

**Summary Minutes of the Antimicrobial Drugs Advisory Committee Meeting
May 1, 2018**

The Antimicrobial Drugs Advisory Committee (AMDAC) of the Food and Drug Administration, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research met on May 1, 2018, at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Bethesda – Washington DC, Grand Ballroom 8120 Wisconsin Avenue Bethesda, Maryland. Prior to the meeting, the members and temporary voting members were provided the briefing materials from the FDA and SIGA Technologies, Inc. The meeting was called to order by Lindsey R. Baden, MD (Acting Chairperson). The conflict of interest statement was read into the record by Cindy Chee, PharmD, (Acting Designated Federal Officer). There were approximately 180 people in attendance. There were three Open Public Hearing (OPH) speaker presentations.

A verbatim transcript will be available, in most instances, at approximately ten to twelve weeks following the meeting date.

Agenda: The committee discussed new drug application (NDA) 208627 for tecovirimat, sponsored by SIGA Technologies Inc., for the proposed indication of the treatment of smallpox disease caused by variola virus in adults and pediatric patients. This product was developed under the Animal Rule (21 CFR part 314, subpart I).

Attendance:

AMDAC Members Present (Voting): Nina M. Clark, MD; Demetre C. Daskalakis, MD, MPH; Dean A. Follmann, PhD; Michael D. Green, MD, MPH; Barbara M. Gripshover, MD; Jonathan R. Honegger, MD; Vincent Lo Re, MD, MSCE; Joanna M. Schaeffer, MD, PhD; Peter Weina, PhD, MD, FACP, FIDSA

AMDAC Members Not Present (Voting): Amanda H. Corbett, PharmD, BCPS, FCCP; Ighovwerha Ofotokun, MD, MSc

AMDAC Member Present (Non-Voting): Nicholas A. Kartsonis, MD (Industry Representative)

Temporary Members (Voting): Lindsey R. Baden, MD (Acting Chairperson); Joel G. Breman, MD; Richard C. Condit, PhD; Debra Dunn (Patient Representative); Randy W. Hawkins, MD (Acting Consumer Representative); C. Rick Lyons, MD, PhD; Brett W. Petersen, MD, MPH; Jurgen Venitz, MD, PhD

FDA Participants (Non-Voting): Edward Cox, MD, MPH; Debra Birnkrant, MD; Adam Sherwat, MD; Kirk Chan-Tack, MD; Su-Young Choi, PharmD, PhD; Jules O’Rear, PhD; Patrick Harrington, PhD; Laine Peyton Myers, PhD

Acting Designated Federal Officer (Non-Voting): Cindy Chee, PharmD

Open Public Hearing Speakers: Kieren Knapp, DO, FACOFPd (Jacobus Medical Center); William Smith, MD, FACC (New Orleans Center for Clinical Research-Knoxville);

Grant McFadden, PhD (Center for Immunotherapy, Vaccines, and Virotherapy, Biodesign Institute)

The agenda was as follows:

Call to Order and Introduction of
Committee

Lindsey R. Baden, MD
Acting Chairperson, AMDAC

Conflict of Interest Statement

Cindy Chee, PharmD,
Acting Designated Federal Officer, AMDAC

FDA Opening Remarks

Debra Birnkrant, MD
Director, Division of Antiviral Products (DAVP)
Office of Antimicrobial Products (OAP)
Office of New Drugs (OND), CDER, FDA

APPLICANT PRESENTATIONS

SIGA Technologies, Inc.

Introduction

Annie Frimm
Vice President, Regulatory, Clinical and Quality
SIGA Technologies, Inc.

Unmet Need
Efficacy
Safety
Benefit/Risk

Dennis Hruby, PhD
Chief Scientific Officer
SIGA Technologies, Inc.

FDA PRESENTATIONS

Animal Efficacy and Human Safety

Kirk Chan-Tack, MD
Medical Officer
DAVP, OND, CDER, FDA

Selection of an Effective Dose in Humans

Su Young Choi, PharmD, PhD
Clinical Pharmacology Reviewer
Division of Clinical Pharmacology IV (DCP IV)
Office of Clinical Pharmacology (OCP)
Office of Translational Sciences (OTS), CDER, FDA

Clarifying Questions

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OPEN PUBLIC HEARING

Questions to the Committee/Committee Discussion

ADJOURNMENT

Questions to the Committee:

1. **VOTE:** Based on the available data, does the risk-benefit profile of tecovirimat support its use for the treatment of human smallpox?

Vote Result: Yes: 17 No: 0 Abstain: 0

Committee Discussion: *The committee unanimously agreed that the risk-benefit profile of tecovirimat supports its use for the treatment of human smallpox. The members commented that the animal efficacy data was clear and the human safety study included diverse populations. The panel applauded the development of the animal rule and the applicant's fulfillment of these criteria. Committee members also noted that tecovirimat fills this unmet need since there is no current approved treatment for smallpox. Members commented on the lack of serious safety signals, but encouraged continued safety studies in more patients and subgroups to augment the currently limited data. Please see the transcript for details of the committee discussion.*

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:35 p.m.