



Our STN: BL 125694/0

BLA APPROVAL
May 24, 2019

AveXis, Inc
Attention: James L'Italien, PhD
2275 Half Day Road, Suite 200
Bannockburn, IL 60015

Dear Dr L'Italien:

Please refer to your Biologics License Application (BLA) submitted September 28, 2018, received October 1, 2018, under section 351(a) of the Public Health Service Act (PHS Act) for onasemnogene abeparvovec-xioi.

LICENSING

We are issuing Department of Health and Human Services U.S. License No. 2104 to AveXis, Inc., Bannockburn, IL, under the provisions of section 351(a) of the PHS Act controlling the manufacture and sale of biological products. The license authorizes you to introduce or deliver for introduction into interstate commerce, those products for which your company has demonstrated compliance with establishment and product standards.

Under this license, you are authorized to manufacture the product onasemnogene abeparvovec-xioi, which is indicated for treatment of pediatric patients less than two years of age with spinal muscular atrophy (SMA) with bi-allelic mutations in the *survival motor neuron 1 (SMN1)* gene.

The review of this product was associated with the following National Clinical Trial (NCT) number(s): NCT02122952, NCT 03306277, NCT03421977 and NCT03505099.

MANUFACTURING LOCATIONS

Under this license, you are approved to manufacture onasemnogene abeparvovec-xioi at your facility located at AveXis, Inc., (b) (4) You may label your product with the proprietary name ZOLGENSMA and market it in 10 mL single-use cyclic olefin polymer vials with an extractable volume of either 5.5 mL or 8.3 mL at a concentration of 2.0×10^{13} vector genomes per mL.

We did not refer your application to the Cellular, Tissue and Gene Therapies Advisory Committee because our initial review of information submitted in your BLA, including

the clinical study design and trial results, did not raise concerns or controversial issues that would have benefited from an advisory committee discussion.

DATING PERIOD

The dating period for onasemnogene abeparvovec-xioi shall be 12 months from the date of manufacture when stored at $\leq -60^{\circ}\text{C}$. The date of manufacture shall be defined as the date that the formulated drug product is filled. The dating period for your drug substance shall be (b) (4) [redacted]. The dating period for your (b) (4) [redacted] intermediate shall be (b) (4) [redacted].

The sterile Filtered Drug Product (FDP) can be (b) (4) [redacted] (i.e., (b) (4) [redacted] the Sterile Filtration (b) (4) [redacted] of FDP) under one of the following specific conditions: (1) Failure of the (b) (4) [redacted] sterile filter (b) (4) [redacted], or (2) Loss of integrity of the (b) (4) [redacted] the filtered DP and the filling needle, or (3) Setup issues associated with the filling needle assembly not caused by operator error.

FDA LOT RELEASE

Please submit protocols showing results of all applicable tests. You may not distribute any lots of product until you receive a notification of release from the Director, Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research (CBER).

BIOLOGICAL PRODUCT DEVIATIONS

You must submit reports of biological product deviations under 21 CFR 600.14. You should identify and investigate all manufacturing deviations promptly, including those associated with processing, testing, packaging, labeling, storage, holding and distribution. If the deviation involves a distributed product, may affect the safety, purity, or potency of the product, and meets the other criteria in the regulation, you must submit a report on Form FDA 3486 to the Director, Office of Compliance and Biologics Quality, at the following address:

Food and Drug Administration
Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research
Document Control Center
10903 New Hampshire Ave.
WO71-G112
Silver Spring, MD 20993-0002

MANUFACTURING CHANGES

You must submit information to your BLA for our review and written approval under 21 CFR 601.12 for any changes in, including but not limited to, the manufacturing, testing, packaging or labeling of onasemnogene abeparvovec-xioi, or in the manufacturing facilities.

LABELING

We hereby approve the draft package insert labeling submitted under submission number 0095, dated May 23, 2019, the draft variable carton labeling submitted under submission number 0082, dated May 13, 2019, and the draft container and carton labeling submitted under submission number 0091, dated May 20, 2019.

