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**PROPRIETARY NAME REVIEW(S)**

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Office of Medication Error Prevention and Risk Management**

**Proprietary Name Review**

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Drug Name and Strengths: Tecfidera (Dimethyl Fumarate) Delayed-release Capsules  
120 mg and 240 mg

Application Type/Number: NDA 204063

Applicant/Sponsor: Biogen Idec

OSE RCM #: 2012-2508

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## 1 INTRODUCTION

This review evaluates the proposed proprietary name, Tecfidera, from a safety and promotional perspective. The sources and methods used to evaluate the proposed name are outlined in the reference section and Appendix A respectively.

### 1.1 REGULATORY HISTORY

Dimethyl fumarate is a New Molecular Entity (NME). This product was reviewed under IND 073061 with the proposed proprietary name, (b) (4), which was found acceptable in OSE Review # 2009-2403 dated April 28, 2010. The Applicant subsequently requested to withdraw the name, (b) (4) and requested review of the proposed proprietary name, (b) (4). In OSE Review # 2010-2674 dated May 26, 2011, the Division of Medication Error Prevention and Analysis (DMEPA) found the name unacceptable (b) (4)

(b) (4). On February 29, 2012, the Applicant submitted a request for the review of the proposed proprietary name, (b) (4) under NDA 204063. In OSE Review # 2012-542 dated May 23, 2012, DMEPA found the name unacceptable (b) (4)

On May 30, 2012, the Applicant submitted a request for the review of the proposed proprietary name, (b) (4). In OSE Review # 2012-1263, DMEPA found the name unacceptable (b) (4)

On August 29, 2012, the Applicant submitted a request for the review of the proposed proprietary name, (b) (4). On October 19, 2012, the OSE Project Manager e-mailed the Applicant stating that DMEPA identified a foreign product (b) (4)

On October 24, 2012, the Applicant withdrew the proposed proprietary name (b) (4)

On October 24, 2012, the Applicant submitted a request for the review of the proposed proprietary name, Tecfidera.

The labels and labeling for Dimethyl Fumarate were reviewed under separate cover (OSE Review # 2012-530).

### 1.2 PRODUCT INFORMATION

The following product information is provided in the October 24, 2012 proprietary name submission.

- Active Ingredient: Dimethyl Fumarate
- Indication of Use: Treatment of patients with relapsing multiple sclerosis (b) (4)

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- Route of Administration: Oral
- Dosage Form: Delayed-release capsules
- Strength: 120 mg, 240 mg
- Dose and Frequency: 120 mg by mouth twice daily for 7 days, then 240 mg by mouth twice daily; temporary dose reduction to 120 mg twice daily may reduce occurrence of flushing and GI side effects – within 1 month, the recommended dose of 240 mg twice daily should be resumed
- How Supplied:
  - (b) (4)
  - 30 day starter pack (14-count bottle 120 mg capsules and 46-count bottle 240 mg capsules packaged in the same carton): retail and professional sample
  - 120 mg capsules
    - 14-count bottle: retail and professional sample
  - 240 mg capsules
    - 14-count bottle: retail and professional sample
    - 60-count bottle: retail
- Storage: Store at 15°C to 30 °C (59°F to 86 °F). Protect capsules from light; Once opened, discard bottles after 90 days
- Container and Closure Systems: HDPE bottles sealed with an aluminum foil induction seal and white polypropylene (b) (4)

## 2 RESULTS

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

### 2.1 PROMOTIONAL ASSESSMENT

The Office of Prescription Drug Promotion (OPDP) determined the proposed name is acceptable from a promotional perspective. DMEPA and the Division of Neurology Products (DNP) concurred with the findings of OPDP's promotional assessment of the proposed name.

### 2.2 SAFETY ASSESSMENT

The following aspects were considered in the safety evaluation of the name.

#### 2.2.1 *United States Adopted Names (USAN) SEARCH*

The November 28, 2012 search of the United States Adopted Name (USAN) stems did not identify that a USAN stem is present in the proposed proprietary name.

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