

**CENTER FOR DRUG EVALUATION AND  
RESEARCH**

*APPLICATION NUMBER:*

**209531Orig1s000**

**CHEMISTRY REVIEW(S)**



**FDA U.S. FOOD & DRUG  
ADMINISTRATION**

CENTER FOR DRUG EVALUATION AND RESEARCH

MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** December 15, 2016

**TO:** Nick Kozauer, M.D., Team Lead, Division of Neurology Products

**THROUGH:** Fannie Choy, R.Ph., Regulatory Project Manager

**FROM:** Wendy I. Wilson-Lee, Ph.D., Branch Chief (Acting), Office of New Drug Products

**SUBJECT:** Recommended Carton/Container Label Edits

**APPLICATION/DRUG:** NDA 209531 SPINRAZA® (nusinersen) Injection

Dr. Kozauer,

The Office of Pharmaceutical Quality (OPQ) held a teleconference with Biogen concerning additional recommended revisions to the carton/container labels for NDA 209531 on December 8, 2016, followed by an information request on December 8, 2016. The requested revisions were to:

1. Update the drug product carton label to include the expression of the active ingredient's strength; and,
2. Update the drug product expiration period when stored refrigerated in the commercial packaging to 30 months.

Biogen agreed to implement these changes on the next label printing and to submit the updated draft label as a CBE labeling supplement in a Quality Amendment to the NDA dated December 9, 2016 (SD 47). We note that the applicant's response is acceptable and OPQ will document this agreement in the appropriate section of the action letter.

Please feel free to contact me or Dahlia A. Woody, Regulatory Business Project Manager for OPQ if you have any questions.



Wendy  
Wilson- Lee

Digitally signed by Wendy Wilson- Lee  
Date: 12/15/2016 11:42:24AM  
GUID: 50816dbc000085595ca3284bbca465a8

# NDA-209531-ORIG-1

Project Owner  
Fannie (Yuet) Choy  
Regulatory Project Manager

Edit Project | Project Actions

Status: **Current** Condition: **At Risk** Planned Completion: **Dec 23, 2016** Percent Complete: **72.8%**

Project Summary Project Details Application Life Cycle Application History Inspection View Tasks More

As of Dec 23, 2016 9:57 am GMT

## Inspection View

+ New Task + Export

Details Summary

Task Number ↑ Task Name Comments

Assignments Pm Comp Act Comp Task Status Actions Additional Information

### Parent: Manufacturing Facility Inspection (2)

7 Application Specific Inspection Criteria If you are finished with this task, change the Task Status to Complete.

PM - Feng PM/Coordinator 7/7/16 9/22/16 Complete Go to Form

117 Overall Manufacturing Inspection Recommendation

Aditi Thakur 8/23/16 11/21/16 Complete Go to Form Recommendation: Approve

Parent: Facility

Facility Status: Pending (1)

**Recommendation: APPROVAL**

**NDA 209531**

**Review #1**

|                         |                      |
|-------------------------|----------------------|
| Drug Name/Dosage Form   | Nusinersen Injection |
| Strength                | 2.4 mg/mL            |
| Route of Administration | Intrathecal          |
| Rx/OTC Dispensed        | Rx                   |
| Applicant               | Biogen, Inc.         |
| US agent, if applicable | N/A                  |

