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*APPLICATION NUMBER:*

**213072Orig1s000**

**PRODUCT QUALITY REVIEW(S)**

**Recommendation: Approval**
**NDA 213072  
Review 2**

|                         |                                                                                                                                                        |
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| Drug Name/Dosage Form   | Roszet™ (rosuvastatin and ezetimibe) tablets                                                                                                           |
| Strength                | 5 mg Rosuvastatin/10 mg Ezetimibe<br>10 mg Rosuvastatin /10 mg Ezetimibe<br>20 mg Rosuvastatin /10 mg Ezetimibe<br>40 mg Rosuvastatin /10 mg Ezetimibe |
| Route of Administration | Oral                                                                                                                                                   |
| Rx/OTC Dispensed        | Rx                                                                                                                                                     |
| Applicant               | Althera Life Sciences LLC                                                                                                                              |
| US agent, if applicable | -                                                                                                                                                      |

| SUBMISSION(S)<br>REVIEWED | DOCUMENT DATE                                                                        | DISCIPLINE(S)<br>AFFECTED           |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Resubmission              | 9/23/2020, 10/26/2020, 12/09/2020,<br>12/28/2020, 1/19/2021, 2/08/2021,<br>2/11/2021 | Quality modules<br>3, 1.14 and 1.12 |

**Quality Review Team**

| DISCIPLINE                             | REVIEWER                    | BRANCH/DIVISION                                                                |
|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Drug Substance                         | Joseph Leginus              | Branch II/New Drug API/ Office of<br>New Drug Products (ONDP)                  |
| Drug Product                           | Ali Mohamadi                | Branch VI/Division of New Drug<br>Products III/ Office of New Drug<br>Products |
| Process/Microbiology/<br>Facility      | Khalid Khan                 | Branch II/Office of Pharmaceutical<br>Manufacturing Assessment (OPMA)          |
| Regulatory Business Process<br>Manager | Leeza Rahimi/Hamet<br>Toure | Branch I/Regulatory Business<br>Process Management I                           |
| Biopharmaceutics                       | Fatima Sequeria             | Division of Biopharmaceutics/<br>ONDP                                          |
| Application Technical Lead             | Muthukumar<br>Ramaswamy     | Branch V/Division of New Drug<br>Products III/ONDP                             |
| Environmental Analysis<br>(EA)         | Ali Mohamadi                | Office of New Drug Products                                                    |

## Quality Review Data Sheet

### 1. RELATED/SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

#### A. DMFs:

| DMF #   | Type | Holder  | Item Referenced | Status   | Date Assessment Completed          | Comments      |
|---------|------|---------|-----------------|----------|------------------------------------|---------------|
| (b) (4) | III  | (b) (4) | (b) (4)         | Active   | Adequate information in the NDA    | LOA 8/2/2018  |
|         | III  |         |                 | Active   |                                    | LOA 8/02/2018 |
|         | III  |         |                 | Active   |                                    | LOA 8/2/2018  |
|         |      |         |                 |          |                                    |               |
|         | III  |         |                 | Active   |                                    | LOA 8/06/2018 |
|         | III  |         |                 | Active   |                                    | LOA 8/3/2018  |
|         | III  |         |                 | Active   |                                    | LOA 8/2/2018  |
|         | II   |         |                 | Adequate | 4/01/20 (Dr. Mitra Chem Review #5) | LOA 9/16/2019 |
|         | II   |         |                 | Adequate | 10/19/20 (Dr. Leginus)             | LOA 9/17/2018 |

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

| DOCUMENT | APPLICATION NUMBER                                                  | DESCRIPTION |
|----------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| PIND     | (b) (4)                                                             |             |
| RLD      | NDA 021366 (Rosuvastatin; Crestor)<br>NDA 021445 (Ezetimibe; Zetia) |             |

## Executive Summary

### I. Recommendations and Conclusion on Approvability

The recommendation from the Office of Pharmaceutical Quality (OPQ) for NDA 213072 is approval, which includes acceptable recommendation for the facilities listed in the application.

### II. Product Overview

Roszet is a fixed dose combination tablet containing 10mg of ezetimibe and 5mg to 40mg of rosuvastatin calcium and is intended for the treatment of hyperlipidemia and (b) (4). Ezetimibe is a selective inhibitor of intestinal cholesterol and related phytosterol absorption, and rosuvastatin calcium is a 3-hydroxy-3-methylglutaryl-coenzyme A (HMG-CoA) reductase inhibitor.

Roszet will be available in 4 different strengths for oral administration. The tablets are imprinted with either “5” or “AL” or “II” or “77” for strength differentiation. The tablets are packaged in sealed 30ct HDPE bottles containing 1g desiccant.

- 10 mg ezetimibe/5 mg rosuvastatin as pink colored, round, biconvex tablets with embossing “5”.
- 10 mg ezetimibe/10 mg rosuvastatin as pink colored, round biconvex tablets with embossing “AL”.
- 10 mg ezetimibe/20 mg rosuvastatin as pink colored, round biconvex tablets with embossing “II” in
- 10 mg ezetimibe/40 mg rosuvastatin as pink colored, round biconvex tablets with “77”.

Roszet™ should to be stored in original packaging, at USP controlled temperature at 20 to 25°C (68 to 77 °F) protected away from moisture.

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| <b>Proposed Indication(s) including Intended Patient Population</b> | Intended for treatment of hyperlipidemia                                                        |
| <b>Duration of Treatment</b>                                        | Chronic                                                                                         |
| <b>Starting dose</b>                                                | The recommended starting dose of ROSZET is (b) (4) for patients where 5/10 mg/day is indicated. |
| <b>Maximum Daily Dose</b>                                           | 10mg of ezetimibe and 40 mg of rosuvastatin.                                                    |

### III. Regulatory History

**Complete Response Letter Issues:** The NDA 213072 was originally submitted on July 29, 2019. A complete response letter was sent for this NDA on May 27, 2020 due to facility related deficiencies identified during inspection of (b) (4)

- (b) (4) and (b) (4)
- a) (b) (4) is the drug substance manufacturer for rosuvastatin calcium.
- b) (b) (4) validated the chromatographic methods used for purity, assay, dissolution, and uniformity of dosage units. Since the facility inspection identified data integrity issues at (b) (4), the drug product review concluded that the data submitted in the NDA might not reflect the true values, specifically related to quality controls of finished ROSZET tablets, batch analyses results, and stability results.

The CR letter required that satisfactory resolution of the facility deficiencies, revalidation of chromatographic methods and acceptable stability data before this application may be approved. In addition, the CR letter contained comments related to manufacturing batch record.

There were no deficiencies associated with drug substance and biopharmaceutics sections of this NDA in the first cycle review. For details, please refer to the OPQ integrated quality review dated April 20, 2020 in DARRTS under NDA 213072.

**End of Review Type A Meeting:** During the June 29, 2020 end of review Type A meeting, the applicant received guidance from the agency on their plan to resolve CR letter issues.

**Resubmission:** The applicant resubmitted the application on September 29, 2020 with the following information:

- a) The two non-compliant facilities, (b) (4) that performed method validation and (b) (4) that supplied rosuvastatin calcium drug substance were removed from the NDA. The applicant also removed (b) (4), a ezetimibe drug substance manufacturing facility from the application and kept (b) (4) for providing rosuvastatin calcium drug substance and (b) (4) for the supply of ezetimibe drug substance.
- b) To confirm the reliability of the chromatographic methods used for release and stability, the applicant validated the analytical methods and transferred the methods to the drug product manufacturing facility. The revalidation confirmed that no changes to the method were needed. Using the revalidated methods, the applicant tested the stability samples and submitted data in the resubmission.
- c) The resubmission contained 6 months of accelerated stability and 12 to 18 months of long-term stability data for 3 batches of highest and lowest strength batches manufactured with (b) (4) drug substance to support the proposed shelf life for all four strengths.
- d) The applicant provided initial time point stability data for one batch of each intermediate strengths (20mg/10mg and 10mg/10mg) using (b) (4) drug substances packaged in 30ct HDPE containers (b) (4). During the

- review cycle provided additional stability data for the two intermediate strength tablets.
- e) In addition, the applicant provided dissolution data, batch genealogy and additional dissolution data for intermediate strengths manufactured with (b) (4) drug substance.
  - f) To comply with CR letter comment, the applicant also provided updated batch manufacturing records with (b) (4) for all strengths.

#### IV. Summary of Quality Assessments

The CMC information provided in the resubmission was reviewed by OPQ review team consisting of Dr. Joseph Leginus (Drug substance), Dr. Ali Mohamadi (Drug product), Dr. Fatima Sequeira (Biopharmaceutics), and Dr. Khalid Khan (manufacturing process, and facilities). The Office of Testing and Research, located at St. Louis, MO verified the analytical method used for assay and purity for rosuvastatin and ezetimibe tablets.

The overall OPQ recommendation for NDA 213072 resubmission is approval, which includes acceptable recommendation for the facilities listed in the application.

##### A. Quality Assessment Overview

###### Drug Substance

Originally, the applicant proposed to use rosuvastatin calcium from (b) (4) or (b) (4) and Ezetimibe drug substance from (b) (4) and (b) (4) for drug product manufacturing. In the resubmission, the applicant simplified the sourcing strategy and decided to use (b) (4) and (b) (4) sourced drug substances for drug product manufacturing.

The applicant referenced DMF (b) (4) and (b) (4) for CMC information related to rosuvastatin calcium (DMF (b) (4)) and ezetimibe (DMF (b) (4)). Dr. Joseph Leginus reviewed the CMC information available for the two drug substances. Dr. Leginus' s review concluded that the CMC information provided in (b) (4) and (b) (4) DMFs is adequate to support their use in the manufacture of ROSZET tablets. Please refer to drug substance review dated 12/25/20 in panorama for additional details.

###### Drug Product

The drug product is a film-coated (b) (4) immediate release tablet. It contains 10 mg of ezetimibe (b) (4) and 5 mg to 40 mg of rosuvastatin (b) (4). The 4 different strengths will be differentiated by the imprint on the tablets as indicated in the product overview section.

(b) (4)

The film coating (b) (4) contains hypromellose, titanium dioxide, (b) (4) and ferric oxide (b) (4). The tablets are

packaged (b) (4) in 30 ct HDPE bottles with (b) (4) closure and 1g of desiccant canister.

The Roszet tablets manufacturing process involves (b) (4)  
(b) (4)  
tablets are film coated and (b) (4)  
packaged in 30ct HDPE bottles with 1g desiccant (b) (4)  
(b) (4).

The applicant revalidated the chromatographic methods used for releasing the product and transferred them to the drug product manufacturer. Per reviewer request, the Division of Pharmaceutical Analysis (DPA) located at St. Louis, MO verified the chromatographic method used for assay and purity of the drug product. The DPA method verification report concluded that the proposed methods are acceptable for quality control purpose. The method verification report contained one comment related to an error in the equation used of the assay calculation. The applicant corrected the error and provided the updated methods on 2/8/2021.

The CMC information for drug product including drug product specification, method information, reference standard, impurities, container closure system, stability data, post-approval stability protocol and commitment, environmental assessment, and product label was reviewed by Dr. Mohamadi.

The applicant used bracketing approach to assess the stability of the product. The resubmission contained 6 months of accelerated stability data and 12 to 18 months of long-term stability data for 3 batches of highest and lowest strength batches packaged in 30ct HDPE bottles with desiccant. The applicant also provided 3months of long-term and accelerated stability data for one batch of each intermediate strengths (20mg/10mg and 10mg/10mg) packaged in 30ct HDPE bottles. All the above batches were manufactured using (b) (4) drug substances. The applicant also provided stability comparison between product manufactured using current and withdrawn drug substance manufacturing facilities and concluded that the stability of the drug product manufactured from the current and withdrawn facilities was comparable. Dr. Mohamadi reviewed the stability information and granted 24 months shelf-life for the drug product packaged in 30ct HDPE bottles, when stored at 20 ° to 25°C.

