

PHARMION CORPORATION ANNOUNCES FDA APPROVAL OF VIDAZA NDA SUPPLEMENT FOR IV ADMINISTRATION Vidaza only approved DNA demethylation agent with labeled IV administration of less than one hour



BOULDER, COLO., JANUARY 29, 2007 — Pharmion Corporation (NASDAQ: PHRM) announced today that it has received approval from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for its new drug application (NDA) supplement to add intravenous (IV) use as a new route of administration to the instructions in the approved prescribing information for its DNA demethylating agent Vidaza® (azacitidine for injection). With this approval, Vidaza may now be administered intravenously over a period of 10 to 40 minutes in a clinic or hospital setting.

With IV administration, the dosing for Vidaza remains the same as the previously approved subcutaneous (SC) administration at 75 mg/m² daily, for seven days, every four weeks. Since this approval is for an alternative administration of the existing formulation, Pharmion will begin promoting this IV route of administration immediately.

“We are extremely pleased to receive an approval to administer Vidaza via an IV infusion, as this now provides two convenient delivery routes for physicians to meet their MDS treatment goals,” said Patrick J. Mahaffy, Pharmion’s president and CEO. “We believe that offering this kind of flexibility for treatment administration within the label will be very important to physicians and their patients.”

The FDA approval of IV administration of Vidaza was based on existing clinical data from the original NDA, an uncontrolled Phase II study and a bioavailability study, as well as additional data from an in-use stability and compatibility study and a pharmacokinetic modeling study recently completed by Pharmion.

Visit www.vidaza.com for full prescribing information.

Preparation for Intravenous Administration

Reconstitute the appropriate number of VIDAZA vials to achieve the desired dose. Reconstitute each vial with 10 mL sterile water for injection. Vigorously shake or roll the vial until all solids are dissolved. The resulting solution will contain azacitidine 10mg/mL. The solution should be clear. Parenteral drug product should be inspected visually for particulate matter and discoloration prior to administration, whenever solution and container permit. Withdraw the required amount of VIDAZA solution to deliver the desired dose and inject into a 50-100 mL infusion bag of either 0.9% Sodium Chloride Injection or Lactated Ringer’s Injection.

Intravenous Solution Incompatibility

VIDAZA is incompatible with 5% Dextrose solutions, Hespan, or solutions that contain bicarbonate. These solutions have the potential to increase the rate of degradation of VIDAZA and should therefore be avoided.

Intravenous Administration

VIDAZA solution is administered intravenously. Administer the total dose over a period of 10-40 minutes. The administration must be completed within 1 hour of reconstitution of the VIDAZA vial.