

Recommendations of the SEC meeting to examine COVID-19 related proposal under accelerated approval process made in its 112th meeting held on 28.09.2020 at CDSCO, HQ New Delhi:

Agen da No	File Name & Drug Name, Strength	Firm Name	Recommendations
New Drug Division			
1.	File No. -12-01/20-DC (Pt.-333) Anti corona virus therapy	St. John's National Academy of Health Sciences	<p>In light of earlier recommendation dated 01-09-2020 the applicant presented their justification etc for the clinical trial protocol.</p> <p>The committee noted that all the four drugs (interferon, colchicine, aspirin & rivaroxaban) are now experimental drugs for COVID-19 patients.</p> <p>The committee is of the opinion that use of four experimental drugs in different combinations, in this life threatening condition, as proposed in the Clinical Trial, is not justified.</p> <p>Therefore, after detailed deliberation committee did not recommend for approval of the proposed Clinical Trial.</p>
2.	F.NO. ND/MA/20/00084 Remedesivir 100mg/vial	M/s Mylan	<p>The applicant presented the active PMS protocol before the committee.</p> <p>After detailed deliberation the committee recommended for grant of permission to conduct active PMS as per the protocol presented.</p>
3.	F, No. ND/MA/20/000137 Umifenovir Hydrochloride capsule 50/100/200mg	M/s Macleods	<p>The application of the firm is for approval of Umifenovir HCl in COVID-19.</p> <p>However, the firm presented their proposal for clinical trial of Umifenovir and Favipiravir along with standard supportive care verses favipiravir along with standard supportive care in hospitalized subjects with moderate COVID-19 Infection.</p> <p>After detailed deliberation the committee recommended that firm should submit appropriate protocol for evaluation of safety & efficacy of Umifenovir Hydrochloride Capsules as their application is for approval of Umifenovir Hydrochloride single drug.</p>

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4.	CT/90/20 Online Submission (21876) Bemcentinib (BGB324)	M/s. IQVIA	<p>Firm presented their proposal along with the Phase II clinical trial protocol before the committee.</p> <p>Assessment of Risk vs. Benefit to the patients: The safety profile of the study drug (as anticancer) from preclinical toxicology studies including repeat dose toxicity, Phase-I & II clinical study (oncology category) is defined. One <i>in vitro</i> (<i>Vero</i> E6 cell lines) antiviral study and additional studies viz. vesicular stomatitis virus pseudotyped with SARS-CoV spike protein and mouse beta coronavirus (MHV) justify the conduct of the Phase II trial.</p> <p>Innovation vis-à-vis Existing Therapeutic option: The purpose of the study is to assess the safety and efficacy of Bemcentinib (BGB324) a new chemical entity for the treatment of COVID-19 in hospitalised patients with primary (efficacy) objective and other secondary objectives.</p> <p>Unmet Medical need in the country: As on date there was no approved and effective treatment for COVID-19.</p> <p>After detailed deliberation the committee recommended for grant of permission to conduct the clinical trial subject to following condition-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Inclusion criteria should be revised - "To include the COVID-19 patients (Grade 4 & 5 as per 9-point WHO ordinal scale) also fulfilling the Indian guidelines criteria of moderate COVID-19". 2) Sample size in India should be 60 (30 in each arm). 3) There should be DSMB as per the guidelines for safety monitoring of the trial.
5.	CT/91/20 Online Submission (21905) IFX-1	M/s. Parexel	<p>The firm has presented the Phase 2/3 protocol before the committee.</p> <p>Assessment of risk versus Benefit to the patient: The safety profile of the study drug from various pre-clinical toxicology studies and clinical studies- Phase I and Phase II studies, justify the</p>

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			<p>conduct of the study.</p> <p>Innovation vis –a- vis exiting therapeutic: To demonstrate the efficacy of IFX-1 to improve survival outcomes of severe COVID- 19 pneumonia.</p> <p>Unmet Medical need in the country: The test drug may potentially provide treatment in patients with Severe COVID-19 Pneumonia.</p> <p>The committee noted that in Phase II trial, it did not met the primary endpoint.</p> <p>Therefore, after detailed deliberation, committee did not recommend for approval of the proposed Phase III Clinical Trial.</p>