The applicant sought exemption from environmental impact analysis per 21CFR 25.31(b) as the action on this NDA may not significantly affect the quality of the human environment. Dr. Mohamadi granted categorical exclusion from submitting environmental assessment. Please refer to drug product review dated 2/16/2021 for additional information.

The overall conclusion of the drug product and labeling review is that the CMC information provided in the NDA is adequate. Please refer to drug product review dated 2/10/2021 and quality labeling review 2/16/2021 in Panorama for additional details.



Dr. Khan has concluded that overall the process and facilities information provided in the NDA is adequate. Please refer to his process/facilities review in Panorama dated 2/04/2021.

#### **OVERALL ASSESSMENT AND SIGNATURES:**

There are no outstanding deficiencies related to drug substance, drug product, process, biopharm, and facilities, the *OPQ overall recommendation for NDA 213072 is approval.*

***Muthukumar Ramaswamy, Ph.D. 2/18/21***

***Application Technical Lead Name and Date:***



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## **METHOD VERIFICATION REPORT SUMMARY**

**Date:** November 23, 2020

**To:** Elise Luong, Drug Product Reviewer  
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**Subject:** Method Verification for NDA 213072: Assay and purity for Rosuvastatin and Ezetimibe tablets

**The following methods were evaluated and are acceptable for quality control and regulatory purposes:**

1. Assay and Chromatography purity of Rosuvastatin and Ezetimibe from Document No: PHL-PT-QC-STP-FTP-100178, version 2.0, effective date 24-Oct-2019

**The following methods were evaluated and are acceptable with modifications for quality control and regulatory purposes:**

2. Assay and Chromatography purity of Rosuvastatin and Ezetimibe from Document No: PHL-PT-QC-STP-FTP-100144, version 2.0, effective date 24-Oct-2019

**Comments regarding the assay method above (PHL-PT-QC-STP-FTP-100144):**

1. There is an error in the equation for the assay calculation on page 28 of 42. The original volume of stock sample dissolving was 500 mL, not 250 mL. The equation should be 500/Weight of sample not 250/Weight of sample.

Original analyst worksheets can be viewed using this ECMS link:

<http://ecmsweb.fda.gov:8080/webtop/drl/objectId/090026f8847c2326>

**Summary of Analysis****NDA 213072****1. Document No: PHL-PT-QC-STP-FTP-100178, version 2.0****Assay: % Label Claim**

| Rosuvastatin/ Ezetimibe (5/10 mg) tablets | % Label Claim | Specifications | Pass/Fail |
|-------------------------------------------|---------------|----------------|-----------|
| Rosuvastatin                              | 104.1         | (b) (4)        | Pass      |
| Ezetimibe                                 | 99.5          |                | Pass      |

**Purity for Rosuvastatin/ Ezetimibe (5/10 mg) tablets:**

| RRT     | Compounds          | Average of % Impurity | Specifications | Pass/Fail |
|---------|--------------------|-----------------------|----------------|-----------|
| (b) (4) |                    |                       |                | Pass      |
|         |                    |                       |                | Pass      |
|         |                    |                       |                | Pass      |
|         |                    |                       |                | Pass      |
|         |                    |                       |                | Pass      |
|         |                    |                       |                | Pass      |
|         |                    |                       |                | Pass      |
|         |                    |                       |                | Pass      |
|         | Total % Impurities |                       | (b) (4)        | Pass      |

**2. Document No: PHL-PT-QC-STP-FTP-100144, version 2.0****Assay: % Label Claim**

| Rosuvastatin/ Ezetimibe (40/10 mg) tablets | % Label Claim | Specifications | Pass/Fail |
|--------------------------------------------|---------------|----------------|-----------|
| Rosuvastatin                               | 101.8         | (b) (4)        | Pass      |
| Ezetimibe                                  | 101.3         |                | Pass      |

**Purity for Rosuvastatin/ Ezetimibe (40/10 mg) tablets:**

| RRT     | Compounds          | Average of % Impurity | Specifications | Pass/Fail |
|---------|--------------------|-----------------------|----------------|-----------|
| (b) (4) |                    |                       |                | Pass      |
|         |                    |                       |                | Pass      |
|         |                    |                       |                | Pass      |
|         |                    |                       |                | Pass      |
|         |                    |                       |                | Pass      |
|         |                    |                       |                | Pass      |
|         |                    |                       |                | Pass      |
|         |                    |                       |                | Pass      |
|         | Total % Impurities |                       | (b) (4)        | Pass      |

## CHAPTER IV: LABELING

### IQA NDA Assessment Guide Reference

#### 1.0 PRESCRIBING INFORMATION

#### Assessment of Product Quality Related Aspects of the Prescribing Information: Adequate

##### 1.1 HIGHLIGHTS OF PRESCRIBING INFORMATION

| Item                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Information Provided in the NDA                                                                                                                           | Assessor's Comments |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Product Title in Highlights</b>                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                           |                     |
| Proprietary name                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Roszet                                                                                                                                                    | Adequate            |
| Established name(s)                                                                                                                                                                                                             | rosuvastatin and ezetimibe                                                                                                                                | Adequate            |
| Route(s) of administration                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Oral                                                                                                                                                      | Adequate            |
| <b>Dosage Forms and Strengths Heading in Highlights</b>                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                           |                     |
| Summary of the dosage form(s) and strength(s) in metric system.                                                                                                                                                                 | Dosage range is 5 mg/10 mg per day through 40 mg/10 mg per day<br><br>Tablets (rosuvastatin/ezetimibe): 5 mg/10 mg, 10 mg/10 mg, 20 mg/10 mg, 40 mg/10 mg | Adequate            |
| Assess if the tablet is scored. If product meets guidelines and criteria for a scored tablet, state "functionally scored"                                                                                                       | N/A                                                                                                                                                       | Adequate            |
| For injectable drug products for parental administration, use appropriate package type term (e.g., single-dose, multiple-dose, single-patient-use). Other package terms include pharmacy bulk package and imaging bulk package. | N/A                                                                                                                                                       | Adequate            |

## 1.2 FULL PRESCRIBING INFORMATION

### 1.2.1 Section 2 (DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION)

| Item                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Information Provided in the NDA                                                                                     | Assessor's Comments |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION section</b>                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                     |                     |
| Special instructions for product preparation (e.g., reconstitution and resulting concentration, dilution, compatible diluents, storage conditions needed to maintain the stability of the reconstituted or diluted product) | Swallow ROSZET tablets whole at any time of the day, with or without food. Do not crush, dissolve, or chew tablets. | Adequate            |

### 1.2.2 Section 3 (DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS)

| Item                                                                           | Information Provided in the NDA                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                    |                                                            | Assessor's Comments |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS section                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                    |                                                            |                     |
| Available dosage form(s)                                                       | Tablet                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                    |                                                            | Adequate            |
| Strength(s) in metric system                                                   | <b>Strength</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <b>Contents</b>                    | <b>Description</b>                                         | Adequate            |
|                                                                                | 5 mg/10 mg                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | rosuvastatin 5 mg/ezetimibe 10 mg  | round pink biconvex tablets with "5" embossed on one side  |                     |
|                                                                                | 10 mg/10 mg                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | rosuvastatin 10 mg/ezetimibe 10 mg | round pink biconvex tablets with "AL" embossed on one side |                     |
|                                                                                | 20 mg/10 mg                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | rosuvastatin 20 mg/ezetimibe 10 mg | round pink biconvex tablets with "II" embossed on one side |                     |
|                                                                                | 40 mg/10 mg                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | rosuvastatin 40 mg/ezetimibe 10 mg | round pink biconvex tablets with "77" embossed on one side |                     |
| If the active ingredient is a salt, apply the USP Salt Policy per FDA Guidance | Strength is expressed in a free base form as USP monograph for rosuvastatin tablets. The equivalency statement is included in section 11: ROSZET tablets 5 mg/10 mg, 10 mg/10 mg, 20 mg/10 mg, and 40 mg/10 mg contain the equivalent of 5, 10, 20, and 40 mg rosuvastatin (provided as rosuvastatin calcium 5.2, 10.4, 20.8, and 41.7 mg) and 10 mg ezetimibe |                                    |                                                            | Adequate            |

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| A description of the identifying characteristics of the dosage forms, including shape, color, coating, scoring, and imprinting                                                                                                   | <b>Strength</b> | <b>Contents</b>                    | <b>Description</b>                                         | Adequate |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 5 mg/10 mg      | rosuvastatin 5 mg/ezetimibe 10 mg  | round pink biconvex tablets with "5" embossed on one side  |          |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 10 mg/10 mg     | rosuvastatin 10 mg/ezetimibe 10 mg | round pink biconvex tablets with "AL" embossed on one side |          |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 20 mg/10 mg     | rosuvastatin 20 mg/ezetimibe 10 mg | round pink biconvex tablets with "II" embossed on one side |          |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 40 mg/10 mg     | rosuvastatin 40 mg/ezetimibe 10 mg | round pink biconvex tablets with "77" embossed on one side |          |
| Assess if the tablet is scored. If product meets guidelines and criteria for a scored tablet, state "functionally scored"                                                                                                        | N/A             |                                    |                                                            | Adequate |
| For injectable drug products for parental administration, use appropriate labeling term (e.g., single-dose, multiple-dose, single-patient-use). Other package type terms include pharmacy bulk package and imaging bulk package. | N/A             |                                    |                                                            | Adequate |

### 1.2.3 Section 11 (DESCRIPTION)

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| Item                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Information Provided in the NDA                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Assessor's Comments |
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| <b>DESCRIPTION section</b>                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                     |
| Proprietary and established name(s)                                                                                                                                                                     | rosuvastatin calcium and ezetimibe                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Adequate            |
| Dosage form(s) and route(s) of administration                                                                                                                                                           | Tablet                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Adequate            |
| If the active ingredient is a salt, apply the USP Salt Policy and include the equivalency statement per FDA Guidance.                                                                                   | ROSZET tablets 5 mg/10 mg, 10 mg/10 mg, 20 mg/10 mg, and 40 mg/10 mg contain the equivalent of 5, 10, 20, and 40 mg rosuvastatin (provided as rosuvastatin calcium 5.2, 10.4, 20.8, and 41.7 mg) and 10 mg ezetimibe.                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Adequate            |
| List names of all inactive ingredients. Use USP/NF names. Avoid Brand names.                                                                                                                            | pregelatinized starch, microcrystalline cellulose, meglumine, dibasic calcium phosphate dihydrate, crospovidone, colloidal silicon dioxide, sodium stearyl fumarate, mannitol, sodium lauryl sulfate, croscarmellose sodium, povidone, ferric oxide, and magnesium stearate. In addition, the film coating contains the following inactive ingredients: hypromellose, titanium dioxide, polyethylene glycol, and ferric oxide. | Adequate            |
| For parenteral injectable dosage forms, include the name and quantities of all inactive ingredients. For ingredients added to adjust the pH or make isotonic, include the name and statement of effect. | N/A                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Adequate            |

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| If alcohol is present, must provide the amount of alcohol in terms of percent volume of absolute alcohol | N/A                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Adequate |
| Statement of being sterile (if applicable)                                                               | N/A                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Adequate |
| Pharmacological/therapeutic class                                                                        | Rosuvastatin is a 3-hydroxy-3-methylglutaryl coenzyme A (HMG CoA)-reductase inhibitor. Ezetimibe is a dietary cholesterol absorption inhibitor.                                                                                                                                                               | Adequate |
| Chemical name, structural formula, molecular weight                                                      | <p>(3R,4S)-1-(p-Fluorophenyl)-3-[(3S)-3-(p-fluorophenyl)-3-hydroxypropyl]-4-(p-hydroxyphenyl)-2-azetidinone, 409.43 g/mol</p> <p>[S-[R*,S*-(E)]]-7-[4-(4-Fluorophenyl)-6-(1-methylethyl)-2-[methyl(methylsulfonyl)amino]-5-pyrimidinyl]-3,5-dihydroxy-6-heptenoic acid, calcium salt (2:1), 1001.14 g/mol</p> | Adequate |
| If radioactive, statement of important nuclear characteristics.                                          | N/A                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Adequate |
| Other important chemical or physical properties (such as pKa or pH)                                      | Rosuvastatin calcium is a hydrophilic compound with a partition coefficient (octanol/water) of 0.13 at pH of 7.0. Ezetimibe is a white, crystalline powder, which is insoluble in water.                                                                                                                      | Adequate |

