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**PROPRIETARY NAME REVIEW(S)**

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**SUFFIX REVIEW FOR NONPROPRIETARY NAME**

Division of Medication Error Prevention and Analysis 1 (DMEPA 1)  
Office of Medication Error Prevention and Risk Management (OMEPRM)  
Office of Surveillance and Epidemiology (OSE)  
Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER)

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| <b>Date of This Review:</b>                 | 12/20/2024                                                                                                        |
| <b>Responsible OND Division:</b>            | Division of General Endocrinology (DGE)                                                                           |
| <b>Application Type and Number:</b>         | BLA 761398                                                                                                        |
| <b>Product Name and Strength:</b>           | Conexence (denosumab-bnht) injection, 60 mg/mL<br>Bomyntra (denosumab-bnht) injection<br>120 mg/1.7 mL (70 mg/mL) |
| <b>Product Type:</b>                        | Combination Product (Biologic-Device)                                                                             |
| <b>Applicant/Sponsor Name:</b>              | Fresenius Kabi USA, LLC (Fresenius)                                                                               |
| <b>FDA Received Date:</b>                   | March 25, 2024                                                                                                    |
| <b>Nexus NPNS ID #:</b>                     | 2024-243                                                                                                          |
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## 1 PURPOSE OF REVIEW

This review summarizes our evaluation of the four-letter suffixes proposed by Fresenius for inclusion in the nonproprietary name and communicates our recommendation for the nonproprietary name for BLA 761398.

## 2 ASSESSMENT OF THE NONPROPRIETARY NAME

On March 25, 2024, Fresenius submitted a list of ten suffixes, in their order of preference, to be used in the nonproprietary name of their product<sup>a</sup>. Fresenius also provided findings from an external study conducted by the (b) (4) evaluating the proposed four-letter suffixes in conjunction with the nonproprietary name, for our consideration. Table 1 presents a list of suffixes submitted by Fresenius:

| Table 1. Suffixes submitted by Fresenius*** |         |
|---------------------------------------------|---------|
| 1.                                          | bnht    |
| 2.                                          | (b) (4) |
| 3.                                          |         |
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<sup>a</sup> Request for Nonproprietary Naming - Suffixes BLA 761398. Lake Zurich (IL): Fresenius Kabi USA, LLC; 2024 Mar 25. Available from: [\\CDSESUB1\EVSPROD\bla761398\0001\m1\us\118-prop-names\request-for-nonproprietary-naming-suffixes.pdf](#)

<sup>b</sup> Request for Nonproprietary Naming – Suffixes – Safety Report BLA 761398. (b) (4); 2024 Mar 25. Available from: [\\CDSESUB1\EVSPROD\bla761398\0001\m1\us\118-prop-names\request-for-nonproprietary-naming-suffixes-safety-report.pdf](#)

We reviewed Fresenius's proposed suffixes in the order of preference listed by Fresenius, along with the supporting data they submitted, using the principles described in the applicable guidance.<sup>a</sup>

## **2.1 denosumab-bnht**

Fresenius's first proposed suffix, -bnht, is comprised of 4 distinct letters.

We determined that the proposed suffix -bnht, is not too similar to any other products' suffix designation, does not look similar to the names of other currently marketed products, that the suffix is devoid of meaning, does not include any abbreviations that could be misinterpreted, and does not make any misrepresentations with respect to safety or efficacy of this product.

## **3 COMMUNICATION OF DMEPA 1 ANALYSIS**

These findings were shared with OPDP. On December 18, 2024, OPDP did not identify any concerns that would render this proposed suffix unacceptable. DMEPA 1 also communicated our findings to the Division of General Endocrinology (DGE) on December 20, 2024.

## **4 CONCLUSION**

We find Fresenius's proposed suffix -bnht acceptable and recommend the nonproprietary name be revised throughout the draft labels and labeling to denosumab-bnht. DMEPA 1 will communicate our findings to the Applicant via letter.

### **4.1 Recommendations for Fresenius Kabi USA, LLC**

We find the nonproprietary name, denosumab-bnht, conditionally acceptable for your proposed product. Should your 351(k) BLA be approved during this review cycle, denosumab-bnht will be the proper name designated in the license. You should revise your proposed labels and labeling accordingly and submit the revised labels and labeling to your BLA for our review. However, please be advised that if your application receives a complete response, the acceptability of your proposed suffix will be re-evaluated when you respond to the deficiencies. If we find your suffix unacceptable upon our re-evaluation, we will inform you of our findings.

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<sup>a</sup> Guidance for Industry: Nonproprietary Naming of Biological Products. 2017. Available from: <http://www.fda.gov/downloads/Drugs/GuidanceComplianceRegulatoryInformation/Guidances/UCM459987.pdf>

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|-----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Date of This Review:                                      | June 13, 2024                                                              |
| Application Type and Number:                              | BLA 761398                                                                 |
| Product Name, Dosage Form, and Strength:                  | Bomyntra (denosumab-xxxx) <sup>a</sup> injection, 120 mg/1.7 mL (70 mg/mL) |
| Product Type:                                             | Combination Product (Biologic-Device)                                      |
| Rx or OTC:                                                | Prescription (Rx)                                                          |
| Applicant/Sponsor Name:                                   | Fresenius Kabi USA, LLC (Fresenius Kabi)                                   |
| PNR ID #:                                                 | 2024-1044725721                                                            |
| DMEPA 1 Safety Evaluator:                                 | Amy J. Bao, PharmD, MPH                                                    |
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| DMEPA 1 Associate Director for Nomenclature and Labeling: | Idalia E. Rychlik, PharmD                                                  |

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<sup>a</sup> The non-proprietary name suffix for this product has not yet been determined; therefore, the placeholder denosumab-xxxx is used throughout this review to refer to the non-proprietary name and suffix for this product.

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## 1 INTRODUCTION

This review evaluates the proposed proprietary name, Bomynta, from a safety and misbranding perspective. The sources and methods used to evaluate the proposed proprietary name are outlined in the Reference section and Appendix A, respectively. Fresenius Kabi submitted an external name study, conducted by (b) (4) for this proposed proprietary name.

### 1.1 REGULATORY HISTORY

Fresenius Kabi previously submitted the proposed proprietary name, (b) (4) \*\*\* under IND 145897 on June 16, 2023. However, on December 12, 2023, we found the name, (b) (4) \*\*\* unacceptable due to misbranding concerns.<sup>c</sup>

Thus, Fresenius Kabi submitted the proposed proprietary name, Bomynta, for review on March 25, 2024 under BLA 761398.

### 1.2 PRODUCT INFORMATION

The following product information is provided in the proprietary name submission received on March 25, 2024<sup>d</sup> and the prescribing information received on March 25, 2024<sup>e</sup>.

| Table 1. Relevant Product Information for Bomynta |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|---------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Intended pronunciation:                           | boe min' trah                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Nonproprietary name:                              | denosumab-xxxx                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Indication:                                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Prevention of skeletal-related events in patients with multiple myeloma and in patients with bone metastases from solid tumors.</li><li>• Treatment of adults and skeletally mature adolescents with giant cell tumor of bone that is unresectable or where surgical resection is likely to result in severe morbidity.</li><li>• Treatment of hypercalcemia of malignancy refractory to bisphosphonate therapy.</li></ul> |

<sup>b</sup> Proprietary Name Safety Summary for BOMYNTRA. (b) (4) 2024 Feb 28. Available from: <\\CDSESUB1\evsprod\BLA761398\0001\m1\us\118-prop-names\proprietary-name-safety-summary-bomynta.pdf>

<sup>c</sup> Rahbani, P. Proprietary Name Review for (b) (4) \*\*\* (IND 145897). Silver Spring (MD): FDA, CDER, OSE, DMEPA 1 (US); 2023 Dec 12. PNR ID No. 2023-1044725192.

<sup>d</sup> Request for Proprietary Name Review for Bomynta. Lake Zurich (IL): Fresenius Kabi USA, LLC; 2024 Mar 25. Available from: <\\CDSESUB1\evsprod\BLA761398\0001\m1\us\118-prop-names\proprietary-name-request-bomynta.pdf>

<sup>e</sup> Proposed prescribing information for Bomynta. Lake Zurich (IL): Fresenius Kabi USA, LLC; 2024 Mar 25. Available from: <\\CDSESUB1\evsprod\BLA761398\0001\m1\us\114-labeling\114a-draft-label\draft-labeling-text-uspi-120-mg-vial-and-pfs.docx>

| Table 1. Relevant Product Information for Bomynta |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|---------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Dosage Form:</b>                               | injection                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Strength:</b>                                  | 120 mg/1.7 mL (70 mg/mL)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Route of administration:</b>                   | subcutaneous                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Dose and frequency:</b>                        | <p>Multiple myeloma and bone metastasis from solid tumors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>120 mg every 4 weeks</li> </ul> <p>Giant cell tumor of bone:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>120 mg every 4 weeks with additional 120 mg doses on Days 8 and 15 of the first month of therapy</li> </ul> <p>Hypercalcemia of malignancy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>120 mg every 4 weeks with additional 120 mg doses on Days 8 and 15 of the first month of therapy</li> </ul> |
| <b>How Supplied:</b>                              | Single-dose vial, single-dose prefilled syringe                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Storage:</b>                                   | Store in a refrigerator at 2°C to 8°C (36°F to 46°F) in the original carton. Do not freeze. Once removed from the refrigerator, product must not be exposed to temperatures above 25°C/77°F or direct light and must be used within 30 days. Discard if not used within the (b)(4) days. Do not use after the expiry date printed on the label. Protect from direct light and heat. Avoid vigorous shaking.                                                                                                      |
| <b>Reference Product:</b>                         | Bomynta (denosumab-xxxx) is a proposed interchangeable to US-licensed Reference Product, Xgeva (denosumab) BLA 125320                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

## 2 DISCUSSION

The following sections provide information obtained and considered in the overall evaluation of the proposed proprietary name, Bomynta.

### 2.1 MISBRANDING ASSESSMENT

The Office of Prescription Drug Promotion (OPDP) determined that Bomynta would not misbrand the proposed product. The Division of Medication Error Prevention and Analysis 1 (DMEPA 1) concurred with the findings of OPDP's assessment for Bomynta. The Division of General Endocrinology (DGE) concurred with the findings of OPDP's assessment for Bomynta.

### 2.2 SAFETY ASSESSMENT

The following aspects were considered in the safety evaluation of the proposed proprietary name, Bomynta.

### 2.2.1 UNITED STATES ADOPTED NAMES (USAN) SEARCH

There is no USAN stem present in the proposed proprietary name.<sup>f</sup>

### 2.2.2 COMPONENTS OF THE PROPOSED PROPRIETARY NAME

Fresenius Kabi did not provide a derivation or intended meaning for the proposed proprietary name, Bomynta, in their submission. This proprietary name is comprised of a single word that contains the medical abbreviations for “time release” (i.e., “TR”) and “tramadol” (i.e., “TRA”) within the name. Although we typically discourage the incorporation of medical abbreviations in proprietary names, we determined that the location of the abbreviation “tr” within the proposed proprietary name is unlikely to be separated from the surrounding letters in a manner that could lead to a medication error. Additionally, we note the letters “tra” at the end of a proprietary name is common in drug nomenclature for currently marketed drug products (e.g., Amvuttra, Fylnetra, Inflectra, etc.). Thus, we do not object to the inclusion of the abbreviations “tr” and “tra” in this case. There were no additional components of the name that are misleading or can contribute to medication error.

### 2.2.3 COMMENTS FROM OTHER REVIEW DISCIPLINES AT INITIAL REVIEW

On May 2, 2024, the Division of General Endocrinology (DGE) did not forward any comments or concerns relating to Bomynta at the initial phase of the review.