| SUBMISSION(S) REVIEWED   | DOCUMENT DATE | DISCIPLINE(S)      |
|--------------------------|---------------|--------------------|
| Original – Part 1 (SD 3) | 09-AUG-2016   | All                |
| Amendment (SD 2)         | 09-AUG-2016   | DS, DP, Facilities |
| Amendment (SD 4)         | 16-AUG-2016   | DP                 |
| Amendment (SD 5)         | 19-AUG-2016   | DP                 |
| Amendment (SD 6)         | 09-SEP-2016   | DP, Micro          |
| Original – Part 2 (SD 7) | 23-SEP-2016   | All                |
| Amendment (SD 8)         | 26-SEP-2016   | DS, DP, Micro      |
| Amendment (SD 12)        | 03-OCT-2016   | Process            |
| Amendment (SD 18)        | 19-OCT-2016   | DP                 |
| Amendment (SD 19)        | 21-OCT-2016   | EA                 |
| Amendment (SD 20)        | 25-OCT-2016   | DP                 |
| Amendment (SD 24)        | 26-OCT-2016   | DS                 |
| Amendment (SD 27)        | 03-NOV-2016   | Process            |
| Amendment (SD 28)        | 04-NOV-2016   | DS, DP, Facilities |
| Amendment (SD 31)        | 09-NOV-2016   | Micro              |
| Amendment (SD 33)        | 14-NOV-2016   | DP                 |
| Amendment (SD 35)        | 16-NOV-2016   | DS                 |
| Amendment (SD 39)        | 29-NOV-2016   | DS, DP             |

**Quality Review Team**

| DISCIPLINE                          | REVIEWER           | BRANCH/DIVISION       |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| Drug Substance                      | Monica Cooper      | Branch 1/DNDAPI/ONDP  |
| Drug Product                        | Mariappan Chelliah | Branch 1/DNDPI/ONDP   |
| Process                             | Erin Kim           | Branch VIII/DPAPI/OPF |
| Microbiology                        | Denise Miller      | Branch II/DMA/OPF     |
| Facility                            | Aditi Thakur       | Branch II/DIA/OPF     |
| Biopharmaceutics                    | Gerlie Geiser      | Branch 1/DB/ONDP      |
| Regulatory Business Process Manager | Dahlia Woody       | Branch 1/DRBPMI/OPRO  |
| Application Technical Lead          | Wendy Wilson-Lee   | Branch 1/DNDPI/ONDP   |
| Laboratory (OTR)                    | Kui Yang           | Branch II/DPA         |
| ORA Lead                            | Caryn McNab        |                       |
| Environmental Analysis (EA)         | James Laurenson    | EA/ONDP               |

## Quality Review Data Sheet

### 1. RELATED/SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

#### A. DMFs:

| DMF #   | Type     | Holder | Item Referenced | Status   | Review Date   | Comments                                    |
|---------|----------|--------|-----------------|----------|---------------|---------------------------------------------|
| (b) (4) | Type III |        | (b) (4)         | N/A      | No review     | Adequate information provided in the NDA    |
|         | Type III |        |                 | N/A      | No review     | Adequate information provided in the NDA    |
|         | Type V   |        |                 | Adequate | November 2015 | Requalification scheduled for December 2016 |

#### B. Other Documents: *IND, RLD, or sister applications*

| DOCUMENT | APPLICATION NUMBER | DESCRIPTION                        |
|----------|--------------------|------------------------------------|
| IND      | 10011              | Nusinersen Injection (ISIS 396443) |

### 2. CONSULTS

None.

## Executive Summary

### I. Recommendations and Conclusion on Approvability

OPQ recommends **APPROVAL** of NDA 209531 for Spinraza® (nusinersen) Injection, 2.4 mg/mL for intrathecal administration. As part of this action, OPQ grants a (b) (4) month re-test period for the drug substance when stored (b) (4) and a 30 month drug product expiration period when stored refrigerated in the commercial packaging. The following comments represent post-approval quality agreements between Biogen, Inc. and OPQ and **should be included in the action letter**:

1) We would like to remind you of the following post-approval quality agreements included in the amendment dated November 29, 2016 (SD 39) :

- A) To provide the nusinersen (ISIS 396443) (b) (4) data (b) (4)
- B) To provide the drug substance melting point method validation data, numerical acceptance criteria with justification, and description of the analytical method (b) (4)
- C) To re-examine the (b) (4) drug substance acceptance criteria after data is generated from a total of (b) (4) commercial drug substance batches, including the (b) (4) process validation batches in the filing. Biogen will tighten the specifications to (b) (4) % if appropriate based on data. These results and a revised specification table, if warranted, should be submitted in a CBE-0 supplement.
- D) To conduct stability testing of the (b) (4) drug product process validation batches up to (b) (4) months and report the results per post-marketing reporting requirements (21 CFR 314.70).