**Section 11 (DESCRIPTION) Continued**

| Item                                                                                                                                                  | Information Provided in the NDA | Assessor's Comments |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| For oral prescription drug products, include gluten statement if applicable                                                                           | N/A                             | Adequate            |
| Remove statements that may be misleading or promotional (e.g., "synthesized and developed by Drug Company X," "structurally unique molecular entity") | N/A                             | Adequate            |

**1.2.4 Section 16 (HOW SUPPLIED/STORAGE AND HANDLING)**

| Item                                                                                         | Information Provided in the NDA                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Assessor's Comments |
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| <b>HOW SUPPLIED/STORAGE AND HANDLING section</b>                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                     |
| Available dosage form(s)                                                                     | Tablet                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Adequate            |
| Strength(s) in metric system                                                                 | 5 mg/10 mg<br>(rosuvastatin 5 mg and ezetimibe 10 mg)<br><br>10 mg/10 mg<br>(rosuvastatin 10 mg and ezetimibe 10 mg)<br><br>20 mg/10 mg<br>(rosuvastatin 20 mg and ezetimibe 10 mg)<br><br>40 mg/10 mg<br>(rosuvastatin 40 mg and ezetimibe 10 mg)                                                                                      | Adequate            |
| Available units (e.g., bottles of 100 tablets)                                               | Bottle of 30 tablets                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Adequate            |
| Identification of dosage forms, e.g., shape, color, coating, scoring, imprinting, NDC number | round pink biconvex tablets with "5" embossed on one side, NDC 70661-001-30<br><br>round pink biconvex tablets with "AL" embossed on one side, NDC 70661-002-30<br><br>round pink biconvex tablets with "II" embossed on one side, NDC 70661-003-30<br><br>round pink biconvex tablets with "77" embossed on one side, NDC 70661-004-30 | Adequate            |

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |     |          |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|----------|
| Assess if the tablet is scored. If product meets guidelines and criteria for a scored tablet, state “functionally scored”                                                                                                       | N/A | Adequate |
| For injectable drug products for parental administration, use appropriate package type term (e.g., single-dose, multiple-dose, single-patient-use). Other package terms include pharmacy bulk package and imaging bulk package. | N/A | Adequate |

#### Section 16 (HOW SUPPLIED/STORAGE AND HANDLING) (Continued)

| Item                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Information Provided in the NDA                                                                                                                 | Assessor's Comments |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Special handling about the supplied product (e.g., protect from light, refrigerate). If there is a statement to “Dispense in original container,” provide reason why (e.g. to protect from light or moisture, to maintain stability, etc.) | Protect from moisture. Once the bottle has been opened, use the capsules within 30 days. Store in the original container to protect from light. | Adequate            |
| If the product contains a desiccant, ensure the size and shape differ from the dosage form and desiccant has a warning such as “Do not eat.”                                                                                               | N/A                                                                                                                                             | Adequate            |
| Storage conditions. Where applicable, use USP storage range rather than storage at a single temperature.                                                                                                                                   | Store at controlled room temperature (USP), 20 to 25 °C (68 to 77 °F) [see USP Controlled Room Temperature].                                    | Adequate            |
| Latex: If product does not contain latex and manufacturing of product and container did not include use of natural rubber latex or synthetic                                                                                               | N/A                                                                                                                                             | Adequate            |

|                                                                                                                         |     |          |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|----------|
| derivatives of natural rubber latex, state: "Not made with natural rubber latex. Avoid statements such as "latex-free." |     |          |
| Include information about child-resistant packaging                                                                     | N/A | Adequate |

#### 1.2.5 Manufacturing Information After Section 17 (for drug products)

| Item                                                                                                                     | Information Provided in the NDA                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Assessor's Comments |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Manufacturing Information After Section 17</b>                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                     |
| Name and location of business (street address, city, state and zip code) of the manufacturer, distributor, and/or packer | <p>Manufactured by:<br/>Piramal Enterprise Limited,<br/>Plot No. 67-70, Sector 2, Dist. Dhar, Pithampur, Madhya Pradesh 454775, India</p> <p>Manufactured for:<br/>Althera Pharmaceuticals LLC<br/>89 Headquarters Plaza<br/>Morristown NJ 07960<br/>USA</p> | Adequate            |

## 2.0 PATIENT LABELING

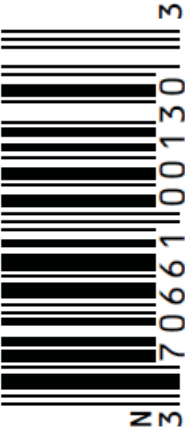
**Assessment of Product Quality Related Aspects of Patient Labeling (e.g., Medication Guide, Patient Information, Instructions for Use): N/A**

## 3.0 CARTON AND CONTAINER LABELING

### 3.1 Container Label

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| Item                                                                                                                                               | Information Provided in the NDA                                                                                        | Assessor's Comments about Carton Labeling |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| Proprietary name, established name, and dosage form (font size and prominence)                                                                     | <b>Roszet</b><br>rosuvastatin and ezetimibe tablets                                                                    | Adequate                                  |
| Dosage strength                                                                                                                                    | <b>5 mg/10 mg</b>                                                                                                      | Adequate                                  |
| Route of administration                                                                                                                            | N/A                                                                                                                    | Adequate                                  |
| If the active ingredient is a salt, include the equivalency statement per FDA Guidance                                                             | Each tablet contains the equivalent of 5 mg rosuvastatin (provided as rosuvastatin calcium 5.2 mg) and 10 mg ezetimibe | Adequate                                  |
| Net contents (e.g. tablet count)                                                                                                                   | 30 Tablets                                                                                                             | Adequate                                  |
| "Rx only" displayed on the principal display                                                                                                       | Rx Only                                                                                                                | Adequate                                  |
| NDC number                                                                                                                                         | NDC 70661-001-30                                                                                                       | Adequate                                  |
| Lot number and expiration date                                                                                                                     | GTIN: 000000000000000000<br>S/N : 0000000000000000<br>EXP : YYYY-MM-DD<br>LOT : 00000                                  | Adequate                                  |
| Storage condition (b)(4)                                                                                                                           | Store at 20 to 25°C (68 to 77°F).<br>Protect from moisture.                                                            | Adequate                                  |
| For injectable drug products for parental administration, use appropriate package type term (e.g., single-dose, multiple-dose, single-patient-use) | N/A                                                                                                                    | Adequate                                  |

|                                                                                                                               |                                                                                    |          |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Other package terms include pharmacy bulk package and imaging bulk package which require "Not for direct infusion" statement. | N/A                                                                                | Adequate |
| If alcohol is present, must provide the amount of alcohol in terms of percent volume of absolute alcohol                      | N/A                                                                                | Adequate |
| Bar code                                                                                                                      |  | Adequate |

| Item                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Information Provided in the NDA                                                                                                               | Assessor's Comments about Carton Labeling |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| Name of manufacturer/distributor                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Manufactured for:<br>Althera Pharmaceuticals LLC,<br>Morristown, NJ 07960<br>CODE : MP/DRUGS/25/10/92<br>Made in India Issue. 02/2021         | Adequate                                  |
| Medication Guide (if applicable)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <b>WARNING:</b> As with all medications, keep out of the reach of children.<br><br><b>RECOMMENDED DOSAGE:</b><br>See Prescribing Information. | Adequate                                  |
| No text on Ferrule and Cap overseal                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | N/A                                                                                                                                           | Adequate                                  |
| When a drug product differs from the relevant USP standard of strength, quality, or purity, as determined by the application of the tests, procedures, and acceptance criteria set forth in the relevant compendium, its difference shall be plainly stated on its label. | N/A                                                                                                                                           | Adequate                                  |
| And others, if space is available                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | (b) (4)                                                                                                                                       | Adequate                                  |

**Assessment of Carton and Container Labeling: Adequate**

## ITEMS FOR ADDITIONAL ASSESSMENT

### ***Overall Assessment and Recommendation:***

**Adequate**

*Primary Labeling Assessor Name and Date:*

**Ali Mohamadi, Ph.D., 2/11/2021**

*Secondary Assessor Name and Date (and Secondary Summary, as needed):*



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| BIOPHARMACEUTICS REVIEW for ANDA SUBMISSIONS |                                                                       |
|----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Application No.</b>                       | <a href="#">NDA-213072-ORIG-1-RESUB-23</a>                            |
| <b>Product Name</b>                          | Roszet (Rosuvastatin/Ezetimibe)                                       |
| <b>Applicant</b>                             | Althera Life Sciences, LLC                                            |
| <b>Dosage Form/Strengths</b>                 | tablets, 40/10 mg, 20/10 mg, 10/10 mg, and 5/10 mg                    |
| <b>Route of Administration</b>               | Oral                                                                  |
| <b>Indication for Use</b>                    | Roszet is indicated for primary (b) (4) non-familial) hyperlipidemia. |
| <b>Submission Date</b>                       | 09/23/2020                                                            |
| <b>Review Date</b>                           | 12/7/2020                                                             |
| <b>Primary Reviewer</b>                      | Fatima Sequeira, Ph.D.                                                |
| <b>Secondary Reviewer</b>                    | Min Li, Ph.D.                                                         |
| <b>Recommendation</b>                        | Adequate                                                              |

## 1. REVIEW SUMMARY:

### *Background:*

Althera Life Sciences LLC submitted a 505(b)(2) on September 29, 2019. In the review for the original, Biopharm approved their biowaiver and deems the approved dissolution method for their drug product was appropriate.<sup>1</sup> The applicant has received Complete Response letter dated May 27, 2020, and Type A End of Review meeting on June 29, 2020 for their product of Roszet, Rosuvastatin/Ezetimibe tablets.<sup>2</sup>

### *Submission:*

The firm is addressing issues from the Complete Response Letter issued on May 27, 2020. The firm propose to remove the API manufacturer ( (b) (4) ) due to inspectional issues. Note the drug product manufactured using APIs from (b) (4) and (b) (4) has been used in the clinical studies.

### *Reviewer's Assessment:*

The approved dissolution specifications are provided below. The firm has provided dissolution data to support that the change of API manufacturing sites (from (b) (4) ) for both drug substances would not impact in vitro dissolution. The provided dissolution data is

<sup>1</sup> <https://panorama.fda.gov/task/view?ID=5da095d3008bd38a342aab1aa06f6ab1>

<sup>2</sup> [\\CDSESUB1\evsprod\nda213072\0023\m1\us\12-cover-letters\meeting-minutes-july-9th-2020.pdf](#)

sufficient to support the dissolution similarity between the products manufactured by (b) (4) and (b) (4) will produce comparable drug products.

**Approved dissolution method and acceptance criterion for Rosuvastatin:**

| USP Apparatus | Speed (RPMs) | Medium/Temperature                  | Volume (mL) | Sampling Times | Acceptance criterion/criteria |
|---------------|--------------|-------------------------------------|-------------|----------------|-------------------------------|
| II (Paddle)   | 50           | pH 6.6 citrate buffer<br>37°C±0.5°C | 900         | 30 minutes     | NLT (b) (4)%                  |

**Approved dissolution method and acceptance criterion for Ezetimibe:**

| USP Apparatus | Speed (RPMs) | Medium/Temperature                                  | Volume (mL) | Sampling Times | Acceptance criterion/criteria |
|---------------|--------------|-----------------------------------------------------|-------------|----------------|-------------------------------|
| I (Basket)    | 75           | pH 4.5 acetate buffer with 0.45% SLS;<br>37°C±0.5°C | 900         | 30 minutes     | NLT (b) (4)%                  |

***Conclusion and Recommendation:***

The dissolution data is adequate to support the proposed change in [NDA-213072-ORIG-1-RESUB-23](#).

