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*APPLICATION NUMBER:*

**214377Orig1s000**

**PROPRIETARY NAME REVIEW(S)**

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**PROPRIETARY NAME 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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<b>Date of This Review:</b>	July 14, 2020
<b>Application Type and Number:</b>	NDA 214377
<b>Product Name and Strength:</b>	Verquvo (vericiguat) Tablets, 2.5 mg, 5 mg, and 10 mg
<b>Product Type:</b>	Single Ingredient Product
<b>Rx or OTC:</b>	Prescription (Rx)
<b>Applicant/Sponsor Name:</b>	Merck Sharp & Dohme Corp., a subsidiary of Merck & Co., Inc. (Merck)
<b>Panorama #:</b>	2020-40189207
<b>DMEPA Safety Evaluator:</b>	Maximilian Straka, PharmD, FISMP
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## **1 INTRODUCTION**

This memorandum is to reassess the proposed proprietary name, Verquvo, which was found conditionally acceptable under IND 116743 on September 26, 2019.<sup>a</sup> Thus, Merck submitted the name, Verquvo, under NDA 214377 for review on May 26, 2020. We note that all product characteristics remain the same.

## **2 METHODS AND DISCUSSION**

### **2.1 MISBRANDING ASSESSMENT**

The Office of Prescription Drug Promotion (OPDP) determined that Verquvo would not misbrand the proposed product. The Division of Medication Error Prevention and Analysis (DMEPA) and the Division of Cardiology and Nephrology (DCN) concurred with the findings of OPDP's assessment for Verquvo.

### **2.2 SAFETY ASSESSMENT**

For re-assessment of the proposed proprietary name, we evaluated the previously identified names of concern considering any lessons learned from recent post-marketing experience, which may have altered our previous conclusion regarding the acceptability of the proposed proprietary name. Additionally, we searched the United States Adopted Name (USAN) stem list to determine if the proposed proprietary name contains any USAN stems as of the last USAN updates. The June 3, 2020 search of USAN stems did not find any USAN stems in the proposed proprietary name, Verquvo.

### **2.3 COMMUNICATION OF DMEPA'S ANALYSIS AT MIDPOINT OF REVIEW**

We communicated our findings to the Division of Cardiology and Nephrology (DCN) via e-mail on July 7, 2020. At that time we also requested additional information or concerns that could inform our review. Per e-mail correspondence from the Division of Cardiology and Nephrology (DCN) on July 14, 2020, they stated no additional concerns with the proposed proprietary name, Verquvo.

## **3 CONCLUSION**

Our re-assessment did not identify any names that represent a potential source of drug name confusion. Therefore, we maintain that the proposed proprietary name, Verquvo, is acceptable.

If you have any questions or need clarifications, please contact Wana Manitpisitkul, OSE project manager, at 240-402-4156.

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<sup>a</sup> Straka, M. Proprietary Name Review for Verquvo (IND 116743). Silver Spring (MD): FDA, CDER, OSE, DMEPA (US); 2019 SEP 26. Panorama No.: 2019-30561515.

### **3.1 COMMENTS TO MERCK SHARP & DOHME CORP., A SUBSIDIARY OF MERCK& CO., INC.**

We have completed our review of the proposed proprietary name, Verquvo, and have concluded that this name is acceptable.

If any of the proposed product characteristics as stated in your submission, received on May 26, 2020, are altered prior to approval of the marketing application, the name must be resubmitted for review.

#### **4 REFERENCE**

- 1. USAN Stems** (<https://www.ama-assn.org/about/united-states-adopted-names-approved-stems>)

USAN Stems List contains all the recognized USAN stems.

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