2) In addition, we remind you of the following agreement made during the teleconference:

- A) To update the carton and container labels to include the salt equivalency statement on the next printing and to submit this change as a CBE labeling supplement.
- 3) Based on the review of the data provided and in accordance with ICH Q1E, we grant a (b) (4) month re-test period for the drug substance when stored (b) (4) in the commercial packaging and a 30 month drug product expiration period when stored refrigerated in the commercial packaging.

### II. Summary of Quality Assessments

#### A. Product Overview

|                                                                     |                                                                                    |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Proposed Indication(s) including Intended Patient Population</b> | Spinal muscular atrophy                                                            |
| <b>Duration of Treatment</b>                                        | Four loading doses on ~ (b) (4) followed by a maintenance dose once every 4 months |
| <b>Maximum Daily Dose</b>                                           | Patients (b) (4)<br>12 mg (5 mL)<br>(b) (4)                                        |
| <b>Alternative Methods of Administration</b>                        | None.                                                                              |

Nusinersen is an 18-mer oligonucleotide, formulated as a solution for intrathecal administration via slow bolus injection in the treatment of spinal muscular atrophy (SMA). SMA overall is a debilitating, often fatal, disease that impacts a multitude of patients from newborns to adults and is the leading genetic cause of infantile death. SMA1 is the most severe form of the disease and is often fatal in neonates. There are no FDA-approved treatments for SMA. FDA granted fast track designation (November 2011), rolling review (August 2016), and expedited review (October 2016) to address this unmet medical need.

Factors critical to the OPQ evaluation of the submission were the route of administration (intrathecal), patient population (largely neonates, toddlers, and children), and the review timeline (expedited). As highlighted in the initial risk assessment, key review issues included 1) adequacy of the control strategy to ensure sterility and microbial quality; 2) physiologically-compatible pH, osmolality, and electrolyte composition; 3) characterization and control of the oligo sequence and impurities; 4) adequacy of the control strategy to mitigate particulate matter contamination; 5) potential for delamination of the immediate container closure (glass vial); and 6) adequacy of the process validation and quality systems at the manufacturing sites.

Based on the information provided in the submission and in response to information requests, OPQ considers all review issues adequately addressed and potential risks to patient safety, product efficacy, and product quality mitigated appropriately. The control strategy provides adequate assurance of the sterility and microbial quality of the final product as demonstrated by successful process validation at both the (b) (4) manufacturing sites. The control strategy also provides adequate assurance of physiological compatibility of the product and minimal particulate matter contamination. OPQ will monitor post-marketing adverse event and field alert reports for any signals of incompatibility with the (b) (4) used in the formulation and for particulate matter contamination. Based on the product design, the risk of delamination of the glass vials is low. The applicant sufficiently characterized the oligo sequence and impurity profiles of the drug substance and drug product to support approval and agrees to continue improvement of the analytical methods associated with these attributes (see post-approval quality agreements 1A – 1C above). The applicant agreed to confirm the stability of drug product manufactured at the (b) (4) site post-approval (see post-approval quality agreement #1D above) and will incorporate the active moiety/salt equivalency

(b) (4) (see post-approval quality agreement #2A above). Therefore, OPQ recommends APPROVAL of NDA 209531 and grants a (b) (4) month re-test period for the drug substance when stored (b) (4) and a 30 month drug product expiration period when stored refrigerated in the commercial packaging.

## B. Quality Assessment Overview

### Drug Substance

The nusinersen drug substance (ISIS 396443) is a (b) (4)

The drug substance is stored (b) (4)

### Drug Product

Nusinersen drug product for intrathecal injection is formulated at strength of 2.4 mg/mL. Nusinersen is an SMN2-directed antisense oligonucleotide indicated for the treatment of spinal muscular atrophy. The drug product is given as a slow bolus injection to the intrathecal space without any dilution. It is supplied as single dose (12 mg /5 mL), sterile, isotonic solution in clear glass vials and free of preservatives. (b) (4)

(b) (4) will manufacture the commercial batches of nusinersen injection. The proposed specification for the drug product, together with controls for impurities in the drug substance and the (b) (4) manufacturing process are adequate to ensure that the critical quality attributes of this injection drug product are well controlled. The Applicant has provided batch data for the stability, engineering, and validation batches. The available batch data and stability data supports the proposed specification.