## 2. REVIEW:

### a) List Submissions being reviewed (table):

|            |                                        |
|------------|----------------------------------------|
| 09/23/2020 | Amendment (NDA-213072-ORIG-1-RESUB-23) |
|------------|----------------------------------------|

The applicant provided comparative dissolution data from drug product manufactured by (b) (4) and (b) (4). The firm showed that their new API vendors (b) (4) is comparable between strengths, and across drug substance sources for highest and lowest strengths to (b) (4). Therefore, the (b) (4) drug product should be considered comparable.

The firm provided two types of pH studies @ pH 1.2, 4.5, 6.8

- comparison of the different API sources ((b) (4) vs. (b) (4)) @40mg/10mg strengthen and

#### A. Comparative Dissolution across drug substances: F2 Values

|                                                             | 40mg/10mg<br>(b) (4) vs (b) (4) |                            | 5mg/10mg<br>(b) (4) vs (b) (4) |                            |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
|                                                             | Rosuvastatin                    | Ezetimibe                  | Rosuvastatin                   | Ezetimibe                  |
| pH 1.2                                                      | 74                              | 77                         | 61                             | 77                         |
| pH 4.5                                                      | Dissolution >85%<br>in 15 min   | 85                         | Dissolution >85% in<br>15m     | 88                         |
| pH 6.8                                                      | Dissolution >85%<br>in 15m      | 61                         | Dissolution >85% in<br>15m     | 82                         |
| pH 6.6 citrate buffer <sup>1</sup><br>(QC for Rosuvastatin) | Dissolution >85%<br>in 15m      | -                          | Dissolution >85% in<br>15m     | -                          |
| pH 4.5 with SLS <sup>2</sup><br>(QC for Ezetimibe)          | -                               | Dissolution >85% in<br>15m | -                              | Dissolution >85%<br>in 15m |

- comparisons of the dissolution of the 40mg/10 compared to 20mg/10mg, 10 mg/10 mg, and 5 mg/10 mg

#### B. Comparative Dissolution across strengths (for (b) (4) batches): F2 values

|                                 | 40/10mg vs 20/10mg         |                            | 40/10mg vs 10/10mg         |                            | 40/10mg vs 5/10mg          |                            |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
|                                 | Rosuvastatin               | Ezetimibe                  | Rosuvastatin               | Ezetimibe                  | Rosuvastatin               | Ezetimibe                  |
| pH 1.2                          | 61                         | 58                         | 70                         | 57                         | 69                         | 58                         |
| pH 4.5                          | Dissolution<br>>85% in 15m | 62                         | Dissolution<br>>85% in 15m | 59                         | Dissolution<br>>85% in 15m | 61                         |
| pH 6.8                          | Dissolution<br>>85% in 15m | 69                         | Dissolution<br>>85% in 15m | 72                         | Dissolution<br>>85% in 15m | 61                         |
| pH 6.6 <sup>1</sup>             | Dissolution<br>>85% in 15m | -                          | Dissolution<br>>85% in 15m | -                          | Dissolution<br>>85% in 15m | -                          |
| pH 4.5 with<br>SLS <sup>2</sup> | -                          | Dissolution<br>>85% in 15m | -                          | Dissolution<br>>85% in 15m | -                          | Dissolution<br>>85% in 15m |

<sup>1</sup> pH 6.6 citrate buffer is QC media for Rosuvastatin, <sup>2</sup> pH 4.5 with SLS is QC media for Ezetimibe,

The applicant provided f2 values were appropriate. In cases where the drug product dissolved in less than 15 minutes no f2 was calculated. In all pH cases the results were comparable.

Additionally, detailed comparative dissolution data including batch information, individual vessels, mean, and CV% are provided. The results provided showed low variability and ability to meet the drug product specification.

**In-vitro Dissolution Study details of Rosuvastatin/Ezetimibe tablets 40mg/10mg**  
(b) (4) vs 40mg/10mg (b) (4) (Rosuvastatin content/ pH 6.6 Citrate buffer):

**40mg/10mg tablet:**

**Rosuvastatin (b) (4):**

|                        |                                                        |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |      |     |         |      |     |
|------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|----|----|------|-----|---------|------|-----|
| Product Name           | Rosuvastatin and Ezetimibe tablets 40 mg/10 mg (b) (4) |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |      |     |         |      |     |
| Batch No.              | RETD8002                                               |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |      |     |         |      |     |
| Media/Volume           | pH 6.6 citrate buffer (QC Media) in 900ml              |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |      |     |         |      |     |
| Apparatus              | USP Type II (Paddle)                                   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |      |     |         |      |     |
| RPM                    | 50                                                     |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |      |     |         |      |     |
| % Rosuvastatin Release |                                                        |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |      |     |         |      |     |
| Time in Minutes        | 1                                                      | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | Mfin | Max | Mean    | % CV |     |
| 10                     | (b) (4)                                                |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |      |     | (b) (4) | 100  | 3.4 |
| 15                     |                                                        |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |      |     | 102     | 1.7  |     |
| 20                     |                                                        |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |      |     | 103     | 1.2  |     |
| 30                     |                                                        |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |      |     | 103     | 1.1  |     |
| 45                     |                                                        |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |      |     | 103     | 1.2  |     |
| 60                     |                                                        |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |      |     | 103     | 1.2  |     |
| Product Name           | Rosuvastatin and Ezetimibe tablets 40 mg/10 mg (b) (4) |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |      |     |         |      |     |
| Batch No.              | REATB8003                                              |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |      |     |         |      |     |
| Media/Volume           | pH 6.6 citrate buffer (QC Media) in 900ml              |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |      |     |         |      |     |
| Apparatus              | USP Type II (Paddle)                                   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |      |     |         |      |     |
| RPM                    | 50                                                     |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |      |     |         |      |     |

**Rosuvastatin (b) (4):**

|              |                                                        |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| Product Name | Rosuvastatin and Ezetimibe tablets 40 mg/10 mg (b) (4) |
| Batch No.    | REATB8003                                              |
| Media/Volume | pH 6.6 citrate buffer (QC Media) in 900ml              |
| Apparatus    | USP Type II (Paddle)                                   |
| RPM          | 50                                                     |

| % Rosuvastatin Release |         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |     |         |      |      |
|------------------------|---------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|----|----|-----|---------|------|------|
| Time in Minutes        | 1       | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | Min | Max     | Mean | % CV |
| 10                     | (b) (4) |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |     | (b) (4) | 95   | 5.8  |
| 15                     | (b) (4) |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |     | (b) (4) | 99   | 1.5  |
| 20                     | (b) (4) |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |     | (b) (4) | 100  | 0.8  |
| 30                     | (b) (4) |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |     | (b) (4) | 100  | 0.6  |
| 45                     | (b) (4) |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |     | (b) (4) | 101  | 0.6  |
| 60                     | (b) (4) |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |     | (b) (4) | 101  | 0.6  |

**\* REATA8003 is a pivotal clinical batch.**

**Ezetimibe (b) (4):**

|              |                                                        |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| Product Name | Rosuvastatin and Ezetimibe tablets 40 mg/10 mg (b) (4) |
| Batch No.    | RETD8002                                               |
| Media/Volume | pH 4.5 acetate with 0.45% SLS in 900ml                 |
| Apparatus    | USP Type I (Basket)                                    |
| RPM          | 75                                                     |

| % Ezetimibe Release |         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |     |         |      |      |
|---------------------|---------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|----|----|-----|---------|------|------|
| Time in Minutes     | 1       | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | Min | Max     | Mean | % CV |
| 10                  | (b) (4) |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |     | (b) (4) | 96   | 4.2  |
| 15                  | (b) (4) |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |     | (b) (4) | 97   | 3.4  |
| 20                  | (b) (4) |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |     | (b) (4) | 97   | 3.4  |
| 30                  | (b) (4) |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |     | (b) (4) | 97   | 3.4  |
| 45                  | (b) (4) |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |     | (b) (4) | 97   | 3.5  |
| 60                  | (b) (4) |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |     | (b) (4) | 97   | 3.6  |

**Ezetimibe (b) (4):**

|              |                                                        |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| Product Name | Rosuvastatin and Ezetimibe tablets 40 mg/10 mg (b) (4) |
| Batch No.    | REATB8003                                              |
| Media/Volume | pH 4.5 acetate with 0.45% SLS in 900ml                 |
| Apparatus    | USP Type I (Basket)                                    |
| RPM          | 75                                                     |

| % Ezetimibe Release |         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |     |     |      |      |
|---------------------|---------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|----|----|-----|-----|------|------|
| Time in Minutes     | 1       | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | Min | Max | Mean | % CV |
| 10                  | (b) (4) |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |     |     | 97   | 2.1  |
| 15                  | (b) (4) |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |     |     | 98   | 1.8  |
| 20                  | (b) (4) |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |     |     | 97   | 1.8  |
| 30                  | (b) (4) |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |     |     | 98   | 1.8  |
| 45                  | (b) (4) |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |     |     | 98   | 1.7  |
| 60                  | (b) (4) |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |     |     | 98   | 1.9  |

**20mg/10mg tablet:**

**Rosuvastatin (b) (4):**

|              |                                                        |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| Product Name | Rosuvastatin and Ezetimibe tablets 20 mg/10 mg (b) (4) |
| Batch No.    | REATD0001                                              |
| Media/Volume | pH 6.6 citrate buffer (QC Media) in 900ml              |
| Apparatus    | USP Type II (Paddle)                                   |
| RPM          | 50                                                     |

| % Rosuvastatin Release |         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |     |     |      |      |
|------------------------|---------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|----|----|-----|-----|------|------|
| Time in Minutes        | 1       | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | Min | Max | Mean | % CV |
| 10                     | (b) (4) |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |     |     | 95   | 3.1  |
| 15                     | (b) (4) |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |     |     | 97   | 1.1  |
| 20                     | (b) (4) |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |     |     | 98   | 1.0  |
| 30                     | (b) (4) |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |     |     | 98   | 1.0  |
| 45                     | (b) (4) |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |     |     | 98   | 1.0  |
| 60                     | (b) (4) |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |     |     | 98   | 1.1  |

**Ezetimibe (b) (4)**

|              |                                                        |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| Product Name | Rosuvastatin and Ezetimibe tablets 20 mg/10 mg (b) (4) |
| Batch No.    | REATD0001                                              |
| Media/Volume | pH 4.5 acetate with 0.45% SLS in 900ml                 |
| Apparatus    | USP Type I (Basket)                                    |
| RPM          | 75                                                     |

| % Ezetimibe Release |         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |     |         |      |      |
|---------------------|---------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|----|----|-----|---------|------|------|
| Time in Minutes     | 1       | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | Min | Max     | Mean | % CV |
| 10                  | (b) (4) |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |     | (b) (4) | 100  | 2.1  |
| 15                  |         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |     |         | 99   | 1.5  |
| 20                  |         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |     |         | 100  | 1.4  |
| 30                  |         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |     |         | 99   | 1.4  |
| 45                  |         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |     |         | 99   | 1.4  |
| 60                  |         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |     |         | 99   | 1.4  |

**10mg/10mg tablet:****Rosuvastatin (b) (4):**

|              |                                                        |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| Product Name | Rosuvastatin and Ezetimibe tablets 10 mg/10 mg (b) (4) |
| Batch No.    | REBTC0001                                              |
| Media/Volume | pH 6.6 citrate buffer (QC Media) in 900ml              |
| Apparatus    | USP Type II (Paddle)                                   |
| RPM          | 50                                                     |

| % Rosuvastatin Release |         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |     |         |      |      |
|------------------------|---------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|----|----|-----|---------|------|------|
| Time in Minutes        | 1       | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | Min | Max     | Mean | % CV |
| 10                     | (b) (4) |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |     | (b) (4) | 100  | 1.9  |
| 15                     |         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |     |         | 101  | 1.7  |
| 20                     |         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |     |         | 101  | 1.6  |
| 30                     |         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |     |         | 101  | 1.6  |
| 45                     |         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |     |         | 101  | 1.6  |
| 60                     |         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |     |         | 101  | 1.6  |

