. Proposed Changes

In this manufacturing supplement, the applicant determined that the (b) (4) testing performed by the vendor, (b) (4) is adequate to monitor and control (b) (4) levels in the drug substance. There is no need for the additional confirmatory (b) (4) testing currently performed by the drug product manufacturer, (b) (4) for incoming drug substance lots. The test will remain as a release test on the (b) (4) CoA and the (b) (4) level will continue to be reviewed by (b) (4) and Eagle QA prior to batch release and recorded on the (b) (4) CoA. The following data are provided by the applicant to support the proposed change:

Table 3-1: Comparison of (b) (4) Results	
No.	Lot No.
1	15001BR26E
2	15002FR26E
3	15003GR26E
4	15004GR26E
5	15005PR26E
6	15007GR26E
7	15008GR26E
8	15009HR26E
9	15011IR26E
10	15012IR26E
11	15013IR26E

**Conclusion: Adequate.**

The drug product manufacturer, (b) (4) has conducted (b) (4) test for total 11 batches of drug substance manufactured by (b) (4) using (b) (4) MS. The data show that all drug substance batches met the specification for (b) (4) and the data are comparable between two testing sites. It is noted that (b) (4) is used as a (b) (4) bendamustine HCl drug substance. (b) (4) levels should not increase or decrease during shipping or storage.

Based on the data, Eagle determined that the (b) (4) testing performed by the vendor, (b) (4) is adequate to monitor and control (b) (4) levels in the drug substance. Therefore, the drug product manufacturer, (b) (4) will not conduct in-house release testing for (b) (4) when they release the drug substance. Instead, the testing result for (b) (4) from (b) (4) CoA will be adapted into the (b) (4) CoA.

Based on:

- 21CFR211.84(d)(2): Each component shall be tested for conformity with all appropriate written specifications for purity, strength, and quality. In lieu of such testing by the manufacturer, a report of analysis may be accepted from the supplier of a component, provided that at least one specific identity test is conducted on such component by the manufacturer, and provided that the manufacturer establishes the reliability of the supplier's analyses through appropriate validation of the supplier's test results at appropriate intervals.
- ICH Q7 7.31 Good manufacturing practice guide for active pharmaceutical ingredients: Full analyses should be conducted on at least three batches before reducing in-house testing. However, as a minimum, a full analysis should be performed at appropriate intervals and compared with the Certificates of Analysis.

The applicant's proposal does not comply with either ICH Q7 or 21CFR 211.84 (d)(2) since the reliability of CoA should be checked at regular intervals. The following information request was conveyed to the applicant on 08/30/2016:

- You have proposed to adopt testing result for (b) (4) from the vendor's CoA to your CoA to release drug substance for in-house use. However, as per 21CFR211.84(d)(2) and ICH Q7 7.31, a full analysis should be performed at appropriate intervals and compared with certificates of analysis when a reduced in-house testing approach is adopted to release in-coming material. Therefore, provide your plan to periodically verify the (b) (4) test in-house by your drug product manufacturer.

The applicant has agreed to conduct the in-house (b) (4) test for release of the drug substance annually on the first batch received and adopting results from the vendor's CoA on the other subsequent batches for the year in the Amendment 0052, dated 09/06/2016, which deems acceptable. The applicant has also updated both drug product specification and analytical procedure accordingly.



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**ADMINISTRATIVE and CORRESPONDENCE**  
**DOCUMENTS**

## Laiq, Rabiya

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**From:** Laiq, Rabiya  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 30, 2016 12:42 PM  
**To:** 'Foma Rashkovsky'  
**Subject:** FDA Information Request NDA 208194-003- Please Respond by September 6, 2016

**Importance:** High

Dear Mr. Rashkovsky:

We have received your supplemental New Drug Application (sNDA) submitted pursuant to section 505(b)(2) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FDCA or the Act) for the following:

NDA NUMBER: 208194  
SUPPLEMENT NUMBER: 003  
PRODUCT NAME: Bendeka (bendamustine hydrochloride) Parenteral 100 mg/4mL (25mg/mL)  
DATE OF SUBMISSION: August 3, 2016

Our CMC team has the following information request:

- 1. You have proposed to adopt testing result for (b) (4) from the vendor's CoA to your CoA to release drug substance for in-house use. However, as per 21CFR211.84(d)(2) and ICH Q7 7.31, a full analysis should be performed at appropriate intervals and compared with certificates of analysis when a reduced in-house testing approach is adopted to release in-coming material. Therefore, provide your plan to periodically verify the (b) (4) test in-house by your drug product manufacturer.**

Kindly confirm receipt of this email.

Please respond via email followed by a formal response to through the FDA gateway.

Thank you,  
Rabiya

**Rabiya Laiq, Pharm.D.**  
**Regulatory Business Process Manager**  
**Office of Program and Regulatory Operations**  
**Office of Pharmaceutical Quality**  
**Center for Drug Evaluation and Research**  
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**ACKNOWLEDGMENT --  
PRIOR APPROVAL SUPPLEMENT**

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**PRODUCT NAME:** Bendeka (bendamustine hydrochloride) Parenteral 100 mg/4mL (25mg/mL)  
**DATE OF SUBMISSION:** August 3, 2016  
**DATE OF RECEIPT:** August 3, 2016

This supplemental application proposes the following change(s): providing a proposed revision to the (b) (4) (drug product manufacturer) specification and analytical procedure for the drug substance, Bendamustine Hydrochloride.

Unless we notify you within 60 days of the receipt date that the application is not sufficiently complete to permit a substantive review, we will file the application on September 30, 2016, in accordance with 21 CFR 314.101(a).

If the application is filed, the user fee goal date will be **December 3, 2016**.

**SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

Cite the application number listed above at the top of the first page of all submissions to this application. Send all submissions, electronic or paper, including those sent by overnight mail or courier, to the following address:



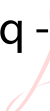
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If you have questions, call me at (240) 402-6153 or email me at [rabiylaiq@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:rabiylaiq@fda.hhs.gov).

Sincerely,

Rabiya Laiq, Pharm.D.  
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