The Applicant has provided up to 24 months of long-term and six month of accelerated stability data for the registration batches. In addition, they have provided up to 9 months of long-term stability data for the validation batches from Patheon. The available stability data supports a *shelf-life of 30 months when stored under refrigeration*.

**Process**

The manufacturing process for the proposed product involves

(b) (4)

**Quality Microbiology**

This is a sterile solution (b) (4). There are two manufacturing sites proposed. The drug product is formulated,

(b) (4)

filled into vials, stoppered, and sealed. The review included the validation studies supporting the (b) (4) drug product, the

(b) (4)

proposed facility. Deficiencies were not identified in the information provided. The validation information supporting the

(b) (4)

The recommendation from a quality microbiology perspective is to approve.

**Biopharmaceutics**

The measured pH and osmolality of the Ready-To-Use injectable solutions used in the pivotal Phase 3 clinical trial (CS3B) (manufactured using

(b) (4)

) were comparable to the proposed commercial drug product (manufactured using (b) (4)). Based on Tables 2, 3, 5 and 6 of 3.2.P.5.4

(b) (4)

Batch Analyses, the pH of these RTU solutions at batch release ranged from

The main difference among manufacturing Processes (b) (4)

The PK of nusinersen in plasma and CSF following intrathecal injection of the drug product to pediatric SMA patients were characterized.

**Facilities**

Following a review of the application, inspectional documents, and pre-approval inspection results, there are no significant, outstanding manufacturing or facility risks that prevent approval of this application. The manufacturing facilities for NDA 209531 are found to be acceptable.

**Environmental Assessment**

The applicant provided a claim for a categorical exclusion from an environmental assessment (EA) in accordance with 21 CFR Part 25.31(b). The required statement of no extraordinary circumstances was included. Additional information (calculation of expected introduction concentration, description of any internal and external data on nusinersen degradation prior to and after excretion, discussion of the extent to which use and excretion of nusinersen complied with existing guidance such as NIH Guidelines for Research Involving Recombinant or Synthetic Nucleic Acid Molecules, and a discussion

of the potential for interaction with aquatic organisms) was required from the applicant to support the claim, given the new molecular entity status and the relatively new class of drugs (synthetic oligonucleotides).

The data provided by the applicant demonstrated the likelihood of little or no environmental risk from nusinersen. The EIC of (b) (4) ppb is more than (b) (4) orders of magnitude below the 1 ppb categorical exclusion value. The calculation appears accurate and reasonable. The available data indicate that nusinersen is excreted in *de minimis* concentrations, and while some molecules could be sufficiently stable to remain whole following wastewater treatment, any interaction with aquatic organism is highly unlikely. Therefore, the categorical exclusion claim is appropriate for the anticipated amount of drug to be used.

### **C. Special Product Quality Labeling Recommendations**

OPQ recommends that the drug be administered within 4 hours of preparation, not the proposed (b) (4) hours as data demonstrating the inability of microorganisms to proliferate in the drug product over a (b) (4) hour time period was not provided. This recommendation was incorporated into the PI label for discussion during labeling negotiations.

### **D. Final Risk Assessment (see Attachment)**



Wendy  
Wilson- Lee

Digitally signed by Wendy Wilson- Lee  
Date: 12/01/2016 01:49:55PM  
GUID: 50816dbc00085595ca3284bbca465a8

136 Page(s) has been Withheld in Full as b4 (CCI/TS) immediately following this page

## ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS

### **R Regional Information**

Summary: The applicant provided a claim for a categorical exclusion from an environmental assessment (EA) in accordance with 21 CFR Part 25.31(b). The required statement of no extraordinary circumstances was included. Additional information was required from the applicant to support the claim, given the new molecular entity status and the relatively new class of drugs (synthetic oligonucleotides). The provided information, as well as other information from the literature, was reviewed and the claim for a categorical exclusion from an EA was found to be acceptable.