### 2.2.4 FDA PRESCRIPTION SIMULATION STUDIES

Eighty-six (86) practitioners participated in DMEPA’s prescription simulation studies for Bomynta.

One respondent in the verbal study misinterpreted the proposed proprietary name as “Omintra”, which sounds similar to the marketed name, Omidria (phenylephrine and ketorolac). We evaluated the name pair, Bomynta and Omidria further and find that they have sufficient orthographic and phonetic differences. This is supported by FDA’s Phonetic and Orthographic Computer Analysis (POCA) system, which calculates a combined score of 50%, orthographic score of 53%, and phonetic score of 48%, indicating low similarity. Additionally, there are multiple product characteristic differences between Bomynta and Omidria. The products differ in dosage form (injection versus solution), route of administration (subcutaneous versus intraocular), and frequency (every 4 weeks versus as needed for surgical procedures). Thus, we find the name pair has sufficient orthographic, phonetic, and product characteristic differences, and Omidria is included in Appendix E.

The remaining responses did not overlap with any currently marketed products, nor did the responses sound or look similar to any currently marketed products or any products in the pipeline. Appendix B contains the results from the prescription simulation studies.

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<sup>f</sup> USAN stem search conducted on May 16, 2024.

## 2.2.5 PHONETIC AND ORTHOGRAPHIC COMPUTER ANALYSIS (POCA) SEARCH RESULTS

Our POCA search<sup>9</sup> identified 83 names with a combined phonetic and orthographic score of  $\geq 55\%$  or an individual phonetic or orthographic score  $\geq 70\%$ . These names are included in Table 2 below.

## 2.2.6 NAMES RETRIEVED FOR REVIEW ORGANIZED BY NAME PAIR SIMILARITY

Table 2 provides the number of names retrieved from our POCA search, FDA Prescription Simulation Study, and (b) (4) external study. These name pairs are organized as highly similar, moderately similar, or low similarity for further evaluation.

| Table 2. Names Retrieved for Review Organized by Name Pair Similarity                       |                 |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Similarity Category                                                                         | Number of Names |
| Highly similar name pair:<br>combined match percentage score $\geq 70\%$                    | 3               |
| Moderately similar name pair:<br>combined match percentage score $\geq 55\%$ to $\leq 69\%$ | 77              |
| Low similarity name pair:<br>combined match percentage score $\leq 54\%$                    | 9               |

## 2.2.7 SAFETY ANALYSIS OF NAMES WITH POTENTIAL ORTHOGRAPHIC, SPELLING, AND PHONETIC SIMILARITIES

Our analysis of the 89 names contained in Table 2 determined none of the names will pose a risk for confusion with Bomynta as described in Appendices C through H.

## 2.2.8 DISCUSSION OF DUAL PROPRIETARY NAME

Fresenius Kabi intends to market denosumab under two different proprietary names: Conexence\*\*\* (BLA 761398) and Bomynta (BLA 761398). Table 3 compares the two proposed proprietary names and their respective product characteristics.

| Table 3. Relevant Product Information for Conexence*** and Bomynta |                                                                                |                                                                                                                                 |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Product Name                                                       | Conexence***                                                                   | Bomynta                                                                                                                         |
| Initial Approval Date                                              | N/A                                                                            | N/A                                                                                                                             |
| Intended Pronunciation                                             | kon ex' ens                                                                    | boe min' trah                                                                                                                   |
| Nonproprietary Name                                                | denosumab-xxxx                                                                 |                                                                                                                                 |
| Indication                                                         | Treatment of postmenopausal women with osteoporosis at high risk for fracture. | Prevention of skeletal-related events in patients with multiple myeloma and in patients with bone metastases from solid tumors. |

<sup>9</sup> POCA search conducted on May 7, 2024 in version 5.8.

Table 3. Relevant Product Information for Conexxence\*\*\* and Bomynta

| Product Name            | Conexxence***                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Bomynta                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|-------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                         | <p>Treatment to increase bone mass in men with osteoporosis at high risk for fracture</p> <p>Treatment of glucocorticoid-induced osteoporosis in men and women at high risk for fracture</p> <p>Treatment to increase bone mass in men at high risk for fracture receiving androgen deprivation therapy for nonmetastatic prostate cancer</p> <p>Treatment to increase bone mass in women at high risk for fracture receiving adjuvant aromatase inhibitor therapy for breast cancer</p> | <p>Treatment of adults and skeletally mature adolescents with giant cell tumor of bone that is unresectable or where surgical resection is likely to result in severe morbidity.</p> <p>Treatment of hypercalcemia of malignancy refractory to bisphosphonate therapy.</p>                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Route of Administration | subcutaneous                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Dosage Form             | injection                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Strength                | 60 mg/mL                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 120 mg/1.7 mL (70 mg/mL)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Dose and Frequency      | 60 mg subcutaneous injection once every 6 months                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <p>Multiple Myeloma and Bone Metastasis from Solid Tumors:</p> <p>120 mg administered as a subcutaneous injection every 4 weeks.</p> <p>Giant Cell Tumor of Bone:</p> <p>120 mg administered every 4 weeks with additional 120 mg doses on Days 8 and 15 of the first month of therapy.</p> <p>Hypercalcemia of Malignancy:</p> <p>120 mg administered every 4 weeks with additional 120 mg doses on Days 8 and 15 of the first month of therapy.</p> |
| How Supplied            | Single-dose prefilled syringe, 1 syringe per carton                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 120 mg/1.7 mL single-dose vial, 1 vial per carton                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

| Table 3. Relevant Product Information for Conexxence*** and Bomynta |                                                                                                     |                                                                                                    |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Product Name                                                        | Conexxence***                                                                                       | Bomynta                                                                                            |
|                                                                     |                                                                                                     | 120 mg/1.7 mL single-dose prefilled syringe, 1 syringe per carton                                  |
| Reference Product                                                   | Proposed interchangeable biosimilar to US-licensed Reference Product, Prolia (denosumab) BLA 125320 | Proposed interchangeable biosimilar to US-licensed Reference Product, Xgeva (denosumab) BLA 125320 |

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product. However, we note that US-licensed Reference Products (Prolia (denosumab) injection and Xgeva (denosumab) injection) also use a dual proprietary naming strategy.

We evaluated the risks associated with this naming strategy and note that there is a potential for concomitant therapy since postmarketing experience with other drug products has shown concomitant therapy to be a common type of error when an active ingredient is marketed under two or more names.<sup>h</sup> However, given these products will have different indications, strengths, dosages, and presentations, managing them under separate names may decrease the likelihood of confusion. Therefore, we do not object to the use of a dual proprietary name in this case. Any residual risk may be managed through labels and labeling mitigations.

## 2.2.9 COMMUNICATION OF DMEPA'S DETERMINATION

On June 13, 2024, DMEPA 1 communicated our determination to the Division of General Endocrinology (DGE).

## 3 CONCLUSION

The proposed proprietary name, Bomynta, is conditionally acceptable.

If you have any questions or need clarifications, please contact Deveonne Hamilton-Stokes, OSE project manager, at 301-796-2253.

### 3.1 COMMENTS TO FRESENIUS KABI USA, LLC

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

If any of the proposed product characteristics as stated in your submission, received on March 25, 2024, are altered prior to approval of the marketing application, the proprietary name must be resubmitted for review.

<sup>h</sup> The Institute for Safe Medication Practices. "Revatio=Sildenafil=Viagra". January 2009

## 4 REFERENCES

### 1. *United States Adopted Names (USAN) Stems*

USAN Stems List contains all the recognized USAN stems, available at <https://www.ama-assn.org/about/united-states-adopted-names/united-states-adopted-names-approved-stems>.

### 2. *Phonetic and Orthographic Computer Analysis (POCA)*

POCA is a system that FDA designed. As part of the name similarity assessment, POCA is used to evaluate proposed names via a phonetic and orthographic algorithm. The proposed proprietary name is converted into its phonemic representation before it runs through the phonetic algorithm. Likewise, an orthographic algorithm exists that operates in a similar fashion. POCA is publicly accessible.

### *Drugs@FDA*

Drugs@FDA is an FDA Web site that contains most of the drug products approved in the United States since 1939. The majority of labels, approval letters, reviews, and other information are available for drug products approved from 1998 to the present. Drugs@FDA contains official information about FDA-approved brand name and generic drugs; therapeutic biological products, prescription and over-the-counter human drugs; and discontinued drugs (see Drugs@FDA Glossary of Terms, available at <https://www.fda.gov/drugs/drug-approvals-and-databases/drugsfda-glossary-terms>).

### *RxNorm*

RxNorm contains the names of prescription and many OTC drugs available in the United States. RxNorm includes generic and branded:

- Clinical drugs – pharmaceutical products given to (or taken by) a patient with therapeutic or diagnostic intent
- Drug packs – packs that contain multiple drugs, or drugs designed to be administered in a specified sequence

Radiopharmaceuticals, contrast media, food, dietary supplements, and medical devices, such as bandages and crutches, are all out of scope for RxNorm (<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/research/umls/rxnorm/overview.html>).

### *Purple Book*

The Purple Book is an online database that contains information about biological products, including biosimilar and interchangeable biological products, licensed (approved) by the FDA under the Public Health Service (PHS) Act. See Purple Book: Lists of Licensed Biological Products with Reference Product Exclusivity and Biosimilarity or Interchangeability Evaluations, available at <https://www.fda.gov/drugs/therapeutic-biologics-applications-bla/purple-book-lists-licensed-biological-products-reference-product-exclusivity-and-biosimilarity-or>.

### *Division of Medication Errors Prevention and Analysis pending proprietary name requests*

This is a list of proposed and pending names that is generated by the Division of Medication Error Prevention and Analysis.

## 5 APPENDICES

### APPENDIX A. FDA'S PROPRIETARY NAME RISK ASSESSMENT EVALUATES PROPOSED PROPRIETARY NAMES FOR MISBRANDING AND SAFETY CONCERNS

1. **Misbranding Assessment:** For prescription drug products, the Office of Prescription Drug Promotion (OPDP) assesses the name for misbranding concerns. For over-the-counter (OTC) drug products, the misbranding assessment of the proposed name is conducted by the Office of Non-Prescription Drugs (ONPD). OPDP or ONPD evaluates proposed proprietary names to determine if the name is false or misleading, such as by making misrepresentations with respect to safety or efficacy. For example, a fanciful proprietary name may misbrand a product by suggesting that it has some unique effectiveness or composition when it does not (21 CFR 201.10(c)(3)). OPDP or ONPD provides their opinion to DMEPA for consideration in the overall acceptability of the proposed proprietary name.
2. **Safety Assessment:** The safety assessment is conducted by DMEPA, and includes the following:
  - a. **Preliminary Assessment:** We consider inclusion of USAN stems or other characteristics that when incorporated into a proprietary name may cause or contribute to medication errors (i.e., dosing interval, dosage form/route of administration, medical or product name abbreviations, names that include or suggest the composition of the drug product, etc.) See prescreening checklist below in Table 4\*. DMEPA defines a medication error as any preventable event that may cause or lead to inappropriate medication use or patient harm while the medication is in the control of the health care professional, patient, or consumer.<sup>i</sup>

| *Table 4. Prescreening Checklist for Proposed Proprietary Name                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Answer the questions in the checklist below. Affirmative answers to any of these questions indicate a potential area of concern that should be carefully evaluated as described in this guidance. |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Y/N                                                                                                                                                                                               | <b>Is the proposed name obviously similar in spelling and pronunciation to other names?</b>                                                                                                                                                       |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Proprietary names should not be similar in spelling or pronunciation to proprietary names, established names, or ingredients of other products.                                                                                                   |
| Y/N                                                                                                                                                                                               | <b>Are there inert or inactive ingredients referenced in the proprietary name?</b>                                                                                                                                                                |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Proprietary names should not incorporate any reference to an inert or inactive ingredient in a way that might create an impression that the ingredient's value is greater than its true functional role in the formulation (21 CFR 201.10(c)(4)). |
| Y/N                                                                                                                                                                                               | <b>Does the proprietary name include combinations of active ingredients?</b>                                                                                                                                                                      |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Proprietary names of fixed combination drug products should not include or suggest the name of one or more, but not all, of its active ingredients (see 21 CFR 201.6(b)).                                                                         |
| Y/N                                                                                                                                                                                               | <b>Is there a United States Adopted Name (USAN) stem in the proprietary name?</b>                                                                                                                                                                 |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Proprietary names should not incorporate a USAN stem in the position that USAN designates for the stem.                                                                                                                                           |