CONTENT OF LABELING

As soon as possible, but no later than 14 days from the date of this letter, please submit the final content of labeling (21 CFR 601.14) in Structured Product Labeling (SPL) format via the FDA automated drug registration and listing system, (eLIST) as described at <http://www.fda.gov/ForIndustry/DataStandards/StructuredProductLabeling/default.htm>. Information on submitting SPL files using eLIST may be found in the guidance for industry *SPL Standard for Content of Labeling Technical Qs and As* at <http://www.fda.gov/downloads/Drugs/GuidanceComplianceRegulatoryInformation/Guidances/UCM072392.pdf>.

The SPL will be accessible via publicly available labeling repositories.

PACKAGE AND CONTAINER LABELS

Please electronically submit final printed package and container labels that are identical to the package and container labels submitted on May 13 and May 20, 2019, according to the guidance for industry *Providing Regulatory Submissions in Electronic Format – Certain Human Pharmaceutical Product Applications and Related Submissions Using the eCTD Specifications* at <https://www.fda.gov/downloads/drugs/guidancecompliance/regulatoryinformation/guidances/ucm333969.pdf>.

All final labeling should be submitted as Product Correspondence to this BLA 125694 at the time of use (prior to marketing) and include implementation information on Form FDA 356h.

ADVERTISING AND PROMOTIONAL LABELING

You may submit two draft copies of the proposed introductory advertising and promotional labeling with Form FDA 2253 to the Advertising and Promotional Labeling Branch at the following address:

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You must submit copies of your final advertising and promotional labeling at the time of initial dissemination or publication, accompanied by Form FDA 2253 (21 CFR 601.12(f)(4)).

All promotional claims must be consistent with and not contrary to approved labeling. You should not make a comparative promotional claim or claim of superiority over other products unless you have substantial evidence or substantial clinical experience to support such claims (21 CFR 202.1(e)(6)).

ADVERSE EVENT REPORTING

You must submit adverse experience reports in accordance with the adverse experience reporting requirements for licensed biological products (21 CFR 600.80) and you must submit distribution reports as described in 21 CFR 600.81. For information on adverse experience reporting, please refer to the guidance for industry *Providing Submissions in Electronic Format – Postmarketing Safety Reports* at <https://www.fda.gov/downloads/biologicsbloodvaccines/guidancecomplianceregulatoryinformation/guidances/vaccines/ucm458559.pdf> and FDA's Adverse Event reporting System website at <http://www.fda.gov/Drugs/GuidanceComplianceRegulatoryInformation/Surveillance/AdverseDrugEffects/ucm115894.htm>. For information on distribution reporting, please refer to the guidance for industry *Electronic Submission of Lot Distribution Reports* at <http://www.fda.gov/BiologicsBloodVaccines/GuidanceComplianceRegulatoryInformation/Post-MarketActivities/LotReleases/ucm061966.htm>.

REFERENCE PRODUCT EXCLUSIVITY

In reference to your request regarding the date of first licensure as described under section 351(k)(7) of the PHS Act, we have reviewed relevant information including the information you provided and have determined that onasemnogene abeparovex-xioi (ZOLGENSMA) was first licensed on May 24, 2019.

This date will be recorded in the "Purple Book: Lists of Licensed Biological Products with Reference Product Exclusivity and Biosimilarity or Interchangeability Evaluations," in the CBER List of Licensed Biological Products, available at: <https://www.fda.gov/Drugs/DevelopmentApprovalProcess/HowDrugsareDevelopedandApproved/ApprovalApplications/TherapeuticBiologicApplications/Biosimilars/ucm411418.htm>

RARE PEDIATRIC DISEASE PRIORITY REVIEW VOUCHER

We also inform you that you have been granted a rare pediatric disease priority review voucher, as provided under section 529 of the FDCA. This priority review voucher (PRV) has been assigned a tracking number, PRV BLA 125694. All correspondences related to this voucher should refer to this tracking number.

This voucher entitles you to designate a single human drug application submitted under section 505(b)(1) of the FDCA or a single biologic application submitted under section

351 of the Public Health Service Act as qualifying for a priority review. Such an application would not have to meet any other requirements for a priority review. The list below describes the sponsor responsibilities and the parameters for using and transferring a rare pediatric disease priority review voucher.