#### ***Environmental Analysis***

The applicant provided a claim for a categorical exclusion from an EA in accordance with 21 CFR Part 25.31(b). Specifically, the applicant claimed that the expected introduction concentration (EIC) for nusinersen would be lower than the 1 ppb categorical exclusion value. The required statement of no extraordinary circumstances, per 21 CFR 25.15(a), was included.

Given the new molecular entity status of nusinersen, and the relatively new class of drugs (synthetic oligonucleotides, SOs), FDA asked the applicant to support the claim and the statement of no extraordinary circumstances by providing, at a minimum:

1. The calculation for the expected introduction concentration (EIC) of nusinersen;
2. A description of any internal or external (e.g., literature) data on the degradation of nusinersen prior to and following excretion;
3. A discussion of the extent to which use and excretion of nusinersen would be in compliance with any existing guidance, such as the exemptions noted in the National Institutes of Health (NIH), 2016, NIH Guidelines for Research Involving Recombinant or Synthetic Nucleic Acid Molecules, [http://osp.od.nih.gov/sites/default/files/NIH\\_Guidelines.html](http://osp.od.nih.gov/sites/default/files/NIH_Guidelines.html); and
4. A discussion of the potential for interaction with aquatic organisms, including via reverse transcription to complementary DNA and incorporated into the genome.

A summary of the applicant response to FDA is as follows.

1. The highest expected quantity of the drug substance to be produced in any of the next five years is (b) (4) kg, which converts to an EIC of (b) (4) ppb (<<1 ppb).
2. Intact nusinersen was the most abundant oligonucleotide detected in plasma (approximately (b) (4) %).

3. The excretion of nusinersen from patients into the environment is exempt from the NIH Guidelines, as nusinersen cannot replicate and is not designed to integrate into DNA.
4. There is no potential for nusinersen to interact with aquatic organisms. The targeted gene, SMN2, is only found in humans. Furthermore, based on its mechanism of action, there is no potential for nusinersen to interact with genes or mRNA in aquatic organisms.

FDA responded that item 2 did not address degradation post-excretion, to which the applicant provided data indicating that first, excretion is low ( $(b)(4)\%$ ) during the 24 hours after dosing and subsequent 24 hour periods. Furthermore, while no studies have been formally conducted to evaluate the stability of nusinersen following excretion, environmental degradation is expected to occur by a combination of physical (e.g., temperature), chemical (e.g., pH, soft metal ions, oxidation), and enzymatic mechanisms.

FDA also asked the applicant to provide references regarding the item 4 statement that the targeted gene, SMN2, is only found in humans, and whether there have been any attempts to find this gene in other organisms. The applicant provided data indicating that first, the combination of nusinersen's physical properties and enzymatic degradation (e.g., gut flora, gut and serum nucleases) prevents the intact molecules from being readily absorbed by non-pareteral routes of exposure such as ingestion. Second, the applicant provided a reference indicating that there is no potential for nusinersen to interact with aquatic organisms, as the target messenger ribonucleic acid (mRNA), SMN2, is only found in humans.

#### Reviewer's Assessment:

The EIC of  $(b)(4)$  ppb is more than  $(b)(4)$  orders of magnitude below the 1 ppb categorical exclusion value. The calculation appears accurate and reasonable. Therefore, the categorical exclusion claim is appropriate for the anticipated amount of drug to be used. Also, the required statement of no extraordinary circumstances was provided. As noted above, no supporting information was provided (none is required), but given nusinersen is an NME and within a relatively new class of drugs, additional data was required and a detailed review of the data was conducted to determine the potential for significant environmental impact and thus the possibility of extraordinary circumstance such that an EA would be needed. Previous  $(b)(4)$  applications also were reviewed.