**Ezetimibe (b) (4):**

|              |                                                        |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| Product Name | Rosuvastatin and Ezetimibe tablets 10 mg/10 mg (b) (4) |
| Batch No.    | REBTC0001                                              |
| Media/Volume | pH 4.5 acetate with 0.45% SLS in 900ml                 |
| Apparatus    | USP Type I (Basket)                                    |
| RPM          | 75                                                     |

| % Ezetimibe Release |         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |     |     |      |      |
|---------------------|---------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|----|----|-----|-----|------|------|
| Time in Minutes     | 1       | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | Min | Max | Mean | % CV |
| 10                  | (b) (4) |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |     | 101 | 1.7  |      |
| 15                  |         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |     | 101 | 1.0  |      |
| 20                  |         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |     | 101 | 0.6  |      |
| 30                  |         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |     | 101 | 0.6  |      |
| 45                  |         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |     | 101 | 0.6  |      |
| 60                  |         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |     | 101 | 0.7  |      |

**5mg/10mg tablet:**

**Rosuvastatin ( (b) (4) ):**

|              |                                                           |
|--------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| Product Name | Rosuvastatin and Ezetimibe tablets 5 mg/10 mg ( (b) (4) ) |
| Batch No.    | REBTA0003                                                 |
| Media/Volume | pH 6.6 citrate buffer (QC Media) in 900ml                 |
| Apparatus    | USP Type II (Paddle)                                      |
| RPM          | 50                                                        |

| % Rosuvastatin Release |         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |     |     |      |      |
|------------------------|---------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|----|----|-----|-----|------|------|
| Time in Minutes        | 1       | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | Min | Max | Mean | % CV |
| 10                     | (b) (4) |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |     | 98  | 2.3  |      |
| 15                     |         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |     | 99  | 2.0  |      |
| 20                     |         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |     | 99  | 2.0  |      |
| 30                     |         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |     | 99  | 1.9  |      |
| 45                     |         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |     | 99  | 1.9  |      |
| 60                     |         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |     | 99  | 2.0  |      |

**Ezetimibe ( (b) (4) )**

|              |                                                            |
|--------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| Product Name | Rosuvastatin and Ezetimibe tablets 5 mg/ 10 mg ( (b) (4) ) |
| Batch No.    | REBTA0003                                                  |
| Media/Volume | pH 4.5 acetate with 0.45% SLS in 900ml                     |
| Apparatus    | USP Type I (Basket)                                        |
| RPM          | 75                                                         |

| % Ezetimibe Release |         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |     |     |      |      |
|---------------------|---------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|----|----|-----|-----|------|------|
| Time in Minutes     | 1       | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | Min | Max | Mean | % CV |
| 10                  | (b) (4) |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |     | 106 | 0.9  |      |
| 15                  |         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |     | 106 | 0.7  |      |
| 20                  |         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |     | 106 | 0.6  |      |
| 30                  |         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |     | 106 | 0.7  |      |
| 45                  |         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |     | 107 | 0.6  |      |
| 60                  |         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |     | 107 | 0.6  |      |



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**Recommendation: Complete Response**
**NDA 213072**
**Review 1**

|                         |                                                                                                                                                        |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Drug Name/Dosage Form   | Roszet™ (rosuvastatin and ezetimibe) tablets                                                                                                           |
| Strength                | 5 mg Rosuvastatin/10 mg Ezetimibe<br>10 mg Rosuvastatin /10 mg Ezetimibe<br>20 mg Rosuvastatin /10 mg Ezetimibe<br>40 mg Rosuvastatin /10 mg Ezetimibe |
| Route of Administration | Oral                                                                                                                                                   |
| Rx/OTC Dispensed        | Rx                                                                                                                                                     |
| Applicant               | Althera Life Sciences LLC                                                                                                                              |
| US agent, if applicable | -                                                                                                                                                      |

| SUBMISSION(S)<br>REVIEWED               | DOCUMENT DATE                                                                                                                                         | DISCIPLINE(S)<br>AFFECTED            |
|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Original and amendments<br>(NDA 213072) | Original submission (7/29/2019).<br>Amendments: 8/14/19, 9/16/19, 9/19/19,<br>11/14/19, 11/27/19, 1/02/20, 1/10/20,<br>1/17/20, 3/17/20, and 3/23/20. | Quality modules<br>3, 1.14, and 1.12 |

**Quality Review Team**

| DISCIPLINE                             | REVIEWER                | BRANCH/DIVISION                                                                |
|----------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Drug Substance                         | Soumya Mitra            | Branch II/New Drug API/ONDP                                                    |
| Drug Product                           | Elise Luong             | Branch VI/Division of New Drug<br>Products III/ Office of New Drug<br>Products |
| Process/Microbiology/<br>Facility      | Khalid Khan             | Branch II/OPMA                                                                 |
| Regulatory Business Process<br>Manager | Leeza Rahimi            | Branch I/Regulatory Business<br>Process Management I                           |
| Biopharmaceutics                       | Bryan Ericksen          | Division of Biopharmaceutics/<br>ONDP                                          |
| Application Technical Lead             | Muthukumar<br>Ramaswamy | Branch V/Division of New Drug<br>Products III/ONDP                             |
| Environmental Analysis<br>(EA)         | Elise Luong             | Office of New Drug Products                                                    |

## Quality Review Data Sheet

### 1. RELATED/SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

#### A. DMFs:

| DMF #   | Type | Holder  | Item Referenced | Status   | Date Assessment Completed            | Comments      |
|---------|------|---------|-----------------|----------|--------------------------------------|---------------|
| (b) (4) | III  | (b) (4) | (b) (4)         | Active   | Adequate information in the NDA      | LOA 8/2/2018  |
|         | III  |         |                 | Active   |                                      | LOA 8/02/2018 |
|         | III  |         |                 | Active   |                                      | LOA 8/2/2018  |
|         |      |         |                 |          |                                      |               |
|         | III  |         |                 | Active   |                                      | LOA 8/06/2018 |
|         | III  |         |                 | Active   |                                      | LOA 8/3/2018  |
|         | III  |         |                 | Active   |                                      | LOA 8/2/2018  |
|         | III  |         |                 | Active   |                                      | LOA 8/24/2018 |
|         | III  |         |                 | Active   |                                      | LOA 8/21/2018 |
|         | II   |         |                 | Adequate | 6/23/19 (Dr. Kinsley Chem Review #5) | LOA 2/1/2019  |
|         | II   |         |                 | Adequate | 4/01/20 (Dr. Mitra Chem Review #5)   | LOA 9/16/2019 |
|         | II   |         |                 | Adequate | 3/28/20 (Dr. Mitra Review#1)         | LOA 3/11/2019 |
|         | II   |         |                 | Adequate | 3/18/20 (Dr. Mitra Chem Review # 13) | LOA 9/17/2018 |
|         |      |         |                 |          |                                      |               |

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

| DOCUMENT | APPLICATION NUMBER                                                  | DESCRIPTION |
|----------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| PIND     | (b) (4)                                                             |             |
| RLD      | NDA 021366 (Rosuvastatin; Crestor)<br>NDA 021445 (Ezetimibe; Zetia) |             |

## Executive Summary

### I. Recommendations and Conclusion on Approvability

The recommendation from the Office of Pharmaceutical Quality (OPQ) for NDA 213072 is complete response, which includes recommendation for the facilities listed in the application.

### II. Summary of Complete Response Issues

1. [REDACTED] (b) (4)  
[REDACTED] is the site that performed analytical method validation of the methods used for chromatographic purity, assay, dissolution, and uniformity of dosage units. During the Pre-approval inspection of the facility from [REDACTED] (b) (4), *major deficiencies related to product specific findings without impact to commercial product were observed*. An initial field recommendation for the facility is withhold due to (i) [REDACTED] (b) (4)

[REDACTED] The following method validation deficiencies noted included:

- a. [REDACTED] (b) (4)
- b. [REDACTED]
- c. [REDACTED]

The overall manufacturing recommendation from Process/Facility reviewer for NDA [REDACTED] (b) (4) is “withhold” approval in Panorama.

2. Based on initial field recommendation, the drug product reviewer has concluded that the data submitted in the NDA might not reflect the true values. Areas affected are: Quality controls of finished ROSZET tablets, batch analyses results, and stability results.

### Action Letter Language

1. During a recent inspection of the [REDACTED] (b) (4) and [REDACTED] (b) (4) manufacturing facilities for this NDA, our field investigator conveyed deficiencies to the representatives of the facility. Satisfactory resolution of these deficiencies is required before this application may be approved.

2. Due to data integrity deficiencies identified at (b) (4) during PAI inspection, we do not consider the method validation information provided in the NDA application as reliable.

**INFORMATION NEEDED TO RESOLVE DEFICIENCIES:**

- A. Revalidate the analytical method used for assay, chromatographic purity, content uniformity, and dissolution using suitable reference standards / working standards.
- B. After revalidation of the analytical method, repeat runs and re-analyze the existing stability samples. Include additional long-term stability data beyond 12 months for the 40 mg/10 mg and 10 mg/10 mg strengths, and beyond 9 months for the 5 mg/10 mg strength in your complete response. In addition, provide at least six-month long-term (25°C/60%RH) and accelerated (40°C/75%RH) stability data for new lots of drug product, one batch each strength, using the re-validated method.

**Additional Product Quality Comments:**

In your response to information request #1 provided in amendment dated 03/17/2020, you have indicated that (b) (4) ” and the revised batch manufacturing records were provided. Please note the following comments and respond with supporting data and corresponding corrected documents:

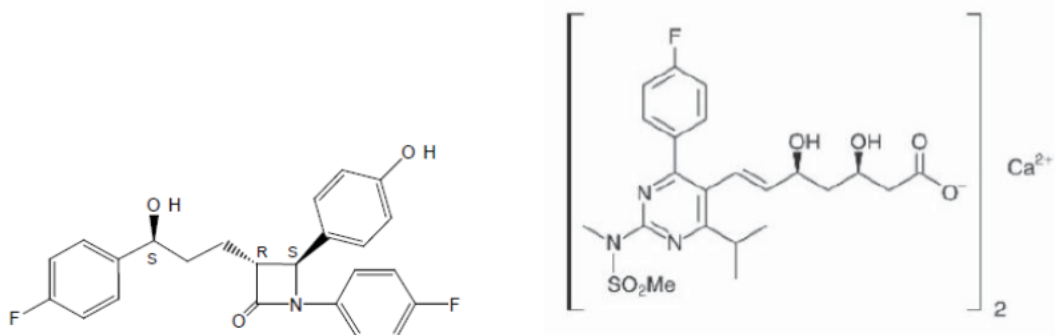
a) We noticed that executed batch manufacturing records for (b) (4) of rosuvastatin 5 mg/ezetimibe 10 mg tablets manufactured in batches REBTA002, REBTA003 and REBTA004, and the proposed commercial batch manufacturing records for this strength did not have provision for recording the (b) (4), contrary to your response.

b) For 20 mg/10 mg, (b) (4) are not supported by the actual observed data on the exhibit batches. Provide data to support these limits.

### III. Summary of Quality Assessments

#### A. Product Overview

Roszet is a fixed dose combination drug product that contains ezetimibe and rosuvastatin calcium. Ezetimibe is a selective inhibitor of intestinal cholesterol and related phytosterol absorption, and rosuvastatin calcium is a 3-hydroxy-3-methylglutaryl-coenzyme A (HMG-CoA) reductase inhibitor.



