

# RECORD OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

## Submission Information

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<b>Applicant</b>	Pax Vax Bermuda Ltd. / Lic. # 2041
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<b>Trans-BLA Group:</b>	No

## Telecon Details

<b>Telecon Date/Time</b>	06-MAY-2016 12:20 PM
<b>Author</b>	SEN, GOUTAM
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<b>Outside Phone Number</b>	
<b>FDA Originated?</b>	Yes
<b>Communication Categories</b>	IR - Information Request
<b>Related STNs</b>	None
<b>Related PMCs</b>	None
<b>Telecon Summary</b>	How potency of the DP will be within the acceptance range after 18-month
<b>FDA Participants</b>	Goutam Sen, Roger Plaut and Earle S. Stibitz
<b>Applicant Participants</b>	Kevin Smyth

**Telecon Body:** We had a telecon with Kevin Smyth, where we explained that lower limit of DP potency should be stated as  $4 \times 10^8$ . We also discussed the potency of the DP at the end of 18-month stability study and discussed the impact of different bottle water on the potency issue. We stated that these comments will be conveyed by email (as shown below).

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**From:** Sen, Goutam

**Sent:** Friday, May 06, 2016 2:45 PM

**To:** 'Kevin Smyth'

**Subject:** Response to your Question and Information request for DP potency, STN: 125597

Dear Kevin,

Thank you for the telephone conversation of this morning, discussing some of our questions/comment. As we stated during this morning's telecon, I am sending our response to your question as well as information request. Please submit your response as an amendment to your STN: 125597.

- 1) The lower limit of the potency (b) (4) of your DP as stated in 2b of our May 5, 2016 email IR should be stated as:  $4 \times 10^8$ .
- 2) We note that your proposed potency acceptance criteria are  $4 \times 10^8$  to  $2 \times 10^9$  CFU/dose, with a target sachet fill of (b) (4) CFU/dose. In addition, in your stability data, we note that the potency of lots with initial potency of  $1 \times 10^9$  CFU/dose decreased to a range of  $4-6 \times 10^8$  CFU/dose after 18 months of storage at  $-20 \pm 5^\circ\text{C}$ . Please comment on how you will ensure and/or monitor whether the potency of the drug product remains within the acceptance criteria through the end of the proposed 18-month dating period, considering that some lots may have initial potency toward the lower end of the range of the acceptance criteria.
- 3) In your correspondence dated April 22, 2016, you stated that the lot used to study the impact of different sources of bottled water and the impact of different thaw durations on drug product potency (Figures 1 and 5 of the compatibility document in module 3.2.P.2.6 of STN 125597\_0) was manufactured using bulk drug substance that was stabilized using a (b) (4) hold time, a manufacturing process that you have withdrawn from your BLA. You have not provided corresponding data using drug product manufactured using a bulk drug substance hold time of (b) (4), which is the manufacturing process that you are proposing in your BLA. If you intend to propose a change in the manufacturing process in the future, at that time, please include results of a study of the impact on potency of different sources of bottled water, different lengths of sachet thaw time, and different hold times after reconstitution. Please include Water for Irrigation, USP, as one of the bottled water types assessed. Please conduct the study using drug product manufactured using the process proposed in your BLA and drug product manufactured using the proposed change, for comparison purposes. In addition, please include tests of a worst-case scenario, in which the type of bottled water that yields the lowest potency result is assessed in studies of sachet thaw time and reconstituted vaccine hold time.

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Please let me know if you have any question.

Thank you,

Goutam

**From:** Kevin Smyth [<mailto:KSmyth@paxvax.com>]

**Sent:** Friday, May 06, 2016 2:32 AM

**To:** Sen, Goutam

**Subject:** RE: CBER comments to Vaxchora Package insert and carton labels, STN: 125597

Dear Goutam,

We have begun our internal meetings to review and align on FDA's recommended label revisions, and I commit to a full response by no later than March 19.

We note that the potency range lower limit has been (b) (4) from 4x10E8 to (b) (4), and have a couple of follow-up requests/clarifications:

- Would you please provide brief justification for the (b) (4), in light of the fact that P3 subjects were administered product at 4.2x10E8?
- At this time may I ask you to please reiterate your intent to grant at least 18M of drug product shelf-life for a lower potency limit of (b) (4)
- No request was received to change the drug product release specification from 4x10E8 to (b) (4)...might additional specification-related changes be forthcoming?

Thanks so much for any response you can provide to the above.

Regards, Kevin

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**From:** Sen, Goutam [<mailto:Goutam.Sen@fda.hhs.gov>]

**Sent:** Thursday, May 05, 2016 12:43

**To:** Kevin Smyth

**Subject:** CBER comments to Vaxchora Package insert and carton labels, STN: 125597

Dear Kevin,

Please find the attached word document containing our edit/comment to your Vaxchora package insert. Also, please find below our comments to your Buffer and Vaccine sachet carton label. Please submit your response to these comments as an amendment to your STN by May 19, 2016. Please let me know if you have any question.

Thank you,

*Goutam Sen, Ph.D.*

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CBER Comments Regarding Draft Buffer & Vaccine Sachet Mock-up and Draft Carton Mock-up:

1. Please revise the draft Buffer Sachet as follows:
  - a. Please revise the “BUFFER” label of this sachet to read “BUFFER COMPONENT of VAXCHORA (Cholera Vaccine, Live, Oral).”
  - b. Please add language that emphasizes the importance of using the recommended purified bottled water for reconstitution.
2. Please revise the draft Vaccine Sachet as follows :
  - a. Please revise the “VACCINE” label of this sachet to read “BACTERIAL COMPONENT of VAXCHORA (Cholera Vaccine, Live, Oral).”
  - b. Please revise the contents to read as follows: “Contents (Single-Dose): (b) (4) to  $2 \times 10^9$  CFU of lyophilized *V. cholerae* CVD 103-HgR.”
  - c. Please delete “Cholera Vaccine, Live, Oral Vaxchora™,” which is located above the contents, as Vaxchora is the final product after reconstitution of both sachets.
3. The following comments apply generally to both sachets, to reduce the risk of either sachet alone being mistaken for the complete vaccine:
  - a. Please consider redesigning the sachets such that they can accommodate larger labels (to reduce label crowding) and increased font size of important text.
  - b. We recommend that you provide on each sachet clear directions for reconstituting the product and warnings to administer the contents of both sachets.

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- c. Please consider labeling each sachet as “Sachet 1 of 2” and “Sachet 2 of 2,” or use a similar scheme to distinguish, yet link, the two sachets, the contents of which must be administered together.
4. Please consider conducting usability testing with vaccine users to test labels, packages and preparation processes for safety, clarity and effectiveness.
5. FDA recommends use of 12-point font wherever label size permits.
6. The following comments apply to the Draft Carton Mock-up:
  - a. We recommend revision of the contents to read as follows: “Contents: Single-dose Bacterial Sachet (b) (4) to  $2 \times 10^9$  CFU of *V. cholerae* CVD 103-HgR) and Single-dose Buffer Sachet.”
  - b. We recommend revision of the carton to indicate that the vaccine must be reconstituted prior to use.
  - c. We recommend that clear directions for reconstituting the product and warnings to administer the contents of both sachets be included on the front of the carton.

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