The data provided by the applicant demonstrated the likelihood of little or no environmental risk from nusinersen. Also:

1. A material safety data sheet (MSDS) for another  $(b)(4)$  product contains no substances known to be hazardous to the environment or that are not degradable in waste water treatment plants ( $(b)(4)$ ).

2. To supplement the applicants claims about the NIH Guidelines, FDA also reviewed the Guidelines and found that exempt synthetic nucleic acid molecules from special handling if they: (1) can neither replicate nor generate nucleic acids that can replicate in any living cell (e.g., oligonucleotides or other synthetic nucleic acids that do not contain an origin of replication or contain elements known to interact with either DNA or RNA polymerase), (2) are not designed to integrate into DNA, and (3) do not produce a toxin that is lethal for vertebrates at an LD50 of less than (b) (4) nanograms per kilogram body weight. The subject (b) (4) appears to meet these criteria.

In conclusion, the available data indicate that nusinersen is excreted in *de minimis* concentrations, and while some molecules could be sufficiently stable to remain whole following wastewater treatment, any interaction with aquatic organism is highly unlikely. Therefore, the claim for a categorical exclusion from an EA is acceptable.

Reference:

(b) (4) Safety Data Sheet - RNA oligonucleotide,

(b) (4)

**Primary EA Reviewer Name and Date:** James Laurenson, 11/22/2016

**Secondary Reviewer Name and Date (and Secondary Summary, as needed):** Scott Furness, 11/23/2016



Michael  
Furness

Digitally signed by Michael Furness  
Date: 11/23/2016 08 55:26AM  
GUID: 502e8c7600003dd8331cf6eebf43697a



James  
Laurenson

Digitally signed by James Laurenson  
Date: 11/22/2016 06 59:03PM  
GUID: 51dc6bdb0000c62de59b85452e59746f

## LABELING

### **R Regional Information**

#### **1.14 Labeling**

##### *Immediate Container Label*

(b) (4)

**Reviewer's Assessment: Acceptable.** The proposed carton label meets the regulatory requirement from a CMC perspective. During the review cycle, we edited the drug product strength under section 11 of the prescriber information to comply with the USP salt policy. However, a similar editing was not done to the carton labeling. While the carton labeling as cleared by the CMC is adequate for the safe dosage of the drug product, following the action on this NDA, we will ask the Applicant to revise the labeling to comply with the USP salt policy. Please see the deficiency comment below for the details of this proposed edit.

***List of Deficiencies:***

**Please include the following labeling comment in the action letter:**

The currently approved drug product carton label does not meet USP requirements for labeling the amount of active moiety and drug substance(Please refer to USP General Chapter <7> LABELING -- Amount of Active Moiety and/or Drug Substance per Dosage Unit). We ask that, before your next printing of the carton labels, you revise the drug product's composition statement on the fourth flap of the carton label as suggested below:



You may submit your edited draft label as a CBE labeling supplement.

***Primary Labeling Reviewer: Mariappan Chelliah (see below for date)***

***Secondary Reviewer: Wendy Wilson-Lee (see below for date)***



Wendy  
Wilson- Lee

Digitally signed by Wendy Wilson- Lee  
Date: 12/01/2016 08 55:56AM  
GUID: 50816dbc00085595ca3284bbca465a8



Mariappan  
Chelliah

Digitally signed by Mariappan Chelliah  
Date: 12/01/2016 08 26:53AM  
GUID: 5399cb2c00032b7c21877aa0d4d5f794

43 Page(s) has been Withheld in Full as b4 (CCI/TS) immediately following this page

**MICROBIOLOGY**

**Product Background:** The proposed drug product has an Orphan Designation (11-3367) for the treatment of spinal muscular atrophy (SMA). SMA is a serious condition that currently has no treatment other than supportive care. The application was granted a Fast Track designation in November 2011. Priority status was requested.