- The sponsor who redeems the priority review voucher must notify FDA of its intent to submit an application with a priority review voucher at least 90 days before submission of the application, and must include the date the sponsor intends to submit the application. This notification should be prominently marked, “**Notification of Intent to Submit an Application with a Rare Pediatric Disease Priority Review Voucher.**”
- This priority review voucher may be transferred, including by sale, by you to another sponsor of a human drug or biologic application. There is no limit on the number of times that the priority review voucher may be transferred, but each person to whom the priority review voucher is transferred must notify FDA of the change in ownership of the voucher not later than 30 days after the transfer. If you retain and redeem this priority review voucher, you should refer to this letter as an official record of the voucher. If the priority review voucher is transferred, the sponsor to whom the priority review voucher has been transferred should include a copy of this letter (which will be posted on our Web site as are all approval letters) and proof that the priority review voucher was transferred.
- FDA may revoke the priority review voucher if the rare pediatric disease product for which the priority review voucher was awarded is not marketed in the U.S. within 1 year following the date of approval.
- The sponsor of an approved rare pediatric disease product application who is awarded a priority review voucher must submit a report to FDA no later than 5 years after approval that addresses, for each of the first 4 post-approval years:
 - the estimated population in the U.S. suffering from the rare pediatric disease for which the product was approved (both the entire population and the population aged 0 through 18 years),
 - the estimated demand in the U.S. for the product, and
 - the actual amount of product distributed in the U.S.

You may also review the requirements related to this program by visiting FDA's Rare Pediatric Disease Priority Review Voucher Program webpage available at <https://www.fda.gov/ForIndustry/DevelopingProductsforRareDiseasesConditions/RarePediatricDiseasePriorityVoucherProgram/default.htm>

PEDIATRIC REQUIREMENTS

Under the Pediatric Research Equity Act (PREA) (21 U.S.C. 355c), all applications for new active ingredients, new indications, new dosage forms, new dosing regimens, or new routes of administration are required to contain an assessment of the safety and effectiveness of the product for the claimed indication in pediatric patients unless this requirement is waived, deferred, or inapplicable.

Because the biological product for this indication has an orphan drug designation, you are exempt from this requirement.

POSTMARKETING COMMITMENTS NOT SUBJECT TO THE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS UNDER SECTION 506B

We acknowledge your written commitments as described in submission number 0076 (dated May 6, 2019), submission number 0087 (dated May 16, 2019), and submission number 0093 (dated May 22, 2019) as outlined below:

1. AveXis agrees to develop and qualify a suitable method for quantifying (b) (4), providing the method qualification report and providing an additional process validation report for (b) (4).

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2. AveXis agrees to validate the robustness of the (b) (4) assay per protocol REC-2566 and will provide the validation report.

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3. AveXis agrees to update the (b) (4) assay to include the assay validity criterion for the reference standard and provide the supplemental validation report for robustness.

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4. AveXis agrees to revise the Bioburden Determination operating procedure (SOP-085) to be compliant with (b) (4), including (b) (4) on (b) (4). AveXis agrees to implement the revised SOP-085 for all bioburden tests and to provide the revised SOP-085.

Final Report Submission: July 31, 2019

We request that you submit information concerning nonclinical and chemistry, manufacturing, and control postmarketing commitments and final reports to your BLA 125694. Please refer to the sequential number for each commitment.

Please use the following designators to prominently label all submissions, including supplements, relating to these postmarketing study commitments as appropriate:

- **Postmarketing Commitment – Status Update**
- **Postmarketing Commitment – Final Study Report**
- **Supplement contains Postmarketing Commitment – Final Study Report**

For each postmarketing commitment not subject to the reporting requirements of 21 CFR 601.70, you may report the status to FDA as a **Postmarketing Commitment – Status Update**. The status report for each commitment should include:

- the sequential number for each study as shown in this letter;
- the submission number associated with this letter;
- describe what has been accomplished to fulfill the non-section 506B PMC; and,
- summarize any data collected or issues with fulfilling the non-section 506B PMC.

When you have fulfilled your commitment, submit your final report as **Postmarketing Commitment – Final Study Report** or **Supplement contains Postmarketing Commitment – Final Study Report**.

POST-APPROVAL FEEDBACK MEETING

New biological products qualify for a post-approval feedback meeting. Such meetings are used to discuss the quality of the application and to evaluate the communication process during drug development and marketing application review. The purpose is to learn from successful aspects of the review process and to identify areas that could benefit from improvement. If you would like to have such a meeting with us, please contact the Regulatory Project Manager for this application.

Sincerely,

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