<sup>i</sup> National Coordinating Council for Medication Error Reporting and Prevention. <https://www.nccmerp.org/about-medication-errors>. Last accessed 10/05/2020.

| *Table 4. Prescreening Checklist for Proposed Proprietary Name                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                 |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Answer the questions in the checklist below. Affirmative answers to any of these questions indicate a potential area of concern that should be carefully evaluated as described in this guidance. |                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Y/N                                                                                                                                                                                               | Is this proprietary name used for another product that does not share at least one common active ingredient?                                                    |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Drug products that do not contain at least one common active ingredient should not use the same (root) proprietary name.                                        |
| Y/N                                                                                                                                                                                               | Is this a proprietary name of a discontinued product?                                                                                                           |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Proprietary names should not use the proprietary name of a discontinued product if that discontinued drug product does not contain the same active ingredients. |

b. Phonetic and Orthographic Computer Analysis (POCA): Following the preliminary screening of the proposed proprietary name, DMEPA staff evaluates the proposed name against potentially similar names. In order to identify names with potential similarity to the proposed proprietary name, DMEPA enters the proposed proprietary name in POCA and queries the name against the following drug reference databases, Drugs@FDA, Cerner RxNorm, Purple Book, and names in the review pipeline using a 55% threshold in POCA. DMEPA reviews the combined orthographic and phonetic matches and group the names into one of the following three categories:

- Highly similar pair: combined match percentage score  $\geq 70\%$ .
- Moderately similar pair: combined match percentage score  $\geq 55\%$  to  $\leq 69\%$ .
- Low similarity: combined match percentage score  $\leq 54\%$ .

Using the criteria outlined in the check list (Table 5-7) that corresponds to each of the three categories (highly similar pair, moderately similar pair, and low similarity), DMEPA evaluates the name pairs to determine the acceptability or non-acceptability of a proposed proprietary name. The intent of these checklists is to increase the transparency and predictability of the safety determination of whether a proposed name is vulnerable to confusion from a look-alike or sound-alike perspective. Each bullet below corresponds to the name similarity category cross-references the respective table that addresses criteria that DMEPA uses to determine whether a name presents a safety concern from a look-alike or sound-alike perspective.

- For highly similar names, differences in product characteristics often cannot mitigate the risk of a medication error, including product differences such as strength and dose. Thus, proposed proprietary names that have a combined score of  $\geq 70$  percent are at risk for a look-alike sound-alike confusion which is an area of concern (See Table 5).
- Moderately similar names are further evaluated to identify the presence of attributes that are known to cause name confusion.
  - o Name attributes: We note that the beginning of the drug name plays a significant role in contributing to confusion. Additionally, drug name pairs that start with the same first letter and contain a shared letter string of at least 3 letters in both names are major contributing factor in

the confusion of drug names<sup>j</sup>. We evaluate all moderately similar names retrieved from POCA to identify the above attributes. These names are further evaluated to identify overlapping or similar strengths or doses.

- o Product attributes: Moderately similar names of products that have overlapping or similar strengths or doses represent an area for concern for FDA. The dose and strength information is often located in close proximity to the drug name itself on prescriptions and medication orders, and the information can be an important factor that either increases or decreases the potential for confusion between similarly named drug pairs. The ability of other product characteristics to mitigate confusion (e.g., route, frequency, dosage form) may be limited when the strength or dose overlaps. DMEPA reviews such names further, to determine whether sufficient differences exist to prevent confusion. (See Table 6).
  - Names with low similarity that have no overlap or similarity in strength and dose are generally acceptable (See Table 7) unless there are data to suggest that the name might be vulnerable to confusion (e.g., prescription simulation study suggests that the name is likely to be misinterpreted as a marketed product). In these instances, we would reassign a low similarity name to the moderate similarity category and review according to the moderately similar name pair checklist.
- c. FDA Prescription Simulation Studies: DMEPA also conducts prescription simulation studies using FDA health care professionals.

Four separate studies are conducted within the Centers of the FDA for the proposed proprietary name to determine the degree of confusion of the proposed proprietary name with marketed U.S. drug names (proprietary and established) due to similarity in visual appearance with handwritten prescriptions, verbal pronunciation of the drug name or during computerized provider order entry. The studies employ healthcare professionals (pharmacists, physicians, and nurses), and attempts to simulate the prescription ordering process. The primary Safety Evaluator uses the results to identify vulnerability of the proposed name to be misinterpreted by healthcare practitioners during written, verbal, or electronic prescribing.

In order to evaluate the potential for misinterpretation of the proposed proprietary name during written, verbal, or electronic prescribing of the name, written inpatient medication orders, written outpatient prescriptions, verbal orders, and electronic orders are simulated, each consisting of a combination of marketed and unapproved drug products, including the proposed name.
- d. Comments from Other Review Disciplines: DMEPA requests the Office of New Drugs (OND), Office of Generic Drugs (OGD), and/or Office of Pharmaceutical Quality (OPQ) for their comments or concerns with the proposed proprietary name, ask for any clinical issues that may impact the DMEPA review during the initial phase of the name review. Additionally, when applicable, at the same time DMEPA requests concurrence/non-

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<sup>j</sup> Shah, M, Merchant, L, Characteristics That May Help in the Identification of Potentially Confusing Proprietary Drug Names. Therapeutic Innovation & Regulatory Science, September 2016

concurrence with OPDP's decision on the name. The primary Safety Evaluator addresses any comments or concerns in the Safety Evaluator's assessment.

The OND/OGD Regulatory Division is contacted a second time following our analysis of the proposed proprietary name. At this point, DMEPA conveys their decision to accept or reject the name.

Additionally, other review disciplines opinions such as OPQ may be considered depending on the proposed proprietary name.

When provided, DMEPA considers external proprietary name studies conducted by or for the Applicant/Sponsor and incorporates the findings of these studies into the overall risk assessment.

The DMEPA primary Safety Evaluator assigned to evaluate the proposed proprietary name is responsible for considering the collective findings, and provides an overall risk assessment of the proposed proprietary name.

| Table 5. Highly Similar Name Pair Checklist (i.e., combined Orthographic and Phonetic score is $\geq$ 70%).                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                         |                    |                                                                                                        |
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| Answer the questions in the checklist below. Affirmative answers to some of these questions suggest that the pattern of orthographic or phonetic differences in the names may render the names less likely to confusion, provided that the pair does not share a common strength or dose. |                                                                                                                                                                                         |                    |                                                                                                        |
| Orthographic Checklist                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                         | Phonetic Checklist |                                                                                                        |
| Y/N                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Do the names begin with different first letters?<br><i>Note that even when names begin with different first letters, certain letters may be confused with each other when scripted.</i> | Y/N                | Do the names have different number of syllables?                                                       |
| Y/N                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Are the lengths of the names dissimilar* when scripted?<br><i>*FDA considers the length of names different if the names differ by two or more letters.</i>                              | Y/N                | Do the names have different syllabic stresses?                                                         |
| Y/N                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Considering variations in scripting of some letters (such as z and f), is there a different number or placement of upstroke/downstroke letters present in the names?                    | Y/N                | Do the syllables have different phonologic processes, such vowel reduction, assimilation, or deletion? |
| Y/N                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Is there different number or placement of cross-stroke or dotted letters present in the names?                                                                                          | Y/N                | Across a range of dialects, are the names consistently pronounced differently?                         |
| Y/N                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Do the infixes of the name appear dissimilar when scripted?                                                                                                                             |                    |                                                                                                        |
| Y/N                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Do the suffixes of the names appear dissimilar when scripted?                                                                                                                           |                    |                                                                                                        |

| Table 6: Moderately Similar Name Pair Checklist (i.e., combined score is $\geq 55\%$ to $\leq 69\%$ ). |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
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| Step 1                                                                                                 | <p>Review the DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION and HOW SUPPLIED/STORAGE AND HANDLING sections of the prescribing information (or for OTC drugs refer to the Drug Facts label) to determine if strengths and doses of the name pair overlap or are very similar. Different strengths and doses for products whose names are moderately similar may decrease the risk of confusion between the moderately similar name pairs. Name pairs that have overlapping or similar strengths or doses have a higher potential for confusion and should be evaluated further (see Step 2). Because the strength or dose could be used to express an order or prescription for a particular drug product, overlap in one or both of these components would be reason for further evaluation.</p> <p>For single strength products, also consider circumstances where the strength may not be expressed.</p> <p>For any i.e., drug products comprised of more than one active ingredient, consider whether the strength or dose may be expressed using only one of the components.</p> <p>To determine whether the strengths or doses are similar to your proposed product, consider the following list of factors that may increase confusion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alternative expressions of dose: 5 mL may be listed in the prescribing information, but the dose may be expressed in metric weight (e.g., 500 mg) or in non-metric units (e.g., 1 tsp, 1 tablet/capsule). Similarly, a strength or dose of 1000 mg may be expressed, in practice, as 1 g, or vice versa.</li> <li>• Trailing or deleting zeros: 10 mg is similar in appearance to 100 mg which may potentiate confusion between a name pair with moderate similarity.</li> <li>• Similar sounding doses: 15 mg is similar in sound to 50 mg</li> </ul> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Step 2                                                                                                 | <p>Answer the questions in the checklist below. Affirmative answers to some of these questions suggest that the pattern of orthographic or phonetic differences in the names may reduce the likelihood of confusion for moderately similar names with overlapping or similar strengths or doses.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|                                                                                                        | <p>Orthographic Checklist (Y/N to each question)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do the names begin with different first letters?</li> <li>• Note that even when names begin with different first letters, certain letters may be confused with each other when scripted.</li> <li>• Are the lengths of the names dissimilar* when scripted?</li> <li>• *FDA considers the length of names different if the names differ by two or more letters.</li> <li>• Considering variations in scripting of some letters (such as z and f), is there a different number or</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <p>Phonetic Checklist (Y/N to each question)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do the names have different number of syllables?</li> <li>• Do the names have different syllabic stresses?</li> <li>• Do the syllables have different phonologic processes, such vowel reduction, assimilation, or deletion?</li> <li>• Across a range of dialects, are the names consistently pronounced differently?</li> </ul> |

**Table 6: Moderately Similar Name Pair Checklist (i.e., combined score is  $\geq 55\%$  to  $\leq 69\%$ ).**

|  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |  |
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|  | <p>placement of upstroke/downstroke letters present in the names?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is there different number or placement of cross-stroke or dotted letters present in the names?</li> <li>• Do the infixes of the name appear dissimilar when scripted?</li> <li>• Do the suffixes of the names appear dissimilar when scripted?</li> </ul> |  |
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**Table 7. Low Similarity Name Pair Checklist (i.e., combined score is  $\leq 54\%$ ).**

Names with low similarity are generally acceptable unless there are data to suggest that the name might be vulnerable to confusion (e.g., prescription simulation study suggests that the name is likely to be misinterpreted as a marketed product). In these instances, we would reassign a low similarity name to the moderate similarity category and review according to the moderately similar name pair checklist.