**NDA: 209-531**

**Drug Product Name / Strength:** Spinraza (nusinersen) Injection at 2.4 mg/mL

**Route of Administration:** Intrathecal bolus injection

**Applicant Name:** Biogen Inc.

**Manufacturing Sites:**



**Method of Sterilization:** [redacted] (b) (4)

**Review Summary:** This is a sterile solution that is [redacted] (b) (4). There are two manufacturing sites proposed. The drug product is formulated, [redacted] (b) (4) [redacted] (b) (4) filled into vials, stoppered, and sealed. The review included the validation studies supporting the [redacted] (b) (4) drug product, the [redacted] (b) (4) vials, stoppers, and filling equipment [redacted] (b) (4) at each proposed facility. Deficiencies were not identified in the information provided.

The recommendation from a quality microbiology perspective is to approve.

**List Submissions being reviewed:**

SD 0000, 0001 and 0002 submitted 09 August 2016

SD 0003 submitted 16 August 2016 (Response to Information Request)

SD 0004 submitted 19 August 2016 (Final section of a rolling submission)

SD 0007 submitted 26 September 2016 (Response to Information Request)

SD 0031 submitted 09 November 2016 (Response to Information Request)

**Supporting References:**

DMF (b) (4)

[Redacted text block containing multiple lines of information, likely a list of references, with a final line ending in a period.]

(b) (4)

**Highlight Key Outstanding Issues from Last Cycle: NA**

**Concise Description Outstanding Issues Remaining: NA**

## S Drug Substance

Reviewer's Assessment: The drug substance is

(b) (4)

(b) (4)

## P.1 Description of the Composition of the Drug Product

**Description:** The drug product is a single use, sterile, clear, and colorless isotonic solution for intrathecal administration. The fill volume is 5.0 mL. Batch size is (b) (4) L (approximately (b) (4) vials)

**Composition:** The composition is as follows in Table 1 (copied from Table 1 of application section 3.2.P.1).

**Table 1: Composition of Drug Product**

**Table 1: Composition of Drug Product 2.4 mg/mL, 5.0 mL**

| Components                                | Quality Standards | Component Function | Nominal Quantity per 5.0 mL | Concentration (mg/mL) |
|-------------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| ISIS 396443 (b) (4)                       | In-house          | Active Ingredient  | 12 mg                       | 2.4                   |
| Sodium (b) (4) phosphate dihydrate        | USP, Ph.Eur., JPE | (b) (4)            | (b) (4)                     | 0.05                  |
| (b) (4) phosphate, anhydrous <sup>a</sup> | USP, Ph.Eur., JPE |                    |                             | 0.10                  |
| Sodium chloride                           | USP, Ph.Eur., JP  |                    |                             | 8.77                  |
| Potassium chloride                        | USP, Ph.Eur., JP  |                    |                             | 0.22                  |
| Calcium chloride dihydrate                | USP, Ph.Eur., JP  |                    |                             | 0.21                  |
| Magnesium chloride hexahydrate            | USP, Ph.Eur. JPC  |                    |                             | 0.16                  |
| 1 N Sodium hydroxide solution             | N/A <sup>b</sup>  | pH adjustment      | As needed                   | As needed             |
| 1 N Hydrochloric acid solution            | N/A <sup>c</sup>  | pH adjustment      | As needed                   | As needed             |
| Water for Injection                       | USP, Ph.Eur., JP  | Vehicle            | Q.S.                        | Q.S.                  |

(b) (4)

Q.S. = Quantity sufficient

### Container Closure:

(b) (4)

34 page(s) has been withheld in full as b4 (CC1/15) immediately following this page



