

800–835–4709 or 240–402–8010. See the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for electronic access to the draft guidance document.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Background**

FDA is announcing the availability of a draft document entitled “Human Gene Therapy for Hemophilia; Draft Guidance for Industry.” The draft guidance document provides recommendations to stakeholders developing GT products for the treatment of hemophilia. The draft guidance provides recommendations on the clinical trial design and related development of coagulation factor VIII (hemophilia A) and IX (hemophilia B) activity assays, including how to address discrepancies in factor VIII and factor IX activity assays. The draft guidance also includes recommendations regarding preclinical considerations to support development of GT products for the treatment of hemophilia. Hemophilia therapy in the United States has progressed from replacement therapies for on-demand treatment of bleeding to prophylaxis to reduce the frequency of bleeding. GT products for hemophilia are being developed as single-dose treatments that may provide long-term expression of the missing or abnormal coagulation factor in the patient at steady levels to reduce or eliminate the need for exogenous factor replacement.

Elsewhere in this issue of the **Federal Register**, FDA is announcing the availability of two other human gene therapy draft guidance documents entitled “Human Gene Therapy for Retinal Disorders; Draft Guidance for Industry” and “Human Gene Therapy for Rare Diseases; Draft Guidance for Industry.”

This draft guidance is being issued consistent with FDA’s good guidance practices regulation (21 CFR 10.115). The draft guidance, when finalized, will represent the current thinking of FDA on “Human Gene Therapy for Hemophilia.” It does not establish any rights for any person and is not binding on FDA or the public. You can use an alternative approach if it satisfies the requirements of the applicable statutes and regulations. This guidance is not subject to Executive Order 12866.

**II. Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995**

This draft guidance refers to previously approved collections of information subject to review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501–3520). The collections of information in 21 CFR part 58 have been approved under OMB control number 0910–0119; the collections of information in 21 CFR part 211 have been approved under OMB control number 0910–0139; the collections of information in 21 CFR part 312 have been approved under OMB control number 0910–0014; the collections of information in 21 CFR part 601 have been approved under OMB control number 0910–0338; the collections of information in the guidance entitled “Expedited Programs for Serious Conditions—Drugs and Biologics” have been approved under OMB control number 0910–0765; and the collections of information in the guidance entitled “Formal Meetings Between the FDA and Sponsors or Applicants” have been approved under OMB control number 0910–0429.

**III. Electronic Access**

Persons with access to the internet may obtain the draft guidance at either <https://www.fda.gov/BiologicsBloodVaccines/GuidanceComplianceRegulatoryInformation/Guidances/default.htm> or <https://www.regulations.gov>.

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*Associate Commissioner for Policy.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Food and Drug Administration**

[Docket No. FDA–2008–D–0205]

**Chemistry, Manufacturing, and Control Information for Human Gene Therapy Investigational New Drug Applications; Draft Guidance for Industry; Availability**

**AGENCY:** Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** The Food and Drug Administration (FDA or Agency) is announcing the availability of a draft guidance for industry entitled “Chemistry, Manufacturing, and Control (CMC) Information for Human Gene Therapy Investigational New Drug

Applications (INDs); Draft Guidance for Industry.” The draft guidance document provides sponsors of a human gene therapy IND with recommendations regarding CMC information required to assure product safety, identity, quality, purity, and strength (including potency) of the investigational product. The draft guidance applies to human gene therapy products and to combination products that contain a human gene therapy in combination with a drug or device.

The draft guidance, when finalized, is intended to supersede the document entitled “Guidance for FDA Reviewers and Sponsors: Content and Review of Chemistry, Manufacturing, and Control (CMC) Information for Human Gene Therapy Investigational New Drug Applications (INDs),” dated April 2008 (April 2008 guidance).

**DATES:** Submit either electronic or written comments on the draft guidance by October 10, 2018 to ensure that the Agency considers your comment on this draft guidance before it begins work on the final version of the guidance.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments on any guidance at any time as follows:

*Electronic Submissions*

Submit electronic comments in the following way:

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments. Comments submitted electronically, including attachments, to <https://www.regulations.gov> will be posted to the docket unchanged. Since your comment will be made public, you are solely responsible for ensuring that your comment does not include any confidential information that you or a third party may not wish to be posted, such as medical information, your or anyone else’s Social Security number, or confidential business information, such as a manufacturing process. Please note that if you include your name, contact information, or other information that identifies you in the body of your comments, that information will be posted on <https://www.regulations.gov>.

- If you want to submit a comment with confidential information that you do not wish to be made available to the public, submit the comment as a written/paper submission and in the manner detailed (see “Written/Paper Submissions” and “Instructions”).

*Written/Paper Submissions*

Submit written/paper submissions as follows:

- **Mail/Hand Delivery/Courier (for Written/Paper Submissions):** Dockets Management Staff (HFA–305), Food and

Drug Administration, 5630 Fishers Lane, Rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852.