## APPENDIX B. PRESCRIPTION SIMULATION SAMPLES AND RESULTS

Figure 1. Bomynta Study (Conducted on 4/5/2024)

| Handwritten Medication Order Prescription                                                                                        | Verbal Prescription                                                                    |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <p><u>Medication Order:</u></p> <p><i>Bomynta Inject 120 mg subcutaneously today</i></p>                                         | <p>Bomynta<br/>Inject 120 mg subcutaneously once every 4 weeks<br/>Dispense 1 vial</p> |
| <p><u>Outpatient Prescription:</u></p> <p><i>Bomynta<br/>Inject 120 mg subcutaneously<br/>once every 4 weeks<br/>#1 vial</i></p> |                                                                                        |
| <p>CPOE Study Sample (displayed as sans-serif, 12-point, bold font)</p> <p><b>Bomynta</b></p>                                    |                                                                                        |

| FDA Prescription Simulation Responses (Aggregate Report) |           |            |       |      |       |
|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------|------------|-------|------|-------|
| Study Name: Bomynta                                      |           |            |       |      |       |
| People Received Study: 173                               |           |            |       |      |       |
| People Responded: 86                                     |           |            |       |      |       |
| Total                                                    | 19        | 24         | 22    | 21   | 86    |
| INTERPRETATION                                           | INPATIENT | OUTPATIENT | VOICE | CPOE | TOTAL |
| BOMENTRA                                                 | 0         | 0          | 6     | 0    | 6     |
| BOMEYUTRA                                                | 0         | 1          | 0     | 0    | 1     |
| BOMINTRA                                                 | 0         | 0          | 7     | 0    | 7     |
| BOMYNTRA                                                 | 18        | 21         | 1     | 21   | 61    |
| BOMYRTRA                                                 | 0         | 1          | 0     | 0    | 1     |
| BOMYTRA                                                  | 0         | 1          | 0     | 0    | 1     |
| BONMENTRA                                                | 0         | 0          | 1     | 0    | 1     |
| BONYNTRA                                                 | 1         | 0          | 0     | 0    | 1     |
| BOWMENTRA                                                | 0         | 0          | 1     | 0    | 1     |
| BOWMINTRA                                                | 0         | 0          | 1     | 0    | 1     |
| FOMENTRA                                                 | 0         | 0          | 1     | 0    | 1     |
| OMENTRA                                                  | 0         | 0          | 1     | 0    | 1     |
| OMINTRA                                                  | 0         | 0          | 1     | 0    | 1     |
| VALMINTRA                                                | 0         | 0          | 1     | 0    | 1     |
| VOMENTRA                                                 | 0         | 0          | 1     | 0    | 1     |

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APPENDIX C. HIGHLY SIMILAR NAMES (e.g., combined POCA score is **≥70%**)

| No. | Proposed name: Bomynta<br>Pronunciation: boe min' trah<br>Established name: denosumab-xxxx<br>Dosage form: injection<br>Strength(s): 120 mg/1.7 mL (70 mg/mL)<br>Dosage: 120 mg every 4 weeks | POCA Score (%) | Orthographic and/or phonetic differences in the names sufficient to prevent confusion<br><br>Other prevention of failure mode expected to minimize the risk of confusion between these two names.                                                                                                  |
|-----|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1.  | Bomynta                                                                                                                                                                                       | 100            | This name is the subject of this review.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 2.  | (b) (4) ***                                                                                                                                                                                   | 74             | The Applicant submitted proposed proprietary name (b) (4) *** under IND (b) (4) which was found unacceptable by DMEPA due to misbranding (OSE# 2022-1044724105 dated December 20, 2022). Subsequently, the proposed proprietary name Attruby*** was found conditionally acceptable for NDA 216540. |
| 3.  | Semintra                                                                                                                                                                                      | 72             | Veterinary product.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

APPENDIX D. MODERATELY SIMILAR NAMES (e.g., combined POCA score is **≥55% to ≤69%**) with no overlap or numerical similarity in Strength and/or Dose

| No. | Name       | POCA Score (%) |
|-----|------------|----------------|
| 1.  | Boy Butter | 58             |

APPENDIX E. MODERATELY SIMILAR NAMES (e.g., combined POCA score is  $\geq 55\%$  to  $\leq 69\%$ ) with overlap or numerical similarity in Strength and/or Dose

| No. | Proposed name: Bomynta<br>Pronunciation: boe min' trah<br>Established name: denosumab-xxxx<br>Dosage form: injection<br>Strength(s): 120 mg/1.7 mL (70 mg/mL)<br>Dosage: 120 mg every 4 weeks | POCA Score (%) | Prevention of Failure Mode<br><br>In the conditions outlined below, the following combination of factors, are expected to minimize the risk of confusion between these two names                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|-----|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1.  | Menactra                                                                                                                                                                                      | 68             | This name pair has sufficient orthographic and phonetic differences.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 2.  | Zymfentra                                                                                                                                                                                     | 66             | Orthographically, the name pair begins with different letters (B versus Z), and the prefixes (Bo- versus Zym-) look different when scripted. Additionally, Zymfentra contains the downstroke letter “y” in the second position as opposed to the 4 <sup>th</sup> position in Bomynta providing for additional orthographic difference. Phonetically, the first (“boe” versus “zim”) and second (“min” versus “fen”) syllables of the name pair sound different.                                                                               |
| 3.  | Bontril                                                                                                                                                                                       | 64             | This name pair has sufficient orthographic and phonetic differences.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 4.  | Salyntra                                                                                                                                                                                      | 64             | Orthographically, the name pair begins with different letters (B versus S), and Salyntra contains an additional upstroke letter “l” in the third position which differentiates the name shapes. Phonetically, the first (“boe” versus “sa”) and beginning of the second (“min” versus “lin”) syllables of the name pair sound different. Additionally, the products differ in dosage form (injection versus gel), route of administration (subcutaneous versus topical), and frequency (every 4 weeks versus at night). These characteristics |

| No. | Proposed name: Bomynta<br>Pronunciation: boe min' trah<br>Established name: denosumab-<br>xxxx<br>Dosage form: injection<br>Strength(s): 120 mg/1.7 mL (70<br>mg/mL)<br>Dosage: 120 mg every 4 weeks | POCA<br>Score (%) | Prevention of Failure Mode<br><br>In the conditions outlined below, the<br>following combination of factors, are<br>expected to minimize the risk of<br>confusion between these two names |
|-----|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|     |                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                   | may provide further differentiation if<br>included on a medication order.<br>Thus, in this specific case, the risk of<br>name confusion between this name pair<br>is minimized.           |
| 5.  | Minitran                                                                                                                                                                                             | 63                | This name pair has sufficient orthographic<br>and phonetic differences.                                                                                                                   |
| 6.  | Procentra                                                                                                                                                                                            | 62                | This name pair has sufficient orthographic<br>and phonetic differences.                                                                                                                   |
| 7.  | Soolantra                                                                                                                                                                                            | 62                | This name pair has sufficient orthographic<br>and phonetic differences.                                                                                                                   |
| 8.  | Bosentan                                                                                                                                                                                             | 60                | This name pair has sufficient orthographic<br>and phonetic differences.                                                                                                                   |
| 9.  | Econtra                                                                                                                                                                                              | 60                | This name pair has sufficient orthographic<br>and phonetic differences.                                                                                                                   |
| 10. | Onzetra                                                                                                                                                                                              | 60                | This name pair has sufficient orthographic<br>and phonetic differences.                                                                                                                   |
| 11. | (b) (4) ***                                                                                                                                                                                          | 60                | (b) (4)                                                                                                                                                                                   |

| No. | Proposed name: Bomynta<br>Pronunciation: boe min' trah<br>Established name: denosumab-xxxx<br>Dosage form: injection<br>Strength(s): 120 mg/1.7 mL (70 mg/mL)<br>Dosage: 120 mg every 4 weeks | POCA Score (%) | Prevention of Failure Mode<br><br>In the conditions outlined below, the following combination of factors, are expected to minimize the risk of confusion between these two names |
|-----|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|     |                                                                                                                                                                                               |                | Thus, in this specific case, the risk of name confusion between this name pair is minimized.                                                                                     |
| 12. | Bromanate                                                                                                                                                                                     | 58             | This name pair has sufficient orthographic and phonetic differences.                                                                                                             |
| 13. | Bonjesta                                                                                                                                                                                      | 56             | This name pair has sufficient orthographic and phonetic differences.                                                                                                             |
| 14. | Bromadrine Tr                                                                                                                                                                                 | 56             | This name pair has sufficient orthographic and phonetic differences.                                                                                                             |
| 15. | Bromanyl                                                                                                                                                                                      | 56             | This name pair has sufficient orthographic and phonetic differences.                                                                                                             |
| 16. | Buminate                                                                                                                                                                                      | 56             | This name pair has sufficient orthographic and phonetic differences.                                                                                                             |
| 17. | Copiktra                                                                                                                                                                                      | 56             | This name pair has sufficient orthographic and phonetic differences.                                                                                                             |
| 18. | Fynetra                                                                                                                                                                                       | 56             | This name pair has sufficient orthographic and phonetic differences.                                                                                                             |
| 19. | Novantrone                                                                                                                                                                                    | 56             | This name pair has sufficient orthographic and phonetic differences.                                                                                                             |
| 20. | (b) (4) ***                                                                                                                                                                                   | 56             | This name pair has sufficient orthographic and phonetic differences.                                                                                                             |
| 21. | (b) (4) ***                                                                                                                                                                                   | 56             | This name pair has sufficient orthographic and phonetic differences.                                                                                                             |
| 22. | Benlysta                                                                                                                                                                                      | 55             | This name pair has sufficient orthographic and phonetic differences.                                                                                                             |
| 23. | Broncotron                                                                                                                                                                                    | 55             | This name pair has sufficient orthographic and phonetic differences.                                                                                                             |
| 24. | (b) (4) ***                                                                                                                                                                                   | 55             | This name pair has sufficient orthographic and phonetic differences.                                                                                                             |

| No. | Proposed name: Bomynta<br>Pronunciation: boe min' trah<br>Established name: denosumab-xxxx<br>Dosage form: injection<br>Strength(s): 120 mg/1.7 mL (70 mg/mL)<br>Dosage: 120 mg every 4 weeks | POCA Score (%) | Prevention of Failure Mode<br><br>In the conditions outlined below, the following combination of factors, are expected to minimize the risk of confusion between these two names |
|-----|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 25. | Dabigatran                                                                                                                                                                                    | 55             | This name pair has sufficient orthographic and phonetic differences.                                                                                                             |
| 26. | Gentran 40                                                                                                                                                                                    | 55             | This name pair has sufficient orthographic and phonetic differences.                                                                                                             |
| 27. | Kcentra                                                                                                                                                                                       | 55             | This name pair has sufficient orthographic and phonetic differences.                                                                                                             |
| 28. | Mylanta                                                                                                                                                                                       | 55             | This name pair has sufficient orthographic and phonetic differences.                                                                                                             |
| 29. | Odactra                                                                                                                                                                                       | 55             | This name pair has sufficient orthographic and phonetic differences.                                                                                                             |
| 30. | Omidria                                                                                                                                                                                       | 50             | See FMEA in Section 2.2.4                                                                                                                                                        |

APPENDIX F: LOW SIMILARITY NAMES (e.g., combined POCA score is **≤54%**)

| No. | Name        | POCA Score (%) |
|-----|-------------|----------------|
| 1.  | Mylanta Ar  | 54             |
| 2.  | Brilinta    | 51             |
| 3.  | Oat Bran    | 51             |
| 4.  | Boniva      | 50             |
| 5.  | Natroba     | 50             |
| 6.  | Bromaline   | 40             |
| 7.  | Brimonidine | 36             |
| 8.  | Simvastatin | 31             |

APPENDIX G. Names not likely to be confused or not used in usual practice settings for the reasons described.