Neal  
Sweeney

Digitally signed by Neal Sweeney

Date: 11/18/2016 10:42:08AM

GUID: 508da70c00028f5119acd77351f33159



Denise  
Miller

Digitally signed by Denise Miller

Date: 11/18/2016 10 37:45AM

GUID: 508da7280002a5d546459b998253d1aa



## QUALITY ASSESSMENT



### ATTACHMENT I: Final Risk Assessment

a) Drug Product: NDA 209531 Nusinersen Injection 2.4 mg/mL (Non-High Risk Drug)

| From Initial Risk Identification |                                                                                      |                      | Review Assessment                                                                                   |                       |                                                                                      |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| CQA                              | Factors that can impact the CQA                                                      | Initial Risk Ranking | Risk Mitigation Approach                                                                            | Final Risk Evaluation | Lifecycle Considerations/Comments                                                    |
| Sterility                        | Formulation<br>Container closure<br>Process/Scale<br>Equipment/Site                  | High                 | Process validation (b) (4)<br>[Redacted]<br>[Redacted]<br>[Redacted]<br>[Redacted]                  | Acceptable            | Confirm process qualification at next inspection of both (b) (4) manufacturing sites |
| Endotoxin Pyrogen                | Formulation<br>Container closure<br>Process/Scale<br>Equipment/Site                  | Medium               | Process validation of (b) (4)<br>[Redacted]<br>[Redacted]<br>[Redacted]<br>[Redacted]<br>[Redacted] | Acceptable            | Confirm process qualification at next inspection of both (b) (4) manufacturing sites |
| Assay                            | Raw materials<br>Formulation<br>Container closure<br>Process/Scale<br>Equipment/Site | Low                  | In-process controls for drug substance (b) (4)<br>[Redacted]<br>[Redacted]                          | Acceptable            |                                                                                      |



## QUALITY ASSESSMENT



| From Initial Risk Identification           |                                                                                      |                      | Review Assessment                                                                                           |                       |                                                                                                   |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| CQA                                        | Factors that can impact the CQA                                                      | Initial Risk Ranking | Risk Mitigation Approach                                                                                    | Final Risk Evaluation | Lifecycle Considerations/Comments                                                                 |
| Physical stability                         | Raw materials<br>Formulation<br>Container closure<br>Process/Scale<br>Equipment/Site | Low                  | Formulated as a solution<br>Recommended storage conditions mitigate degradation<br>(b) (4)                  | Acceptable            |                                                                                                   |
| Uniformity of Dose (Fill/Delivered Volume) | Formulation<br>Container closure<br>Process/Scale<br>Equipment/Site                  | Low                  | In-process controls for (b) (4)                                                                             | Acceptable            |                                                                                                   |
| Osmolality                                 | Raw materials<br>Formulation<br>Container closure<br>Process/Scale<br>Equipment/Site | Low                  | Formulated to simulate human CSF<br>In-process controls for excipient charge amounts<br>End product testing | Acceptable            | Monitor AERS/FAERS for AE reports that may indicate incompatibility with aCSF used in formulation |
| pH                                         | Raw materials<br>Formulation<br>Container closure<br>Process/Scale<br>Equipment/Site | Low                  | In-process control of (b) (4)<br>End product testing                                                        | Acceptable            |                                                                                                   |
| Particulate matter                         | Raw materials<br>Formulation<br>Container closure<br>Process/Scale<br>Equipment/Site | Medium               | In- process (b) (4)<br>End product testing<br>Delamination risk assessment during development               | Acceptable            | Confirm low risk of delamination for any changes to glass vial                                    |



## QUALITY ASSESSMENT



| From Initial Risk Identification |                                                                                      |                      | Review Assessment                                                               |                       |                                                                                                                                                       |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| CQA                              | Factors that can impact the CQA                                                      | Initial Risk Ranking | Risk Mitigation Approach                                                        | Final Risk Evaluation | Lifecycle Considerations/ Comments                                                                                                                    |
| Leachables/<br>extractables      | Raw materials<br>Formulation<br>Container closure<br>Process/Scale<br>Equipment/Site | Low                  | Studies provided for both the processing equipment and container closure system | Acceptable            | Confirm leachables/extractables profile for any change to processing equipment, processing conditions, container closure system, or storage condition |
| Appearance                       | Raw materials<br>Formulation<br>Container closure<br>Process/Scale<br>Equipment/Site | Low                  | In- process (b) (4) (b) (4)<br>End product testing                              | Acceptable            |                                                                                                                                                       |