**Ezetimibe, Molecular weight: 409.4**

**Rosuvastatin calcium, Molecular weight 1001.14**

Roszet™ is intended for the treatment of hyperlipidemia and (b) (4). Roszet will be available in 4 different strength tablets for oral administration. Tablets are differentiated by imprint.

- 10 mg ezetimibe/5 mg rosuvastatin as round pink biconvex tablets with embossing “5” in 30 ct bottles.
- 10 mg ezetimibe/10 mg rosuvastatin as round pink biconvex tablets with embossing “AL” in 30 ct (b) (4) bottles (b) (4).
- 10 mg ezetimibe/20 mg rosuvastatin as round pink biconvex tablets with embossing “II” in 30 ct (b) (4) bottles (b) (4).
- 10 mg ezetimibe/40 mg rosuvastatin as round pink biconvex tablets with “77” in 30 ct (b) (4) bottles (b) (4).

Roszet™ should be stored in original packaging (sealed HDPE bottles with desiccant) at USP controlled temperature at 25°C (77 °F).

|                                                                     |                                                                                                 |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Proposed Indication(s) including Intended Patient Population</b> | Intended for treatment of hyperlipidemia                                                        |
| <b>Duration of Treatment</b>                                        | Chronic                                                                                         |
| <b>Starting dose</b>                                                | The recommended starting dose of ROSZET is (b) (4) for patients where 5/10 mg/day is indicated. |
| <b>Maximum Daily Dose</b>                                           | 10mg of ezetimibe and 40 mg of rosuvastatin.                                                    |

## B. Quality Assessment Overview

### Drug Substance

Roszet contains ezetimibe and rosuvastatin calcium. CMC information for drug substances used in the manufacturing of drug product are referenced to the following Type II DMFs for rosuvastatin (DMF (b) (4) DMF (b) (4)) and ezetimibe (DMF (b) (4); DMF (b) (4)). Dr. Soumya Mitra reviewed the drug substance CMC information. His review concluded that the drug substance information is adequate to support the approval of this NDA.

**Drug Product**

The drug product is a film-coated (b) (4) tablet containing 10 mg of ezetimibe (b) (4) and 5 to 40 mg of rosuvastatin (b) (4). The drug product will be available in 4 different strengths of fixed dose combination tablets: 5mg rosuvastatin/10mg ezetimibe, 10 mg rosuvastatin/10 mg ezetimibe, 20 mg rosuvastatin/10 mg ezetimibe, and 40 mg rosuvastatin/10 mg ezetimibe. Various strength tablets are imprinted with either "5" or "AL" or "II" or "77" for product strength differentiation.

(b) (4)  
The film coating (b) (4) contains hypromellose, titanium dioxide, (b) (4) and ferric oxide (b) (4). The tablets are packaged in (b) (4) 30 ct (b) (4) HDPE bottles with (b) (4) closure and 1g of desiccant canister.

With the exception of coating agents, all excipients used in the drug product are compendial grade. The components of coating agents meet compendial standards and are acceptable for intended use. The final product formulation was proven based on data available from BE studies.

Roszet manufacturing process involves (b) (4)  
(b) (4) tablets are film coated and packaged in bottles (b) (4).

CMC information on quantitative composition of drug product, excipient compatibility, batch analysis, method validation, drug product specification, container closure system, reference standard, stability data, container/closure system, label, and environmental assessment was reviewed by Dr. Luong. Based on her initial assessment of method validation information, Dr. Luong requested that pre-approval inspection be performed at (b) (4), a site that performed analytical method validation. Pre-approval inspection of this facility on (b) (4) uncovered data integrity issues related to analytical method validation data (Refer to Section II for a summary of complete response issues for additional details).

Therefore, the drug product reviewer has concluded that data submitted in the NDA might not reflect the true values. Areas affected by this issue include quality controls of finished ROSZET tablets, batch analyses results, and stability results. Dr. Luong has concluded that the CMC information provided in the NDA is inadequate to support the NDA. Please refer to drug product review dated 4/06/20 in panorama for additional details.

Biopharmaceutics reviewer, Dr. Bryan Ericksen reviewed the dissolution method, supporting dissolution data, dissolution acceptance criteria, and the biowaiver request. The bioequivalence (BE) studies used the highest (5 mg/10 mg) and lowest (40 mg/10 mg) strength Roszet tablets. The applicant sought biowaiver for the two intermediate strengths 10/10 mg and 20/10 mg based on dissolution profiles and BE studies. Dr. Ericksen's review concluded that biowaiver can be granted. Dr. Ericksen's recommendation for this NDA is adequate. Please refer to biopharma review dated 2/14/20 in Panorama. Due to issues pertaining to analytical method validation for dissolution testing, the biopharmaceutics recommendations for this NDA will be considered as tentative, until the applicant satisfactorily addresses the 483 deficiencies.

Dr. Khalid Khan reviewed the manufacturing process/in-process control information and facility compliance information for facilities associated with this NDA. His process review includes manufacturing process description, risk assessment for manufacturing process controls and their relationship to drug product critical quality attributes. Dr. Khan's initial review indicated that the firm was unable to (b) (4) and did not meet uniformity of dosage units acceptance criteria according to USP <905> for the 5mg strength exhibit batches. Accordingly, the applicant was requested to manufacture new batches of lower strength (b) (4) tablets to demonstrate capability to manufacture the product will meet quality standards consistently. The applicant provided batch release data for new batches, which met the quality acceptance criteria. The process reviewer has one product quality deficiency comment related to in-process controls to be conveyed in the complete response letter. Refer to Section II Additional Product Quality Comments for additional details.

Due to facility related deficiencies observed at (b) (4), a site that performed analytical method validation) and (b) (4), drug substance manufacturing site for supplying rosuvastatin), Dr. Khan has concluded that overall the process and facilities information provided in the NDA is inadequate. Please refer to Section II for a summary of complete response issues as well as process/facilities review in Panorama dated 4/13/20.

#### OVERALL ASSESSMENT AND SIGNATURES:

Since there are outstanding deficiencies related to drug product, process, and facilities, the *OPQ overall recommendation for NDA 213072 is complete response.*

**Muthukumar Ramaswamy, Ph.D. 4/17/20**

***Application Technical Lead Name and Date:***



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## CHAPTER III: ENVIRONMENTAL

### R REGIONAL INFORMATION

#### Environmental Analysis (EA)

In accordance with 21 CFR 25.31(b), Althera Life Science, LLC. Claims a categorical exclusion from the requirement to prepare an Environmental Assessment as the drug will be utilized under this NDA for commercialization is not expected to exceed the threshold of 1 µg/L (i.e. 1 ppb). The annual production quantities for human use of the active moieties for this fixed ratio combination product, Rosuvastatin and Ezetimibe, are not expected to exceed (b) (4) Kg and (b) (4) Kg respectively.

Althera claims that to the best of the company's knowledge, no extraordinary circumstances exist.

**Assessment: Adequate from a CMC perspective.**

*To the best knowledge of the applicant, no extraordinary circumstances exist associated with the proposed actions. The EA review team will document its review under the OND's Integrated Review Process (if applicable).*

**Primary Environmental Assessor Name and Date: Elise Luong, Ph.D.; 03/24/2020.**

**Secondary Assessor Name and Date (and Secondary Summary, as needed): Danae Christodoulou, Ph.D.; 04/06/2020 I concur with the reviewer's assessment.**

# CHAPTER IV: LABELING

## IQA NDA Assessment Guide Reference

### 1.0 PRESCRIBING INFORMATION

#### Assessment of Product Quality Related Aspects of the Prescribing Information:

#### 1.1 HIGHLIGHTS OF PRESCRIBING INFORMATION

| Item                                                                                                                      | Information Provided in the NDA                                                                                                                                    | Assessor's Comments               |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>Product Title in Highlights</b>                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                    |                                   |
| Proprietary name                                                                                                          | ROSZET®                                                                                                                                                            | Reviewed by DMEPA                 |
| Established name(s)                                                                                                       | Rosuvastatin<br>Ezetimibe                                                                                                                                          | Adequate                          |
| Route(s) of administration                                                                                                | Oral                                                                                                                                                               | Adequate                          |
| <b>Dosage Forms and Strengths Heading in Highlights</b>                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                    |                                   |
| Summary of the dosage form(s) and strength(s) in metric system.                                                           | Immediate Release<br>Film-coated Fixed Ratio<br>Combination Tablets<br>Rosuvastatin / Ezetimibe<br>5 mg / 10 mg<br>10 mg / 10 mg<br>20 mg / 10 mg<br>40 mg / 10 mg | Adequate                          |
| Assess if the tablet is scored. If product meets guidelines and criteria for a scored tablet, state "functionally scored" | N/A<br>(The tablet is not scored)                                                                                                                                  | N/A<br>(The tablet is not scored) |

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |     |     |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|
| For injectable drug products for parental administration, use appropriate package type term (e.g., single-dose, multiple-dose, single-patient-use). Other package terms include pharmacy bulk package and imaging bulk package. | N/A | N/A |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|

## 1.2 FULL PRESCRIBING INFORMATION

### 1.2.1 Section 2 (DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION)

| Item                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Information Provided in the NDA | Assessor's Comments |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION section</b>                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                 |                     |
| Special instructions for product preparation (e.g., reconstitution and resulting concentration, dilution, compatible diluents, storage conditions needed to maintain the stability of the reconstituted or diluted product) | Ready to use tablet             | Adequate            |

### 1.2.2 Section 3 (DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS)

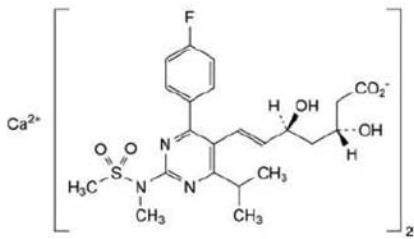
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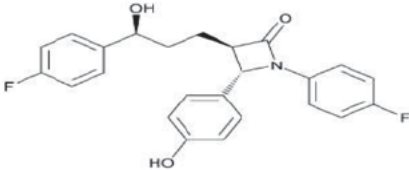
| Item                                                                                                                           | Information Provided in the NDA                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Assessor's Comments |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS section</b>                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                     |
| Available dosage form(s)                                                                                                       | Rosuvastatin / Ezetimibe Fixed Ratio Combination Tablets                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Adequate            |
| Strength(s) in metric system                                                                                                   | <p>ROSZET 5 mg / 10 mg<br/>(rosuvastatin 5 mg/ezetimibe 10 mg)</p> <p>ROSZET 10 mg / 10 mg<br/>(rosuvastatin 10 mg/ezetimibe 10 mg)</p> <p>ROSZET 20 mg / 10 mg<br/>(rosuvastatin 20 mg/ezetimibe 10 mg)</p> <p>ROSZET 40 mg / 10 mg<br/>(rosuvastatin 40 mg/ezetimibe 10 mg)</p> | Adequate            |
| If the active ingredient is a salt, apply the USP Salt Policy per FDA Guidance                                                 | Rosuvastatin equivalent of 5, 10, 20, or 40 mg                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Adequate            |
| A description of the identifying characteristics of the dosage forms, including shape, color, coating, scoring, and imprinting | Section 3.2.P.1                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Adequate            |
| Assess if the tablet is scored. If product meets guidelines and criteria for a scored tablet, state "functionally scored"      | N/A<br>(The tablet is not scored)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | N/A                 |