| No. | Name         | POCA Score (%) | Failure preventions                                                                                                                                                                    |
|-----|--------------|----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1.  | (b) (4) ***  | 66             | Proposed proprietary name withdrawn by the Applicant. NDA 208424 approved under the proprietary name, GoNitro.                                                                         |
| 2.  | (b) (4) ***  | 66             | Proposed proprietary name for IND 128177 found unacceptable by DMEPA (OSE# 2019-30983314). NDA 213426 approved under the proprietary name Seglantis.                                   |
| 3.  | (b) (4) ***  | 65             | Proposed proprietary name withdrawn by the Applicant. NDA 217785 approved under the proprietary name, Rezdiffra.                                                                       |
| 4.  | Combantrin   | 62             | International product marketed in Australia, Canada, Italy, and other foreign countries.                                                                                               |
| 5.  | Tymtran      | 62             | Brand discontinued with no generic equivalents available. NDA 018296 withdrawn FR effective 03/02/1994.                                                                                |
| 6.  | Brom Tann Pe | 61             | Name identified in RxNorm database. Product is deactivated and no generic equivalents are available.                                                                                   |
| 7.  | Bromatan     | 61             | Name identified in RxNorm database. Product is deactivated and no generic equivalents are available.                                                                                   |
| 8.  | Bonikraft    | 60             | Name identified in RxNorm database. Unable to find product characteristics in commonly used drug databases.                                                                            |
| 9.  | Femintrol    | 60             | Name identified in RxNorm database. Unable to find product characteristics in commonly used drug databases.                                                                            |
| 10. | (b) (4) ***  | 59             | Proposed proprietary name for IND 117038 found unacceptable by DMEPA (OSE# 2017-15536632). BLA 761099 (formerly IND 117038) approved on 06/27/2019 under the proprietary name Zirabev. |
| 11. | (b) (4) ***  | 59             | Proposed proprietary name for IND (b) (4) found to be acceptable (b) (4) however, the application has been inactive since (b) (4).                                                     |
| 12. | Bromanate Af | 58             | Name identified in RxNorm database. Unable to find product characteristics in commonly used drug databases.                                                                            |

| No. | Name        | POCA Score (%) | Failure preventions                                                                                     |
|-----|-------------|----------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 13. | D-Amine-Sr  | 57             | Name identified in RxNorm database. Product is deactivated and no generic equivalents are available.    |
| 14. | Benztrone   | 56             | International product marketed in Italy and the UK.                                                     |
| 15. | Bextra      | 56             | Product withdrawn from the market due to safety concerns.                                               |
| 16. | Bromatapp   | 56             | Name identified in RxNorm database. Product is deactivated and no generic equivalents are available.    |
| 17. | Bromhist Nr | 56             | Name identified in RxNorm database. Product is deactivated and no generic equivalents are available.    |
| 18. | Butatron    | 56             | Veterinary product.                                                                                     |
| 19. | (b) (4) *** | 56             | (b) (4)                                                                                                 |
| 20. | Pentran     | 56             | International product formerly marketed in the United Kingdom.                                          |
| 21. | Vontrol     | 56             | Brand discontinued with no generic equivalents available. NDA 016033 withdrawn FR effective 03/13/2009. |
| 22. | Gentran 70  | 55             | Name identified in RxNorm database. Product is deactivated and no generic equivalents are available.    |

APPENDIX H. Names not likely to be confused due to absence of attributes that are known to cause name confusion<sup>k</sup>.

| No. | Name     | POCA Score (%) |
|-----|----------|----------------|
| 1.  | Monit Sr | 62             |
| 2.  | Gonitro  | 60             |
| 3.  | Tosymra  | 60             |
| 4.  | Domitor  | 58             |

<sup>k</sup> Shah, M, Merchant, L, Chan, I, and Taylor, K. Characteristics That May Help in the Identification of Potentially Confusing Proprietary Drug Names. Therapeutic Innovation & Regulatory Science, September 2016

| No. | Name                | POCA Score (%) |
|-----|---------------------|----------------|
| 5.  | Tevimbra            | 58             |
| 6.  | Somatrem            | 57             |
| 7.  | Fybranta            | 56             |
| 8.  | Menostar            | 56             |
| 9.  | Monistat            | 56             |
| 10. | Monistat 3          | 56             |
| 11. | Monistat 5          | 56             |
| 12. | Monistat 7          | 56             |
| 13. | Monistat-1          | 56             |
| 14. | Oby-Trim            | 56             |
| 15. | Sonapram            | 56             |
| 16. | Trumenba            | 56             |
| 17. | Zyban Sr            | 56             |
| 18. | Comirnaty           | 55             |
| 19. | Comirnaty 2023-2024 | 55             |
| 20. | Dibrom Sr           | 55             |
| 21. | Fentora             | 55             |
| 22. | Omnitrope           | 55             |
| 23. | (b) (4) ***         | 55             |
| 24. | Promacta            | 55             |
| 25. | Terminator          | 55             |

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PROPRIETARY NAME REVIEW

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|-----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| Date of This Review:                                      | May 31, 2024                                                 |
| Application Type and Number:                              | BLA 761398                                                   |
| Product Name, Dosage Form, and Strength:                  | Conexxence (denosumab-xxxx) <sup>a</sup> injection, 60 mg/mL |
| Product Type:                                             | Combination Product (Biologic-Device)                        |
| Rx or OTC:                                                | Prescription (Rx)                                            |
| Applicant/Sponsor Name:                                   | Fresenius Kabi USA, LLC (Fresenius Kabi)                     |
| PNR ID #:                                                 | 2024-1044725698                                              |
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<sup>a</sup> The non-proprietary name suffix for this product has not yet been determined; therefore, the placeholder denosumab-xxxx is used throughout this review to refer to the non-proprietary name and suffix for this product.

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## 1 INTRODUCTION

This review evaluates the proposed proprietary name, Conexxence, from a safety and misbranding perspective. The sources and methods used to evaluate the proposed proprietary name are outlined in the Reference section and Appendix A, respectively. Fresenius Kabi submitted an external name study, conducted by (b) (4)<sup>b</sup>, for this proposed proprietary name.

### 1.1 REGULATORY HISTORY

Fresenius Kabi previously submitted the proposed proprietary name, (b) (4) \*\*\* under IND 145897 on June 16, 2023. However, on December 12, 2023, we found the name, (b) (4) \*\*\* unacceptable due to orthographic similarities and overlapping product characteristics with the pending proprietary name, (b) (4) \*\*\*.<sup>c</sup>

Thus, Fresenius Kabi submitted the proposed proprietary name, Conexxence, for review on March 25, 2024 under BLA 761398.

### 1.2 PRODUCT INFORMATION

The following product information is provided in the proprietary name submission received on March 25, 2024<sup>d</sup>, and the prescribing information received on March 25, 2024<sup>e</sup>.

| Table 1. Relevant Product Information for Conexxence |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Intended pronunciation:</b>                       | kon ex' ens                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Nonproprietary name:</b>                          | denosumab-xxxx                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Indication:</b>                                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Treatment of postmenopausal women with osteoporosis at high risk for fracture</li><li>• Treatment to increase bone mass in men with osteoporosis at high risk for fracture</li><li>• Treatment of glucocorticoid-induced osteoporosis in men and women at high risk for fracture</li><li>• Treatment to increase bone mass in men at high risk for fracture receiving androgen deprivation therapy for</li></ul> |

<sup>b</sup> Proprietary Name Safety Summary for CONEXXENCE. (b) (4) 2024 Mar 25. Available from: <\\CDSESUB1\evsprod\BLA761398\0001\m1\us\118-prop-names\proprietary-name-safety-summary-conexxence.pdf>

<sup>c</sup> Rahbani, P. Proprietary Name Review for (b) (4) \*\*\* (IND 145897). Silver Spring (MD): FDA, CDER, OSE, DMEPA 1 (US); 2023 Dec 12. PNR ID No. 2023-1044725193.

<sup>d</sup> Request for Proprietary Name Review for Conexxence (BLA 761398). Lake Zurich (IL): Fresenius Kabi USA, LLC; 2024 Mar 25. Available from: <\\CDSESUB1\evsprod\BLA761398\0001\m1\us\118-prop-names\proprietary-name-request-conexxence.pdf>

<sup>e</sup> Proposed prescribing information for Conexxence. Lake Zurich (IL): Fresenius Kabi USA, LLC; 2024 Mar 25. Available from: <\\CDSESUB1\evsprod\BLA761398\0001\m1\us\114-labeling\114a-draft-label\draft-labeling-text-uspi-and-medication-guide-1ml-60-mg-pfs.docx>

| Table 1. Relevant Product Information for Conexxence |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                      | <p>nonmetastatic prostate cancer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Treatment to increase bone mass in women at high risk for fracture receiving adjuvant aromatase inhibitor therapy for breast cancer</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Dosage Form:</b>                                  | injection                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Strength:</b>                                     | 60 mg/mL                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Route of administration:</b>                      | Subcutaneous                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Dose and frequency:</b>                           | 60 mg every 6 months                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>How Supplied:</b>                                 | Single-dose prefilled syringe with an automatic clear needle safety guard                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Storage:</b>                                      | Store in a refrigerator at 2°C to 8°C (36°F to 46°F) in the original carton. Do not freeze. Prior to administration, product may be allowed to reach room temperature (up to 25°C/77°F) in the original container. Once removed from the refrigerator, product must not be exposed to temperatures above 25°C/77°F and must be used within (b) (4) days. If not used within (b) (4) days, product should be discarded. Do not use after the expiry date printed on the label. Protect from direct light and heat. Avoid vigorous shaking. |
| <b>Reference Product:</b>                            | Conexxence (denosumab-xxxx) is a proposed interchangeable to US-licensed Reference Product, Prolia (denosumab) BLA 125320                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

## 2 DISCUSSION

The following sections provide information obtained and considered in the overall evaluation of the proposed proprietary name, Conexxence.

### 2.1 MISBRANDING ASSESSMENT

The Office of Prescription Drug Promotion (OPDP) determined that Conexxence would not misbrand the proposed product. The Division of Medication Error Prevention and Analysis 1 (DMEPA 1) concurred with the findings of OPDP's assessment for Conexxence. The Division of General Endocrinology (DGE) concurred with the findings of OPDP's assessment for Conexxence.

### 2.2 SAFETY ASSESSMENT

The following aspects were considered in the safety evaluation of the proposed proprietary name, Conexxence.

### 2.2.1 UNITED STATES ADOPTED NAMES (USAN) SEARCH

There is no USAN stem present in the proposed proprietary name.<sup>f</sup>

### 2.2.2 COMPONENTS OF THE PROPOSED PROPRIETARY NAME

Fresenius Kabi did not provide a derivation or intended meaning for the proposed proprietary name, Conexence, in their submission. The proposed proprietary name, Conexence, is comprised of a single word that contains the medical abbreviation for “extra strength” (i.e., “EX”) within the name. Although we typically discourage the incorporation of medical abbreviations in proprietary names, we determined that the location of the abbreviation “ex” within the proposed proprietary name is unlikely to be separated from the surrounding letters in a manner that could lead to a medication error. Thus, we conclude that the abbreviation “ex” in the name is acceptable. There were no additional components of the name that are misleading or can contribute to medication error.

### 2.2.3 COMMENTS FROM OTHER REVIEW DISCIPLINES AT INITIAL REVIEW

On May 2, 2024, the Division of General Endocrinology (DGE) did not forward any comments or concerns relating to Conexence at the initial phase of the review.

### 2.2.4 FDA PRESCRIPTION SIMULATION STUDIES

Eighty-six (86) practitioners participated in DMEPA’s prescription simulation studies for Conexence. The responses did not overlap with any currently marketed products nor did the responses sound or look similar to any currently marketed products or any products in the pipeline. Appendix B contains the results from the prescription simulation studies.

