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COMPLETE RESPONSE

CELLTRION, Inc.
c/o Parexel International
Attention: Ally Danta
Regulatory Affairs Consultant
2520 Meridian Parkway, Suite 100
Durham, NC 27713

Dear Ally Danta:

Please refer to your biologics license application (BLA) dated and received June 29, 2023, and your amendments, submitted under section 351(k) of the Public Health Service Act for CT-P42.

We acknowledge receipt of your amendment dated September 26, 2024, which constituted a complete response to our June 27, 2024, action letter.

We have completed our review of this application, as amended, and have determined that we cannot approve this application in its present form. We have described our reasons for this action below and, where possible, our recommendations to address these issues.

FACILITY INSPECTIONS

Following a pre-license inspection (PLI) of Thermo Fisher Scientific (Patheon Italia S.p.A.), Ferentino, Italy (FEI: 3004110157) listed in this application, FDA conveyed deficiencies to the representative of the facility. The facility should provide satisfactory responses to these deficiencies to the FDA office indicated on the FDA 483 prior to your complete response to your application. Satisfactory responses from the facility are needed before this application can be approved. Your complete response should include the date(s) of the facility's response(s) to the FDA Form 483. The assessment of the application approvability and the resolution of inspection deficiencies would be evaluated upon receipt of the complete response and may include re-inspection of the facility. Please work with the facility to resolve the related deficiencies.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

We have the following comments/recommendations that are not approvability issues.

(b) (4)

PRESCRIBING INFORMATION

Submit draft labeling that is responsive to our electronic communication dated February 6, 2025.

Prior to resubmitting the labeling, use the SRPI checklist to correct any formatting errors to ensure conformance with the format items in regulations and guidances. In addition, submit updated content of labeling [21 CFR 601.14(b)] in structured product labeling (SPL) format as described at FDA.gov.¹

To facilitate review of your submission, provide a highlighted or marked-up copy that shows all changes, as well as a clean Word version. The marked-up copy should include annotations that support any proposed changes.

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CARTON AND CONTAINER LABELING

Submit draft carton and container labeling based on our proposed revisions dated February 6, 2025.

PROPRIETARY NAME

Please refer to correspondence dated, December 18, 2024, which addresses the proposed proprietary name, Eydenzelt. This name was found conditionally acceptable pending approval of the application in the current review cycle. Please resubmit the proposed proprietary name when you respond to all of the application deficiencies that have been identified in this letter.

SAFETY UPDATE

When you respond to the above deficiencies, include a safety update. The safety update should include data from all nonclinical and clinical studies of the product under consideration regardless of indication, dosage form, or dose level.

- (1) Describe in detail any significant changes or findings in the safety profile and their relevance, if any, to whether there may be clinically meaningful differences between the proposed biosimilar product and the U.S.-licensed reference product.
- (2) When assembling the sections describing discontinuations due to adverse events, serious adverse events, and common adverse events, incorporate new safety data as follows:
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- (3) Present a retabulation of the reasons for premature study discontinuation by incorporating the drop-outs from the newly completed studies. Describe any new trends or patterns identified.
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- (6) Provide updated exposure information for the clinical studies (e.g., number of subjects, person time).
- (7) Provide a summary of worldwide experience on the safety of this product, including adverse events known to be associated with the use of the product and immunogenicity. Include an updated estimate of use for this product marketed in other countries.
- (8) Provide English translations of current approved foreign labeling not previously submitted.

OTHER

Within one year after the date of this letter, you are required to resubmit or take other actions available under 21 CFR 601.3(b)). If you do not take one of these actions, we may consider your lack of response a request to withdraw the application under 21 CFR 601.3(c). You may also request an extension of time in which to resubmit the application.

A resubmission must fully address all the deficiencies listed in this letter and should be clearly marked with "**RESUBMISSION**" in large font, bolded type at the beginning of the cover letter of the submission. The cover letter should clearly state that you consider this resubmission a complete response to the deficiencies outlined in this letter. A partial response to this letter will not be processed as a resubmission and will not start a new review cycle.

You may request a meeting or teleconference with us to discuss what steps you need to take before the application may be approved. If you wish to have such a meeting, submit your meeting request as described in the draft guidance for industry *Formal Meetings Between the FDA and Sponsors or Applicants of BsUFA Products*.

The product may not be legally marketed until you have been notified in writing that this application is approved.

If you have any questions, contact Dheera Semidey, Senior Regulatory Project Manager, at Dheera.Semidey@fda.hhs.gov or call 301-796-3009.

Sincerely,

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William Boyd, MD
Deputy Director
Division of Ophthalmology
Office of Specialty Medicine
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PRODUCT QUALITY

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- (5) Following review of DMF [REDACTED] (b) (4) and cross-referenced in this application, FDA conveyed deficiencies to the DMF holder. The holder should update the DMF with satisfactory responses to these deficiencies prior to your complete response to your application. Your complete response should include the date(s) of the DMF amendment. The assessment of application approvability and the resolution of DMF deficiencies would be evaluated upon receipt of the complete response. Please work with the DMF holder in resolving the related deficiencies.

Facility Inspections

- (6) Following a CGMP inspection and a pre-license inspection (PLI) of Celltrion, Inc., Korea (FEI 3005241015), listed in this submission, FDA conveyed deficiencies to the representative of the facility. The facility should provide satisfactory responses to these deficiencies to the FDA office indicated on the FDA 483 prior to your complete response to your application. Our determination that the facility's responses are satisfactory will depend on a finding that the facility has come into compliance with CGMP and has addressed any deficiencies specific to your application. You should coordinate with the facility for timely resolution of all inspection deficiencies, as well as to determine if any deficiencies may require updates to your application. Your complete response should include the date(s) of the facility's responses(s) to the FDA Form 483. Please refer to the Compliance Program CP 7356.002 for guidance on post-inspection activities specific to GMP compliance evaluation. FDA may determine that a CGMP reinspection and/or additional PLI is needed to confirm satisfactory resolution of inspection deficiencies before this application can be approved. If both CGMP and PLI reinspection are needed, the PLI coverage will generally occur following a determination that the facility is in compliance with CGMP.
- (7) Following pre-license inspection of [REDACTED] (b) (4), the pre-filled syringe drug product manufacturer listed in this application, FDA conveyed deficiencies to the representative of the facility. The facility should provide satisfactory responses to these deficiencies to the FDA office indicated on the FDA 483 prior to your complete response to your application. Your complete response should include the date(s) of the facility's response to the FDA Form 483. The assessment of application approvability and the resolution of inspection deficiencies would be evaluated upon receipt of the complete response and may include re-inspection of the facility. Please work with the facility in resolving the related deficiencies.
- (8) Inspection of the [REDACTED] (b) (4) facility (FEI# [REDACTED] (b) (4)) is required before this application can be approved as the

FDA must assess the ability of that facility to conduct the listed manufacturing operations in compliance with CGMP.

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Based on the information submitted in your response to Q.20 of our information request on 03/14/2024 (Attachment 3), it appears that (b) (4)

The risk of this event to DP microbial contamination is not fully understood and should be thoroughly evaluated. For example, it is not clear which (b) (4), frequency and duration of this potential CCI breach or whether the event has any CCI impact.

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