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |     |     |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|
| For injectable drug products for parental administration, use appropriate labeling term (e.g., single-dose, multiple-dose, single-patient-use). Other package type terms include pharmacy bulk package and imaging bulk package. | N/A | N/A |
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### 1.2.3 Section 11 (DESCRIPTION)

| Item                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Information Provided in the NDA                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Assessor's Comments |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>DESCRIPTION section</b>                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                     |
| Proprietary Name                                                                                                                                                                                        | ROSZET®                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Reviewed by DMEPA   |
| Established name(s)                                                                                                                                                                                     | Rosuvastatin<br>Ezetimibe                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                     |
| Dosage form(s) and route(s) of administration                                                                                                                                                           | Tablet and oral                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Adequate            |
| If the active ingredient is a salt, apply the USP Salt Policy and include the equivalency statement per FDA Guidance.                                                                                   | Rosuvastatin equivalent of 5, 10, 20, or 40 mg                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Adequate            |
| List names of all inactive ingredients. Use USP/NF names. Avoid Brand names.                                                                                                                            | pregelatinized starch,<br>microcrystalline cellulose,<br>meglumine,<br>calcium (b) (4) phosphate dihydrate,<br>crospovidone,<br>colloidal (b) (4),<br>sodium stearyl fumarate,<br>mannitol,<br>sodium lauryl sulphate,<br>croscarmellose sodium,<br>(b) (4),<br>ferric oxide (b) (4),<br>magnesium stearate | Acceptable          |
| For parenteral injectable dosage forms, include the name and quantities of all inactive ingredients. For ingredients added to adjust the pH or make isotonic, include the name and statement of effect. | N/A                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | N/A                 |

|                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |          |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Statement of being sterile (if applicable)                                     | N/A                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | N/A      |
| Pharmacological/therapeutic class                                              | <p>Rosuvastatin: HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor, therapeutic class C10AA07.</p> <p>Ezetimibe: Inhibitor of intestinal cholesterol and related phytosterol absorption, therapeutic class C10AX09</p>                                                                                                                                                                             | Adequate |
| <p>Rosuvastatin</p> <p>Chemical name, structural formula, molecular weight</p> | <p>Bis[(E)-7-[4-(4-fluorophenyl)-6-isopropyl-2[methyl(methyl sulfonyl)amino]pyrimidin-5-yl](3R,5S)-3,5-dihydroxyhept-6-enoic acid calcium salt</p>  <p><b>Rosuvastatin Calcium</b></p> <p>1001.14 g/mol<br/>(C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>27</sub>FN<sub>3</sub>O<sub>6</sub>S)<sub>2</sub>Ca</p> | Adequate |
| If radioactive, statement of important nuclear characteristics                 | N/A                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | N/A      |

|                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |          |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Other important chemical or physical properties (such as pKa or pH) | White amorphous powder, sparingly soluble in water and methanol, slightly soluble in ethanol, a hydrophilic compound with a partition coefficient (octanol/water) of 0.13 at pH 7.0                                                                                            | Adequate |
| Ezetimibe<br>Chemical name, structural formula, molecular weight    | <p>1-(4-fluorophenyl)-3(R)-[3-(4-fluorophenyl)-3(S)-hydroxypropyl]-4(S)-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-2-azetidinone</p>  <p>409.43 g/mol<br/>C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>21</sub>F<sub>2</sub>NO<sub>3</sub></p> | Adequate |
| If radioactive, statement of important nuclear characteristics.     | N/A                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | N/A      |
| Other important chemical or physical properties (such as pKa or pH) | White crystalline powder, freely to very soluble in ethanol, methanol, acetone, practically insoluble in water.                                                                                                                                                                | Adequate |

### Section 11 (DESCRIPTION) Continued

| Item                                                                        | Information Provided in the NDA | Assessor's Comments |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| For oral prescription drug products, include gluten statement if applicable | N/A                             | N/A                 |

|                                                                                                                                                      |                                                |          |
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|                                                                                                                                                      |                                                |          |
| Remove statements that may be misleading or promotional (e.g., “synthesized and developed by Drug Company X,” “structurally unique molecular entity” | There is no misleading statement on the labels | Adequate |

#### 1.2.4 Section 16 (HOW SUPPLIED/STORAGE AND HANDLING)

| Item                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Information Provided in the NDA                                                                                   | Assessor's Comments                                    |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>HOW SUPPLIED/STORAGE AND HANDLING section</b>                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                   |                                                        |
| Available dosage form(s)                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Tablets                                                                                                           | Adequate                                               |
| Strength(s) in metric system                                                                                                                                                                                                    | ROSZET (Rosuvastatin / Ezetimibe) Tablets:<br><br>5 mg / 10 mg<br>10 mg / 10 mg<br>20 mg / 10 mg<br>40 mg / 10 mg | Adequate                                               |
| Available units (e.g., bottles of 100 tablets)                                                                                                                                                                                  | See inserted table below                                                                                          | Adequate                                               |
| Identification of dosage forms, e.g., shape, color, coating, scoring, imprinting, NDC number                                                                                                                                    | See inserted table below                                                                                          | Adequate. The description has been provided in the NDA |
| Assess if the tablet is scored. If product meets guidelines and criteria for a scored tablet, state "functionally scored"                                                                                                       | The tablet is not scored<br>N/A                                                                                   | N/A                                                    |
| For injectable drug products for parental administration, use appropriate package type term (e.g., single-dose, multiple-dose, single-patient-use). Other package terms include pharmacy bulk package and imaging bulk package. | N/A                                                                                                               | N/A                                                    |

| Tablet Strength | Film-Coated Tablet, Color/Shape | Tablet Markings   | Package Size             | NDC Number              |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| 5 mg / 10 mg    | Round pink biconvex             | Embossing of "5"  | Bottles of 30            | 70661-001-30            |
| 10 mg / 10 mg   | Round pink biconvex             | Embossing of "AL" | Bottles of 30<br>(b) (4) | 70661-002-30<br>(b) (4) |
| 20 mg / 10 mg   | Round pink biconvex             | Embossing of "11" | Bottles of 30<br>(b) (4) | 70661-003-30<br>(b) (4) |
| 40 mg / 10 mg   | Round pink biconvex             | Embossing of "77" | Bottles of 30<br>(b) (4) | 70661-004-30<br>(b) (4) |

### Section 16 (HOW SUPPLIED/STORAGE AND HANDLING) (Continued)

| Item                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Information Provided in the NDA                                                                   | Assessor's Comments |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Special handling about the supplied product (e.g., protect from light, refrigerate). If there is a statement to "Dispense in original container," provide reason why (e.g. to protect from light or moisture, to maintain stability, etc.) | Store at 20-25°C (68-77°F) [See USP Controlled Room Temperature]. Protect from moisture           | Adequate            |
| If the product contains a desiccant, ensure the size and shape differ from the dosage form and desiccant has a warning such as "Do not eat."                                                                                               | The (b) (4) desiccants are contained inside a (b) (4) which has a distinct not-eatable appearance | Adequate            |

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                         |                                                               |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| Storage conditions. Where applicable, use USP storage range rather than storage at a single temperature.                                                                                                                                                             | Store at 20-25°C (68-77°F) [See USP Controlled Room Temperature]. Protect from moisture | The storage condition is supported by data and is acceptable. |
| Latex: If product does not contain latex and manufacturing of product and container did not include use of natural rubber latex or synthetic derivatives of natural rubber latex, state: "Not made with natural rubber latex. Avoid statements such as "latex-free." | N/A                                                                                     | N/A                                                           |
| (b) (4)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                         |                                                               |

FDA Comment (10/15/19): In the subsection 16 How Supplied/Storage and Handling, there was (b) (4)

Response (11/14/19): We would like to clarify to the Agency, the ROSZET 5 mg/10 mg tablets (b) (4)

### 1.2.5 Other Sections of Labeling

There may be other sections of labeling that contain product-quality related information. For example, there are specific required/recommended warnings for certain inactive ingredients [e.g., aspartame, aluminum in large and small volume parenterals, sulfites, FD&C Yellow Number 5 (tartrazine), and benzyl

alcohol]. Please notify the prescription drug division if the product contains any of these inactive ingredients.

Please include your comments about other sections of labeling if they contain product quality information.

### 1.2.6 Manufacturing Information After Section 17 (for drug products)

| Item                                                                                                                     | Information Provided in the NDA                                                                                                                                               | Assessor's Comments |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Manufacturing Information After Section 17</b>                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                               |                     |
| Name and location of business (street address, city, state and zip code) of the manufacturer, distributor, and/or packer | Manufactured for:<br>Althera Pharmaceuticals LLC<br>89 Headquarters Plaza,<br>Morristown NJ 07960<br>USA<br><br>ROSZET is a trademark of Althera<br>U.S. Patent No. 9,763,885 | Adequate            |

## 2.0 PATIENT LABELING

### Assessment of Product Quality Related Aspects of Patient Labeling (e.g., Medication Guide, Patient Information, Instructions for Use):

*The product labels have all the relevant information in accordance with regulatory requirements from a CMC perspective. Labeling will be finalized through OND during labeling negotiations with the applicant.*

***Any deficiencies should be listed at the end in the "ITEMS FOR ADDITIONAL ASSESSMENT."***

### **3.0 CARTON AND CONTAINER LABELING**

#### **3.1 Container Label**

*(Representative examples of a proposed containers)*

(b) (4)



| Item                                                                                   | Information Provided in the NDA                                                     | Assessor's Comments about Carton Labeling |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| Proprietary name, established name, and dosage form (font size and prominence)         | (b) (4)<br>Rosuvastatin/Ezetimibe Tablets                                           | Adequate                                  |
| Dosage strength                                                                        | Rosuvastatin / Ezetimibe<br>10 mg / 10 mg<br>20 mg / 10 mg<br>40 mg / 10 mg         | Adequate                                  |
| Route of administration                                                                | Oral                                                                                | Adequate                                  |
| If the active ingredient is a salt, include the equivalency statement per FDA Guidance | Rosuvastatin equivalent of 5, 10, 20, or 40 mg                                      | Adequate                                  |
| Net contents (e.g. tablet count)                                                       | Rosuvastatin / Ezetimibe<br>10 mg / 10 mg<br>20 mg / 10 mg<br>40 mg / 10 mg (b) (4) | Adequate                                  |
| "Rx only" displayed on the principal display                                           | Yes                                                                                 | Yes                                       |
| NDC number                                                                             | Labels contain space for NDC number                                                 | Adequate                                  |
| Lot number and expiration date                                                         | Labels contains space for Lot number and expiration date                            | Adequate                                  |
| Storage condition (b) (4)                                                              | Store at 20-25°C (68° to 77°F).<br>Protect from moisture.                           | Adequate                                  |

|                                                                                                                                                    |                                |          |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------|
| For injectable drug products for parental administration, use appropriate package type term (e.g., single-dose, multiple-dose, single-patient-use) | N/A                            | N/A      |
| Other package terms include pharmacy bulk package and imaging bulk package which require "Not for direct infusion" statement.                      | N/A                            | N/A      |
| (b) (4)                                                                                                                                            |                                |          |
| Bar code                                                                                                                                           | Labels have space for bar code | Adequate |

| Item                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Information Provided in the NDA                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Assessor's Comments about Carton Labeling |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| Name of manufacturer/distributor                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Althera Pharmaceuticals LLC, Morristown, NJ 07960                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Adequate                                  |
| Medication Guide (if applicable)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Labels have medication guide                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Adequate                                  |
| No text on Ferrule and Cap Overseal                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | N/A                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | N/A                                       |
| When a drug product differs from the relevant USP standard of strength, quality, or purity, as determined by the application of the tests, procedures, and acceptance criteria set forth in the relevant compendium, its difference shall be plainly stated on its label. | The drug product is a novel fixed ratio combination (FRC) tablet of 2 active pharmaceutical ingredients (APIs). There is no USP standard of strength, quality, or purity for the said novel FRC tablet. However, each of the 2 APIs are USP grade. | Adequate                                  |
| And others, if space is available                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | N/A                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | N/A                                       |

**Assessment of Carton and Container Labeling: Adequate.**

*The product labels have all the relevant information in accordance with regulatory requirements from a CMC perspective. Labeling will be finalized through OND during labeling negotiations with the applicant.*

*Note: In the applicant's 11/27/19 response to OND Information Request dated 11/26/19 about the carton labeling, the applicant indicated that the 30 count (b) (4) count bottle configurations do not contain a carton.*

**ITEMS FOR ADDITIONAL ASSESSMENT**

*None.*

**Overall Assessment and Recommendation:**

*The labels are acceptable from a CMC perspective.*

**Primary Labeling Assessor Name and Date: Elise Luong, Ph.D., 04/04/20**

**Secondary Assessor Name and Date (and Secondary Summary, as needed): Danae Christodoulou, Ph.D., 04/06/2020**



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**BIOPHARMACEUTICS****Product Background:**

The current submission is for the approval of Roszet (Rosuvastatin/Ezetimibe) tablets, 40/10 mg, 20/10 mg, 10/10 mg, and 5/10 mg. Roszet is indicated for primary (b) (4) non-familial) hyperlipidemia.