### 2.2.5 PHONETIC AND ORTHOGRAPHIC COMPUTER ANALYSIS (POCA) SEARCH RESULTS

Our POCA search<sup>g</sup> identified 50 names with a combined phonetic and orthographic score of  $\geq 55\%$  or an individual phonetic or orthographic score  $\geq 70\%$ . These names are included in Table 2 below.

### 2.2.6 NAMES RETRIEVED FOR REVIEW ORGANIZED BY NAME PAIR SIMILARITY

Table 2 provides the number of names retrieved from our POCA search and the (b) (4) external study. These name pairs are organized as highly similar, moderately similar, or low similarity for further evaluation.

| Table 2. Names Retrieved for Review Organized by Name Pair Similarity    |                 |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Similarity Category                                                      | Number of Names |
| Highly similar name pair:<br>combined match percentage score $\geq 70\%$ | 1               |

<sup>f</sup> USAN stem search conducted on May 7, 2024.

<sup>g</sup> POCA search conducted on May 7, 2024 in version 5.8.

|                                                                                             |    |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----|
| Moderately similar name pair:<br>combined match percentage score $\geq 55\%$ to $\leq 69\%$ | 38 |
| Low similarity name pair:<br>combined match percentage score $\leq 54\%$                    | 15 |

## 2.2.7 SAFETY ANALYSIS OF NAMES WITH POTENTIAL ORTHOGRAPHIC, SPELLING, AND PHONETIC SIMILARITIES

Our analysis of the 54 names contained in Table 2 determined none of the names will pose a risk for confusion with Conexxence as described in Appendices C through H.

## 2.2.8 DISCUSSION OF DUAL PROPRIETARY NAME

Fresenius Kabi intends to market denosumab under two different proprietary names: Conexxence (BLA 761398) and Bomynta\*\*\* (BLA 761398). Table 3 compares the two proposed proprietary names and their respective product characteristics.

| Table 3. Relevant Product Information for Conexxence and Bomynta*** |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Product Name                                                        | Conexxence                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Bomynta***                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Initial Approval Date                                               | N/A                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | N/A                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Intended Pronunciation                                              | kon ex' ens                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | boe min' trah                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Nonproprietary Name                                                 | denosumab-xxxx                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Indication                                                          | <p>Treatment of postmenopausal women with osteoporosis at high risk for fracture.</p> <p>Treatment to increase bone mass in men with osteoporosis at high risk for fracture</p> <p>Treatment of glucocorticoid-induced osteoporosis in men and women at high risk for fracture</p> <p>Treatment to increase bone mass in men at high risk for fracture receiving androgen deprivation therapy for nonmetastatic prostate cancer</p> <p>Treatment to increase bone mass in women at high risk for fracture receiving adjuvant</p> | <p>Prevention of skeletal-related events in patients with multiple myeloma and in patients with bone metastases from solid tumors.</p> <p>Treatment of adults and skeletally mature adolescents with giant cell tumor of bone that is unresectable or where surgical resection is likely to result in severe morbidity.</p> <p>Treatment of hypercalcemia of malignancy refractory to bisphosphonate therapy.</p> |

Table 3. Relevant Product Information for Conexxence and Bomynta\*\*\*

| Product Name            | Conexxence                                                                                          | Bomynta***                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                         | aromatase inhibitor therapy for breast cancer                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Route of Administration | subcutaneous                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Dosage Form             | injection                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Strength                | 60 mg/mL                                                                                            | 120 mg/1.7 mL (70 mg/mL)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Dose and Frequency      | 60 mg subcutaneous injection once every 6 months                                                    | <p>Multiple Myeloma and Bone Metastasis from Solid Tumors:<br/>120 mg administered as a subcutaneous injection every 4 weeks.</p> <p>Giant Cell Tumor of Bone:<br/>120 mg administered every 4 weeks with additional 120 mg doses on Days 8 and 15 of the first month of therapy.</p> <p>Hypercalcemia of Malignancy:<br/>120 mg administered every 4 weeks with additional 120 mg doses on Days 8 and 15 of the first month of therapy.</p> |
| How Supplied            | Single-dose prefilled syringe, 1 syringe per carton                                                 | <p>120 mg/1.7 mL single-dose vial, 1 vial per carton</p> <p>120 mg/1.7 mL single-dose prefilled syringe, 1 syringe per carton</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Reference Product       | Proposed interchangeable biosimilar to US-licensed Reference Product, Prolia (denosumab) BLA 125320 | Proposed interchangeable biosimilar to US-licensed Reference Product, Xgeva (denosumab) BLA 125320                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

Applicant did not provide a discussion of the proposal to use a dual proprietary name for this product. However, we note that US-licensed Reference Products (Prolia (denosumab) injection and Xgeva (denosumab) injection) also use a dual proprietary naming strategy.

We evaluated the risks associated with this naming strategy and note that there is a potential for concomitant therapy since postmarketing experience with other drug products has shown concomitant therapy to be a common type of error when an active ingredient is marketed under two or more names.<sup>h</sup> However, given these products will have different indications, strengths, dosages, and presentations, managing them under separate names may decrease the likelihood of confusion. Therefore, we do not object to the use of a dual proprietary name in this case. Any residual risk may be managed through labels and labeling mitigations.

## 2.2.9 COMMUNICATION OF DMEPA'S DETERMINATION

On May 31, 2024, DMEPA 1 communicated our determination to the Division of General Endocrinology (DGE).

## 3 CONCLUSION

The proposed proprietary name, Connexence, is conditionally acceptable.

If you have any questions or need clarifications, please contact Deveonne Hamilton-Stokes, OSE project manager, at 301-796-2253.

### 3.1 COMMENTS TO FRESENIUS KABI USA, LLC

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

If any of the proposed product characteristics as stated in your submission, received on March 25, 2024, are altered prior to approval of the marketing application, the proprietary name must be resubmitted for review.

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<sup>h</sup> The Institute for Safe Medication Practices. "Revatio=Sildenafil=Viagra". January 2009

## 4 REFERENCES

### 1. *United States Adopted Names (USAN) Stems*

USAN Stems List contains all the recognized USAN stems, available at <https://www.ama-assn.org/about/united-states-adopted-names/united-states-adopted-names-approved-stems>.

### 2. *Phonetic and Orthographic Computer Analysis (POCA)*

POCA is a system that FDA designed. As part of the name similarity assessment, POCA is used to evaluate proposed names via a phonetic and orthographic algorithm. The proposed proprietary name is converted into its phonemic representation before it runs through the phonetic algorithm. Likewise, an orthographic algorithm exists that operates in a similar fashion. POCA is publicly accessible.

### *Drugs@FDA*

Drugs@FDA is an FDA Web site that contains most of the drug products approved in the United States since 1939. The majority of labels, approval letters, reviews, and other information are available for drug products approved from 1998 to the present. Drugs@FDA contains official information about FDA-approved brand name and generic drugs; therapeutic biological products, prescription and over-the-counter human drugs; and discontinued drugs (see Drugs@FDA Glossary of Terms, available at <https://www.fda.gov/drugs/drug-approvals-and-databases/drugsfda-glossary-terms>).

### *RxNorm*

RxNorm contains the names of prescription and many OTC drugs available in the United States. RxNorm includes generic and branded:

- Clinical drugs – pharmaceutical products given to (or taken by) a patient with therapeutic or diagnostic intent
- Drug packs – packs that contain multiple drugs, or drugs designed to be administered in a specified sequence

Radiopharmaceuticals, contrast media, food, dietary supplements, and medical devices, such as bandages and crutches, are all out of scope for RxNorm (<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/research/umls/rxnorm/overview.html>).

### *Purple Book*

The Purple Book is an online database that contains information about biological products, including biosimilar and interchangeable biological products, licensed (approved) by the FDA under the Public Health Service (PHS) Act. See Purple Book: Lists of Licensed Biological Products with Reference Product Exclusivity and Biosimilarity or Interchangeability Evaluations, available at <https://www.fda.gov/drugs/therapeutic-biologics-applications-bla/purple-book-lists-licensed-biological-products-reference-product-exclusivity-and-biosimilarity-or>.

### *Division of Medication Errors Prevention and Analysis pending proprietary name requests*

This is a list of proposed and pending names that is generated by the Division of Medication Error Prevention and Analysis.

## 5 APPENDICES

### APPENDIX A. FDA'S PROPRIETARY NAME RISK ASSESSMENT EVALUATES PROPOSED PROPRIETARY NAMES FOR MISBRANDING AND SAFETY CONCERNS

1. **Misbranding Assessment:** For prescription drug products, the Office of Prescription Drug Promotion (OPDP) assesses the name for misbranding concerns. For over-the-counter (OTC) drug products, the misbranding assessment of the proposed name is conducted by the Office of Non-Prescription Drugs (ONPD). OPDP or ONPD evaluates proposed proprietary names to determine if the name is false or misleading, such as by making misrepresentations with respect to safety or efficacy. For example, a fanciful proprietary name may misbrand a product by suggesting that it has some unique effectiveness or composition when it does not (21 CFR 201.10(c)(3)). OPDP or ONPD provides their opinion to DMEPA for consideration in the overall acceptability of the proposed proprietary name.
2. **Safety Assessment:** The safety assessment is conducted by DMEPA, and includes the following:
  - a. **Preliminary Assessment:** We consider inclusion of USAN stems or other characteristics that when incorporated into a proprietary name may cause or contribute to medication errors (i.e., dosing interval, dosage form/route of administration, medical or product name abbreviations, names that include or suggest the composition of the drug product, etc.) See prescreening checklist below in Table 4\*. DMEPA defines a medication error as any preventable event that may cause or lead to inappropriate medication use or patient harm while the medication is in the control of the health care professional, patient, or consumer.<sup>i</sup>

| *Table 4. Prescreening Checklist for Proposed Proprietary Name                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Answer the questions in the checklist below. Affirmative answers to any of these questions indicate a potential area of concern that should be carefully evaluated as described in this guidance. |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Y/N                                                                                                                                                                                               | <b>Is the proposed name obviously similar in spelling and pronunciation to other names?</b>                                                                                                                                                       |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Proprietary names should not be similar in spelling or pronunciation to proprietary names, established names, or ingredients of other products.                                                                                                   |
| Y/N                                                                                                                                                                                               | <b>Are there inert or inactive ingredients referenced in the proprietary name?</b>                                                                                                                                                                |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Proprietary names should not incorporate any reference to an inert or inactive ingredient in a way that might create an impression that the ingredient's value is greater than its true functional role in the formulation (21 CFR 201.10(c)(4)). |
| Y/N                                                                                                                                                                                               | <b>Does the proprietary name include combinations of active ingredients?</b>                                                                                                                                                                      |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Proprietary names of fixed combination drug products should not include or suggest the name of one or more, but not all, of its active ingredients (see 21 CFR 201.6(b)).                                                                         |
| Y/N                                                                                                                                                                                               | <b>Is there a United States Adopted Name (USAN) stem in the proprietary name?</b>                                                                                                                                                                 |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Proprietary names should not incorporate a USAN stem in the position that USAN designates for the stem.                                                                                                                                           |

<sup>i</sup> National Coordinating Council for Medication Error Reporting and Prevention. <https://www.nccmerp.org/about-medication-errors>. Last accessed 10/05/2020.

| *Table 4. Prescreening Checklist for Proposed Proprietary Name                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                 |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Answer the questions in the checklist below. Affirmative answers to any of these questions indicate a potential area of concern that should be carefully evaluated as described in this guidance. |                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Y/N                                                                                                                                                                                               | Is this proprietary name used for another product that does not share at least one common active ingredient?                                                    |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Drug products that do not contain at least one common active ingredient should not use the same (root) proprietary name.                                        |
| Y/N                                                                                                                                                                                               | Is this a proprietary name of a discontinued product?                                                                                                           |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Proprietary names should not use the proprietary name of a discontinued product if that discontinued drug product does not contain the same active ingredients. |

b. Phonetic and Orthographic Computer Analysis (POCA): Following the preliminary screening of the proposed proprietary name, DMEPA staff evaluates the proposed name against potentially similar names. In order to identify names with potential similarity to the proposed proprietary name, DMEPA enters the proposed proprietary name in POCA and queries the name against the following drug reference databases, Drugs@FDA, Cerner RxNorm, Purple Book, and names in the review pipeline using a 55% threshold in POCA. DMEPA reviews the combined orthographic and phonetic matches and group the names into one of the following three categories:

- Highly similar pair: combined match percentage score  $\geq 70\%$ .
- Moderately similar pair: combined match percentage score  $\geq 55\%$  to  $\leq 69\%$ .
- Low similarity: combined match percentage score  $\leq 54\%$ .