- For written/paper comments submitted to the Dockets Management Staff, FDA will post your comment as well as any attachments, except for information submitted, marked, and identified as confidential if submitted as detailed in “Instructions.”

**Instructions:** All submissions received must include the Docket No. FDA–2008–D–0205 for “Chemistry, Manufacturing, and Control (CMC) Information for Human Gene Therapy Investigational New Drug Applications (INDs); Draft Guidance for Industry.” Received comments will be placed in the docket and, except for those submitted as “Confidential Submissions,” publicly viewable at <https://www.regulations.gov> or at the Dockets Management Staff between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

- Confidential Submissions—To submit a comment with confidential information that you do not wish to be made publicly available, submit your comments only as a written/paper submission. You should submit two copies, total. One copy will include the information you claim to be confidential with a heading or cover note that states “THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINS CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION.” The Agency will review this copy, including the claimed confidential information, in its consideration of comments. The second copy, which will have the claimed confidential information redacted/blacked out, will be available for public viewing and posted on <https://www.regulations.gov>. Submit both copies to the Dockets Management Staff. If you do not wish your name and contact information to be made publicly available, you can provide this information on the cover sheet and not in the body of your comments, and you must identify this information as “confidential.” Any information marked as “confidential” will not be disclosed except in accordance with 21 CFR 10.20 and other applicable disclosure law. For more information about FDA’s posting of comments to public dockets, see 80 FR 56469, September 18, 2015, or access the information at: <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-09-18/pdf/2015-23389.pdf>.

**Docket:** For access to the docket to read background documents or the electronic and written/paper comments received, go to <https://>

[www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) and insert the docket number, found in brackets in the heading of this document, into the “Search” box and follow the prompts and/or go to the Dockets Management Staff, 5630 Fishers Lane, Rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852.

You may submit comments on any guidance at any time (see 21 CFR 10.115(g)(5)).

Submit written requests for single copies of the draft guidance to the Office of Communication, Outreach and Development, Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research (CBER), Food and Drug Administration, 10903 New Hampshire Ave., Bldg. 71, Rm. 3128, Silver Spring, MD 20993–0002. Send one self-addressed adhesive label to assist the office in processing your requests. The draft guidance may also be obtained by mail by calling CBER at 1–800–835–4709 or 240–402–8010. See the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for electronic access to the draft guidance document.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Gretchen Oppen, Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research, Food and Drug Administration, 10903 New Hampshire Ave., Bldg. 71, Rm. 7301, Silver Spring, MD 20993–0002, 240–402–7911.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **I. Background**

FDA is announcing the availability of a draft document entitled “Chemistry, Manufacturing, and Control (CMC) Information for Human Gene Therapy Investigational New Drug Applications (INDs); Draft Guidance for Industry.” The draft guidance provides sponsors of a human gene therapy IND with recommendations regarding CMC information required to assure product safety, identity, quality, purity, and strength (including potency) of the investigational product (21 CFR 312.23(a)(7)(i)). The draft guidance applies to human gene therapy products and to combination products that contain a human gene therapy in combination with a drug or device. The field of gene therapy has progressed rapidly since FDA issued the April 2008 guidance. Therefore, FDA is updating the guidance to provide current FDA recommendations regarding the CMC content of a gene therapy IND. In addition, the draft guidance is organized to follow the structure of the FDA guidance on the Common Technical Document.

The draft guidance, when finalized, is intended to supersede the April 2008 guidance. Elsewhere in this issue of the **Federal Register**, FDA is announcing the availability of two other draft guidances. In a separate document, FDA is announcing the availability of a draft document entitled “Long Term Follow-Up After Administration of Human Gene Therapy Products; Draft Guidance for Industry” and the availability of a draft document entitled “Testing of Retroviral Vector-Based Human Gene Therapy Products for Replication Competent Retrovirus During Product Manufacture and Patient Follow-up; Draft Guidance for Industry.”

This draft guidance is being issued consistent with FDA’s good guidance practices regulation (21 CFR 10.115). The draft guidance, when finalized, will represent the current thinking of FDA on CMC information for human gene therapy INDs. It does not establish any rights for any person and is not binding on FDA or the public. You can use an alternative approach if it satisfies the requirements of the applicable statutes and regulations. This guidance is not subject to Executive Order 12866.

##### **II. Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995**

This draft guidance refers to previously approved collections of information found in FDA regulations. These collections of information are subject to review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501–3520). The collections of information in 21 CFR part 211 have been approved under OMB control number 0910–0139; the collections of information in 21 CFR part 312 and Form FDA 1571 have been approved under OMB control number 0910–0014; and the collections of information in 21 CFR part 1271 have been approved under OMB control number 0910–0543.

##### **III. Electronic Access**

Persons with access to the internet may obtain the draft guidance at either <https://www.fda.gov/BiologicsBloodVaccines/GuidanceComplianceRegulatoryInformation/Guidances/default.htm> or <https://www.regulations.gov>.

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