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**Drug Product Name / Strength:** Roszet (Rosuvastatin/Ezetimibe) / 40/10 mg, 20/10 mg, 10/10 mg, and 5/10 mg

**Route of Administration:** Oral

**Applicant Name:** Althera Life Sciences, LLC

***Review Summary: Adequate***

A biowaiver was requested for two intermediate strengths, and supporting data are adequate. Bridging of formulations is not necessary. The Applicant used the FDA Dissolution Database method for Rosuvastatin. The dissolution method development report adequately explained the choice of parameters chosen for the in-house method for Ezetimibe. The discriminating ability of the method was adequately demonstrated. The proposed acceptance criteria of  $Q = (b) (4)\%$  in 30 minutes for both Rosuvastatin and Ezetimibe are adequate.

**Approved dissolution method and acceptance criterion for Rosuvastatin**

| USP Apparatus | Speed (RPM) | Medium/Temperature                                       | Volume (mL) | Acceptance criterion          |
|---------------|-------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------------------------|
| 2 (Paddle)    | 50          | pH 6.6 citrate buffer<br>/<br>$37 \pm 0.5^\circ\text{C}$ | 900 mL      | $Q = (b) (4)\%$ in 30 minutes |

**Approved dissolution method and acceptance criterion for Ezetimibe**

| USP Apparatus | Speed (RPM) | Medium/Temperature                                                         | Volume (mL) | Acceptance criterion          |
|---------------|-------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------------------------|
| 1 (Basket)    | 75          | pH 4.5 acetate buffer<br>with 0.45% SLS<br>/<br>$37 \pm 0.5^\circ\text{C}$ | 900 mL      | $Q = (b) (4)\%$ in 30 minutes |

**List Submissions being reviewed:**

|            |                                                          |
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| 07/29/2019 | NDA 213072/Sequence 0001/Original Submission             |
| 01/02/2020 | NDA 213072/Sequence 0012/Response to Information Request |

**Concise Description Outstanding Issues Remaining:**

None

***BCS Designation*****Reviewer's Assessment: Both Rosuvastatin and Ezetimibe are BCS Class 2****Solubility:**

Rosuvastatin is slightly soluble in water. Ezetimibe is practically insoluble in water.

**Permeability:**

The Applicant did not provide permeability information on either compound. However, a literature search revealed that both Rosuvastatin and Ezetimibe are BCS Class 2 drugs with high permeability.

**Dissolution:**

Dissolution results in Module 3.2.P.2 indicate that Rosuvastatin dissolution was near 100% in pH 6.6 citrate buffer, and Ezetimibe dissolution was near 100% in pH 4.5 acetate buffer with 0.45% SLS.

***Dissolution Method and Acceptance Criteria*****Reviewer's Assessment: Adequate**

The Applicant did provided a dissolution method development report in response to an information request in Sequence 0012. The FDA Dissolution Database method was used for Rosuvastatin without modification. However, the FDA dissolution database method for Ezetimibe was modified in several respects: media volume, apparatus and RPM. According to the dissolution method development report, these changes were made because (b) (4)

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**Discriminating ability of the dissolution method**

Four batches were manufactured with variations in material attributes, formulation variables, and process parameters as shown in the table below:

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| Variations in Rosuvastatin portion |                                |                                  |                               |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Test                               | Changes in material attributes | Changes in Formulation variables | Changes in Process parameters |
| Discrimination Test-1              | (b) (4)                        |                                  |                               |
| Discrimination Test-2              |                                |                                  |                               |
| Discrimination Test-3              |                                |                                  |                               |

| Variations in Ezetimibe portion |                                |                                  |                               |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Test                            | Changes in material attributes | Changes in Formulation variables | Changes in Process parameters |
| Discrimination Test             | (b) (4)                        |                                  |                               |

Note:

(b) (4)

Batch compositions for the altered batches and dissolution results are shown in the tables below.

**5.2.2 Composition of Batch: AL320-10/10-F085:**

| Description | For reference: proposed product, Mg/tab | AL320-10/10-F085, Mg/tab |
|-------------|-----------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| (b) (4)     |                                         |                          |

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| Dissolution of Product: Rosuvastatin and Ezetimibe 10/10mg tablets<br>AL320-10/10-F085 |                                                  |                                 |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Media                                                                                  | pH 4.5 Acetate buffer with 0.45% SLS,<br>900ml   | pH 6.6 citrate Buffer,<br>900ml |
| Apparatus                                                                              | USP Type-1, basket                               | USP Type-2, Paddle              |
| RPM                                                                                    | 75                                               | 50                              |
| Time                                                                                   | 30 min                                           | 30 min                          |
| Tablets                                                                                | % Ezetimibe dissolved                            | % Rosuvastatin<br>dissolved     |
| 1                                                                                      | (b) (4)                                          | (b) (4)                         |
| 2                                                                                      |                                                  |                                 |
| 3                                                                                      |                                                  |                                 |
| 4                                                                                      |                                                  |                                 |
| 5                                                                                      |                                                  |                                 |
| 6                                                                                      |                                                  |                                 |
| Average                                                                                | 58.16                                            | 58.31                           |
| Minimum                                                                                | (b) (4)                                          | (b) (4)                         |
| Maximum                                                                                |                                                  |                                 |
| Ezetimibe<br>result:                                                                   | Out of Specification (NLT (b) (4) % Q in 30 min) |                                 |
| Rosuvastatin<br>result:                                                                | Out of Specification (NLT (b) (4) % Q in 30 min) |                                 |

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5.2.3 Composition of Batch: AL320-10/10-F086:

| Description         | For reference: proposed product. Mg/tab | AL320-10/10-F086 Mg/tab |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| (b) (4)             |                                         |                         |
| Total Tablet weight |                                         |                         |

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### Dissolution of Product: Rosuvastatin and Ezetimibe 10/10mg tablets AL320-10/10-F086

|                             |                                                  |                                 |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>Media</b>                | pH 4.5 Acetate buffer with 0.45% SLS, 900ml      | pH 6.6 citrate Buffer, 900ml    |
| <b>Apparatus</b>            | USP Type-1, basket                               | USP Type-2, Paddle              |
| <b>RPM</b>                  | 75                                               | 50                              |
| <b>Time</b>                 | 30 min                                           | 30 min                          |
| <b>Tablets</b>              | <b>% Ezetimibe dissolved</b>                     | <b>% Rosuvastatin dissolved</b> |
| 1                           | (b) (4)                                          | (b) (4)                         |
| 2                           | (b) (4)                                          | (b) (4)                         |
| 3                           | (b) (4)                                          | (b) (4)                         |
| 4                           | (b) (4)                                          | (b) (4)                         |
| 5                           | (b) (4)                                          | (b) (4)                         |
| 6                           | (b) (4)                                          | (b) (4)                         |
| <b>Average</b>              | <b>31.14</b>                                     | <b>68.12</b>                    |
| <b>Minimum</b>              | (b) (4)                                          | (b) (4)                         |
| <b>Maximum</b>              | (b) (4)                                          | (b) (4)                         |
| <b>Ezetimibe result:</b>    | Out of Specification (NLT (b) (4) % Q in 30 min) |                                 |
| <b>Rosuvastatin result:</b> | Out of Specification (NLT (b) (4) % Q in 30 min) |                                 |

#### 5.2.4 Composition of Batch: AL320-10/10-F089:

|                    |                                                |                                |
|--------------------|------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>Description</b> | <b>For reference: proposed product, Mg/tab</b> | <b>AL320-10/10-F089 Mg/tab</b> |
| (b) (4)            |                                                |                                |

Total Tablet weight

(b) (4)

(b) (4)

**Dissolution of Product: Rosuvastatin and Ezetimibe 10/10mg tablets  
AL320-10/10-F089**

| Media                   | pH 4.5 Acetate buffer with 0.45% SLS,<br>900ml  | pH 6.6 citrate Buffer,<br>900ml |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Apparatus               | USP Type-1, basket                              | USP Type-2, Paddle              |
| RPM                     | 75                                              | 50                              |
| Time                    | 30 min                                          | 30 min                          |
| Tablets                 | % Ezetimibe dissolved                           | % Rosuvastatin<br>dissolved     |
| 1                       | (b) (4)                                         | (b) (4)                         |
| 2                       | (b) (4)                                         | (b) (4)                         |
| 3                       | (b) (4)                                         | (b) (4)                         |
| 4                       | (b) (4)                                         | (b) (4)                         |
| 5                       | (b) (4)                                         | (b) (4)                         |
| 6                       | (b) (4)                                         | (b) (4)                         |
| Average                 | 79.95                                           | 42.48                           |
| Minimum                 | (b) (4)                                         | (b) (4)                         |
| Maximum                 | (b) (4)                                         | (b) (4)                         |
| Ezetimibe result:       | Out of Specification (NLT (b) (4)% Q in 30 min) |                                 |
| Rosuvastatin<br>result: | Out of Specification (NLT (b) (4)% Q in 30 min) |                                 |

In all cases, dissolution did not meet the acceptance criteria for either Ezetimibe or Rosuvastatin,

(b) (4)

Therefore, the discriminating ability of the method has been adequately demonstrated.

**Acceptance criteria**

The Applicant proposed acceptance criteria of  $Q = \frac{(b) (4)}{(4)}\%$  in 30 minutes for both Rosuvastatin and Ezetimibe. Data in Module 5.3.1.3 show that these criteria are adequate. See the four comparative dissolution reports:

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### *Bridging of Formulations*

#### **Reviewer's Assessment: Adequate**

Information in Module 3.2.P.5.4 shows that the 10 mg/10 mg and 20 mg/10 mg strengths were manufactured only at (b) (4), whereas the 40 mg/10 mg and 5 mg/10 mg strengths were manufactured at both (b) (4) and (b) (4). In response to an information request, the Applicant provided the following table showing batches used in clinical studies.

| Batch used in clinical studies |                 |               |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Study No.                      | Product details | Batch details |
| RP.18.340                      | Roszet 40/10mg  | REATB8003     |
| RP.18.342                      | Roszet 40/10mg  |               |
| RP.18.343                      | Roszet 5/10mg   | RETA8003      |

According to Module 3.2.P.5.4, batch RETA8003 was manufactured at (b) (4), while batch REATB8003 was manufactured at (b) (4). Dissolution results were presented for both of these batches (See comparative dissolution reports referenced above), and both met the acceptance criterion of  $Q = \frac{(b)}{(4)}\%$  in 30 minutes. Since the exhibit batches are used for the clinical trials, no bridging of formulations is necessary.

### *Biowaiver Request*

#### **Reviewer's Assessment: Adequate**

The Applicant conducted bioequivalence studies for the highest (40 mg/10 mg) and lowest (5 mg/10 mg) strengths. These studies will be reviewed by Office of Clinical Pharmacology. Please refer to clinical pharmacology review for additional details. A biowaiver is requested for the intermediate strengths: 20 mg/10 mg and 10 mg/10 mg. Comparative dissolution results were presented for the highest and lowest strengths but not the two intermediate strengths in Module 2.7.1. The above referenced data in Module 5.3.1.3 cannot be used for f2 comparisons because dissolution is always greater than  $\frac{(b)}{(4)}\%$  at the first time point in the quality control media. These results are sufficient to support the biowaiver request pending acceptable BE studies.

### *List of Deficiencies:*

1. None

***Primary Biopharmaceutics Reviewer Name:***

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Haritha Mandula, Ph.D.

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