Using the criteria outlined in the check list (Table 5-7) that corresponds to each of the three categories (highly similar pair, moderately similar pair, and low similarity), DMEPA evaluates the name pairs to determine the acceptability or non-acceptability of a proposed proprietary name. The intent of these checklists is to increase the transparency and predictability of the safety determination of whether a proposed name is vulnerable to confusion from a look-alike or sound-alike perspective. Each bullet below corresponds to the name similarity category cross-references the respective table that addresses criteria that DMEPA uses to determine whether a name presents a safety concern from a look-alike or sound-alike perspective.

- For highly similar names, differences in product characteristics often cannot mitigate the risk of a medication error, including product differences such as strength and dose. Thus, proposed proprietary names that have a combined score of  $\geq 70$  percent are at risk for a look-alike sound-alike confusion which is an area of concern (See Table 5).
- Moderately similar names are further evaluated to identify the presence of attributes that are known to cause name confusion.
  - o Name attributes: We note that the beginning of the drug name plays a significant role in contributing to confusion. Additionally, drug name pairs that start with the same first letter and contain a shared letter string of at least 3 letters in both names are major contributing factor in

the confusion of drug names<sup>j</sup>. We evaluate all moderately similar names retrieved from POCA to identify the above attributes. These names are further evaluated to identify overlapping or similar strengths or doses.

- o Product attributes: Moderately similar names of products that have overlapping or similar strengths or doses represent an area for concern for FDA. The dose and strength information is often located in close proximity to the drug name itself on prescriptions and medication orders, and the information can be an important factor that either increases or decreases the potential for confusion between similarly named drug pairs. The ability of other product characteristics to mitigate confusion (e.g., route, frequency, dosage form) may be limited when the strength or dose overlaps. DMEPA reviews such names further, to determine whether sufficient differences exist to prevent confusion. (See Table 6).
  - Names with low similarity that have no overlap or similarity in strength and dose are generally acceptable (See Table 7) unless there are data to suggest that the name might be vulnerable to confusion (e.g., prescription simulation study suggests that the name is likely to be misinterpreted as a marketed product). In these instances, we would reassign a low similarity name to the moderate similarity category and review according to the moderately similar name pair checklist.
- c. FDA Prescription Simulation Studies: DMEPA also conducts prescription simulation studies using FDA health care professionals.

Four separate studies are conducted within the Centers of the FDA for the proposed proprietary name to determine the degree of confusion of the proposed proprietary name with marketed U.S. drug names (proprietary and established) due to similarity in visual appearance with handwritten prescriptions, verbal pronunciation of the drug name or during computerized provider order entry. The studies employ healthcare professionals (pharmacists, physicians, and nurses), and attempts to simulate the prescription ordering process. The primary Safety Evaluator uses the results to identify vulnerability of the proposed name to be misinterpreted by healthcare practitioners during written, verbal, or electronic prescribing.

In order to evaluate the potential for misinterpretation of the proposed proprietary name during written, verbal, or electronic prescribing of the name, written inpatient medication orders, written outpatient prescriptions, verbal orders, and electronic orders are simulated, each consisting of a combination of marketed and unapproved drug products, including the proposed name.
- d. Comments from Other Review Disciplines: DMEPA requests the Office of New Drugs (OND), Office of Generic Drugs (OGD), and/or Office of Pharmaceutical Quality (OPQ) for their comments or concerns with the proposed proprietary name, ask for any clinical issues that may impact the DMEPA review during the initial phase of the name review. Additionally, when applicable, at the same time DMEPA requests concurrence/non-

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<sup>j</sup> Shah, M, Merchant, L, Characteristics That May Help in the Identification of Potentially Confusing Proprietary Drug Names. Therapeutic Innovation & Regulatory Science, September 2016

concurrence with OPDP's decision on the name. The primary Safety Evaluator addresses any comments or concerns in the Safety Evaluator's assessment.

The OND/OGD Regulatory Division is contacted a second time following our analysis of the proposed proprietary name. At this point, DMEPA conveys their decision to accept or reject the name.

Additionally, other review disciplines opinions such as OPQ may be considered depending on the proposed proprietary name.

When provided, DMEPA considers external proprietary name studies conducted by or for the Applicant/Sponsor and incorporates the findings of these studies into the overall risk assessment.

The DMEPA primary Safety Evaluator assigned to evaluate the proposed proprietary name is responsible for considering the collective findings, and provides an overall risk assessment of the proposed proprietary name.

| Table 5. Highly Similar Name Pair Checklist (i.e., combined Orthographic and Phonetic score is $\geq$ 70%).                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                         |                    |                                                                                                        |
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| Answer the questions in the checklist below. Affirmative answers to some of these questions suggest that the pattern of orthographic or phonetic differences in the names may render the names less likely to confusion, provided that the pair does not share a common strength or dose. |                                                                                                                                                                                         |                    |                                                                                                        |
| Orthographic Checklist                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                         | Phonetic Checklist |                                                                                                        |
| Y/N                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Do the names begin with different first letters?<br><i>Note that even when names begin with different first letters, certain letters may be confused with each other when scripted.</i> | Y/N                | Do the names have different number of syllables?                                                       |
| Y/N                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Are the lengths of the names dissimilar* when scripted?<br><i>*FDA considers the length of names different if the names differ by two or more letters.</i>                              | Y/N                | Do the names have different syllabic stresses?                                                         |
| Y/N                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Considering variations in scripting of some letters (such as z and f), is there a different number or placement of upstroke/downstroke letters present in the names?                    | Y/N                | Do the syllables have different phonologic processes, such vowel reduction, assimilation, or deletion? |
| Y/N                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Is there different number or placement of cross-stroke or dotted letters present in the names?                                                                                          | Y/N                | Across a range of dialects, are the names consistently pronounced differently?                         |
| Y/N                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Do the infixes of the name appear dissimilar when scripted?                                                                                                                             |                    |                                                                                                        |
| Y/N                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Do the suffixes of the names appear dissimilar when scripted?                                                                                                                           |                    |                                                                                                        |

| Table 6: Moderately Similar Name Pair Checklist (i.e., combined score is $\geq 55\%$ to $\leq 69\%$ ). |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
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| Step 1                                                                                                 | <p>Review the DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION and HOW SUPPLIED/STORAGE AND HANDLING sections of the prescribing information (or for OTC drugs refer to the Drug Facts label) to determine if strengths and doses of the name pair overlap or are very similar. Different strengths and doses for products whose names are moderately similar may decrease the risk of confusion between the moderately similar name pairs. Name pairs that have overlapping or similar strengths or doses have a higher potential for confusion and should be evaluated further (see Step 2). Because the strength or dose could be used to express an order or prescription for a particular drug product, overlap in one or both of these components would be reason for further evaluation.</p> <p>For single strength products, also consider circumstances where the strength may not be expressed.</p> <p>For any i.e., drug products comprised of more than one active ingredient, consider whether the strength or dose may be expressed using only one of the components.</p> <p>To determine whether the strengths or doses are similar to your proposed product, consider the following list of factors that may increase confusion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alternative expressions of dose: 5 mL may be listed in the prescribing information, but the dose may be expressed in metric weight (e.g., 500 mg) or in non-metric units (e.g., 1 tsp, 1 tablet/capsule). Similarly, a strength or dose of 1000 mg may be expressed, in practice, as 1 g, or vice versa.</li> <li>• Trailing or deleting zeros: 10 mg is similar in appearance to 100 mg which may potentiate confusion between a name pair with moderate similarity.</li> <li>• Similar sounding doses: 15 mg is similar in sound to 50 mg</li> </ul> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Step 2                                                                                                 | <p>Answer the questions in the checklist below. Affirmative answers to some of these questions suggest that the pattern of orthographic or phonetic differences in the names may reduce the likelihood of confusion for moderately similar names with overlapping or similar strengths or doses.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|                                                                                                        | <p>Orthographic Checklist (Y/N to each question)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do the names begin with different first letters?</li> <li>• Note that even when names begin with different first letters, certain letters may be confused with each other when scripted.</li> <li>• Are the lengths of the names dissimilar* when scripted?</li> <li>• *FDA considers the length of names different if the names differ by two or more letters.</li> <li>• Considering variations in scripting of some letters (such as z and f), is there a different number or</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <p>Phonetic Checklist (Y/N to each question)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do the names have different number of syllables?</li> <li>• Do the names have different syllabic stresses?</li> <li>• Do the syllables have different phonologic processes, such vowel reduction, assimilation, or deletion?</li> <li>• Across a range of dialects, are the names consistently pronounced differently?</li> </ul> |

**Table 6: Moderately Similar Name Pair Checklist (i.e., combined score is  $\geq 55\%$  to  $\leq 69\%$ ).**

|  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |  |
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|  | <p>placement of upstroke/downstroke letters present in the names?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is there different number or placement of cross-stroke or dotted letters present in the names?</li> <li>• Do the infixes of the name appear dissimilar when scripted?</li> <li>• Do the suffixes of the names appear dissimilar when scripted?</li> </ul> |  |
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**Table 7. Low Similarity Name Pair Checklist (i.e., combined score is  $\leq 54\%$ ).**

Names with low similarity are generally acceptable unless there are data to suggest that the name might be vulnerable to confusion (e.g., prescription simulation study suggests that the name is likely to be misinterpreted as a marketed product). In these instances, we would reassign a low similarity name to the moderate similarity category and review according to the moderately similar name pair checklist.

## APPENDIX B. PRESCRIPTION SIMULATION SAMPLES AND RESULTS

Figure 1. Conexence Study (Conducted on 4/5/2024)

| Handwritten Medication Order Prescription                                                                                                                           | Verbal Prescription                                                                                                   |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <p><u>Medication Order:</u></p> <p><i>Conexence Inject 60mg subcutaneously today</i></p>                                                                            | <p>Conexence<br/>Inject 60 mg<br/>subcutaneously<br/>once every 6<br/>months<br/>Dispense 1<br/>prefilled syringe</p> |
| <p><u>Outpatient Prescription:</u></p> <p><i>Conexence</i><br/><i>Inject 60mg subcutaneously</i><br/><i>once every 6 months</i><br/><i>#1 prefilled syringe</i></p> |                                                                                                                       |
| CPOE Study Sample (displayed as sans-serif, 12-point, bold font)                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Conexence</b>                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                       |

| FDA Prescription Simulation Responses (Aggregate Report) |           |            |       |      |       |
|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------|------------|-------|------|-------|
| Study Name: Conexence                                    |           |            |       |      |       |
| People Received Study: 173                               |           |            |       |      |       |
| People Responded: 86                                     |           |            |       |      |       |
| Total                                                    | 19        | 24         | 22    | 21   | 86    |
| INTERPRETATION                                           | INPATIENT | OUTPATIENT | VOICE | CPOE | TOTAL |
| CONESSENCE                                               | 0         | 0          | 1     | 0    | 1     |
| CONXCENCE                                                | 0         | 0          | 1     | 0    | 1     |
| CONEXENCE                                                | 0         | 0          | 2     | 0    | 2     |
| CONEXENSE                                                | 0         | 0          | 1     | 0    | 1     |
| CONEXINCE                                                | 0         | 0          | 1     | 0    | 1     |
| CONEXINSE                                                | 0         | 0          | 1     | 0    | 1     |
| CONEXSANCE                                               | 0         | 0          | 1     | 0    | 1     |
| CONEXSENCE                                               | 0         | 0          | 1     | 0    | 1     |
| CONEXSENSE                                               | 0         | 0          | 1     | 0    | 1     |
| CONEXSINCE                                               | 0         | 0          | 1     | 0    | 1     |
| CONEXUNCE                                                | 0         | 0          | 1     | 0    | 1     |

|                           |    |    |   |    |    |
|---------------------------|----|----|---|----|----|
| CONEXUS                   | 0  | 0  | 1 | 0  | 1  |
| CONEXXENCE                | 19 | 24 | 1 | 21 | 65 |
| CONNECSENSE               | 0  | 0  | 1 | 0  | 1  |
| CONNEXANCE                | 0  | 0  | 1 | 0  | 1  |
| CONNEXSENCE               | 0  | 0  | 1 | 0  | 1  |
| CONNEXSIS                 | 0  | 0  | 1 | 0  | 1  |
| CORNEXSINS                | 0  | 0  | 1 | 0  | 1  |
| HONEXUSS                  | 0  | 0  | 1 | 0  | 1  |
| KONECYN PREFILLED SYRINGE | 0  | 0  | 1 | 0  | 1  |
| KONEXSINCE                | 0  | 0  | 1 | 0  | 1  |

APPENDIX C. HIGHLY SIMILAR NAMES (e.g., combined POCA score is  $\geq 70\%$ )

| No. | Proposed name: Conexxence<br>Pronunciation: kon ex' ens<br>Established name: denosumab-xxxx<br>Dosage form: injection<br>Strength(s): 60 mg/mL<br>Dosage: 60 mg every 6 months | POCA Score (%) | Orthographic and/or phonetic differences in the names sufficient to prevent confusion<br><br>Other prevention of failure mode expected to minimize the risk of confusion between these two names. |
|-----|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1.  | Conexxence                                                                                                                                                                     | 100            | This name is the subject of this review.                                                                                                                                                          |

APPENDIX D. MODERATELY SIMILAR NAMES (e.g., combined POCA score is  $\geq 55\%$  to  $\leq 69\%$ ) with no overlap or numerical similarity in Strength and/or Dose

| No. | Name     | POCA Score (%) |
|-----|----------|----------------|
| 1.  | Consensi | 58             |
| 2.  | Copaxone | 56             |

APPENDIX E. MODERATELY SIMILAR NAMES (e.g., combined POCA score is  $\geq 55\%$  to  $\leq 69\%$ ) with overlap or numerical similarity in Strength and/or Dose

| No. | Proposed name: Conexxence<br>Pronunciation: kon ex' ens<br>Established name: denosumab-xxxx<br>Dosage form: injection<br>Strength(s): 60 mg/mL<br>Dosage: 60 mg every 6 months | POCA Score (%) | Prevention of Failure Mode<br><br>In the conditions outlined below, the following combination of factors, are expected to minimize the risk of confusion between these two names |
|-----|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1.  | (b) (4) ***                                                                                                                                                                    | 61             | This name pair has sufficient orthographic and phonetic differences.                                                                                                             |
| 2.  | Onexton                                                                                                                                                                        | 59             | This name pair has sufficient orthographic and phonetic differences.                                                                                                             |
| 3.  | Avonex Pen                                                                                                                                                                     | 58             | This name pair has sufficient orthographic and phonetic differences.                                                                                                             |
| 4.  | Conex                                                                                                                                                                          | 58             | Orthographically, the name pair differs significantly in length (10 letters vs 5 letters).                                                                                       |

| No. | Proposed name: Conexxence<br>Pronunciation: kon ex' ens<br>Established name: denosumab-xxxx<br>Dosage form: injection<br>Strength(s): 60 mg/mL<br>Dosage: 60 mg every 6 months | POCA Score (%) | Prevention of Failure Mode<br><br>In the conditions outlined below, the following combination of factors, are expected to minimize the risk of confusion between these two names                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|-----|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|     |                                                                                                                                                                                |                | <p>Phonetically, Conexxence contains an additional third syllable, “ens”, which provides differentiation.</p> <p>Additionally, the products differ in dosage form (injection versus tablets or solution), route of administration (subcutaneous versus oral), frequency (every 6 months versus every 4-6 hours as needed), and indication (osteoporosis versus cold and allergy symptoms). These characteristics may provide further differentiation if included on a medication order.</p> <p>Thus, in this specific case, the risk of name confusion between this name pair is minimized.</p> |
| 5.  | Nexiclon Xr                                                                                                                                                                    | 58             | This name pair has sufficient orthographic and phonetic differences.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 6.  | Protex Balance                                                                                                                                                                 | 58             | This name pair has sufficient orthographic and phonetic differences.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 7.  | Senexon S                                                                                                                                                                      | 58             | <p>Orthographically, the name pair differs in length (10 letters versus 8 letters). Senexon S also contains the “S” modifier, which provides additional orthographic differentiation if included on a prescription.</p> <p>Phonetically, the first syllables (“kon” versus “sen”) sound different. The modifier for Senexon S also provides an additional fourth syllable, “ess”, if included when spoken.</p> <p>Additionally, the products differ in dosage form (injection versus tablets), route of administration (subcutaneous versus oral), frequency (every 6 months versus</p>         |

| No. | Proposed name: Conexence<br>Pronunciation: kon ex' ens<br>Established name: denosumab-xxxx<br>Dosage form: injection<br>Strength(s): 60 mg/mL<br>Dosage: 60 mg every 6 months | POCA Score (%) | Prevention of Failure Mode<br><br>In the conditions outlined below, the following combination of factors, are expected to minimize the risk of confusion between these two names                                                                                                                  |
|-----|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|     |                                                                                                                                                                               |                | once daily until bowel movements are normal), and indication (osteoporosis versus constipation). These characteristics may provide further differentiation if included on a medication order.<br><br>Thus, in this specific case, the risk of name confusion between this name pair is minimized. |
| 8.  | Ctx3 Rinse                                                                                                                                                                    | 57             | This name pair has sufficient orthographic and phonetic differences.                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 9.  | Ctx4 Rinse                                                                                                                                                                    | 57             | This name pair has sufficient orthographic and phonetic differences.                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 10. | Vaxneuvance                                                                                                                                                                   | 57             | This name pair has sufficient orthographic and phonetic differences.                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 11. | Nexiclon                                                                                                                                                                      | 56             | This name pair has sufficient orthographic and phonetic differences.                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 12. | Congestant                                                                                                                                                                    | 56             | This name pair has sufficient orthographic and phonetic differences.                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 13. | Contac Sinus                                                                                                                                                                  | 55             | This name pair has sufficient orthographic and phonetic differences.                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 14. | Nexterone                                                                                                                                                                     | 55             | This name pair has sufficient orthographic and phonetic differences.                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

**APPENDIX F: LOW SIMILARITY NAMES (e.g., combined POCA score is  $\leq 54\%$ )**

| No. | Name       | POCA Score (%) |
|-----|------------|----------------|
| 1.  | Cognex     | 54             |
| 2.  | Neo-Naclex | 53             |
| 3.  | Deconex    | 51             |
| 4.  | Decongex-3 | 51             |

| No. | Name        | POCA Score (%) |
|-----|-------------|----------------|
| 5.  | Cosentyx    | 50             |
| 6.  | Nexcede     | 50             |
| 7.  | Noxene      | 50             |
| 8.  | Cophene-X   | 49             |
| 9.  | Excenel     | 49             |
| 10. | (b) (4) *** | 49             |
| 11. | Coniine     | 46             |
| 12. | Condylox    | 44             |
| 13. | Xoten-C     | 44             |
| 14. | Nexium      | 38             |
| 15. | Prednisone  | 32             |

APPENDIX G. Names not likely to be confused or not used in usual practice settings for the reasons described.

| No. | Name         | POCA Score (%) | Failure preventions                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|-----|--------------|----------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1.  | Doconexent   | 68             | Product is not a drug. It is a mixture of fish oil and primrose oil used as a high-docosahexaenoic acid (DHA) supplement.                                                                                                                                                           |
| 2.  | Corn Extract | 66             | Product is not a drug. It is used for flavoring, in herbal remedies, and in cosmetics.                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 3.  | (b) (4) ***  | 62             | Proposed proprietary name for NDA 022503 found unacceptable, due to a conflict with a marketed product, by DMEPA (PNR ID# 2022-1044724529 dated 07/07/2022). NDA 022503 is approved under the established name, Metaxalone, as of 06/01/2015, and no new names have been submitted. |
| 4.  | Genexpect Pe | 61             | Name identified in RxNorm database. Product is deactivated and no generic equivalents are available.                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 5.  | Canesten Vc  | 58             | International product marketed in the UK.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 6.  | Conex La     | 58             | Name identified in RxNorm database. Unable to find product characteristics in commonly used drug databases.                                                                                                                                                                         |

| No. | Name                  | POCA Score (%) | Failure preventions                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|-----|-----------------------|----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 7.  | Conex Pediatric       | 58             | Name identified in RxNorm database. Unable to find product characteristics in commonly used drug databases.                                                                                                                                                     |
| 8.  | Cyclodextrins         | 58             | Product is not a drug. It is a group of cyclic oligomers broadly used in food manufacturing as food additives                                                                                                                                                   |
| 9.  | Canoxicabs            | 57             | Name identified in RX Norm database. Unable to find product characteristics in commonly used drug databases.                                                                                                                                                    |
| 10. | Corynoxene            | 57             | Product is not a drug. Corynoxene is a natural product found in Mitragyna speciosa, Uncaria tomentosa, and other organisms.                                                                                                                                     |
| 11. | (b) (4) ***           | 57             | Proposed proprietary name for BLA 761127 and IND 129198 found unacceptable by DMEPA (OSE# 2019-35994384 and 2019-33884038 dated 02/21/2020) due to similarity with marketed and discontinued products. BLA 761127 approved under the proprietary name, Daxxify. |
| 12. | Canesten Af           | 56             | Name identified in RxNorm database. Unable to find product characteristics in commonly used drug databases.                                                                                                                                                     |
| 13. | Cophene-X-P (Revised) | 56             | Name identified in RxNorm database. Product is deactivated and no generic equivalents are available.                                                                                                                                                            |
| 14. | Genexpect Sf          | 56             | Name identified in RxNorm database. Product is deactivated and no generic equivalents are available.                                                                                                                                                            |
| 15. | Next Choice           | 56             | Name identified in RxNorm database. Product is deactivated and no generic equivalents are available.                                                                                                                                                            |
| 16. | Clonixin              | 55             | Name identified in RxNorm database. Unable to find product characteristics in commonly used drug databases.                                                                                                                                                     |
| 17. | Combiflex Es          | 55             | Name identified in RxNorm database. Product is deactivated and no generic equivalents are available.                                                                                                                                                            |

| No. | Name         | POCA Score (%) | Failure preventions                                                                                  |
|-----|--------------|----------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 18. | Genexpect Dm | 55             | Name identified in RxNorm database. Product is deactivated and no generic equivalents are available. |

APPENDIX H. Names not likely to be confused due to absence of attributes that are known to cause name confusion<sup>k</sup>.

| No. | Name           | POCA Score (%) |
|-----|----------------|----------------|
| 1.  | Icodextrin     | 61             |
| 2.  | Kunecatechins  | 58             |
| 3.  | Genecof Xp     | 56             |
| 4.  | Prodenrx Rinse | 55             |

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