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	Title:	<i>“VEGF Antagonist Formulations Suitable for Intravitreal Administration”</i>

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Prior to the examination of the above-referenced application on the merits, please enter the amendments below.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. – 11. **(Canceled)**

12. **(New)** A vial comprising:

a vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF) antagonist,

an organic co-solvent,

a buffer, and

a stabilizing agent,

wherein the VEGF antagonist is a fusion protein produced in a Chinese Hamster Ovary (CHO) cell, the fusion protein comprising an immunoglobulin-like (Ig) domain 2 of a first VEGF receptor and Ig domain 3 of a second VEGF receptor, and a multimerizing component.

13. **(New)** The vial of claim 12, wherein 90% or more of the weight of the fusion protein is not present as an aggregate.

14. **(New)** The vial of claim 12, wherein the first VEGF receptor is human Flt1 and the second VEGF receptor is selected from the group consisting of human Flk1 and the human Flt4.

15. **(New)** The vial of claim 14, wherein the fusion protein comprises an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:4.

16. **(New)** The vial of claim 14, wherein the VEGF antagonist is a dimer of the fusion protein.

17. **(New)** The vial of claim 16, wherein the organic co-solvent is selected for the group consisting of polysorbate 20, polysorbate 90, polyethylene glycol (PEG), PEG3350, and propylene glycol.

18. (New) The vial of claim 17, wherein the stabilizing agent is selected from the group consisting of sucrose, sorbitol, glycerol, trehalose, and mannitol.
19. (New) The vial of claim 12, wherein the buffer comprises phosphate.
20. (New) The vial of claim 12, wherein the organic co-solvent is polysorbate 20, the buffer is phosphate, and the stabilizing agent is sucrose.
21. (New) A formulation comprising:
a vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF) antagonist,
an organic co-solvent,
a buffer, and
a stabilizing agent,
wherein the VEGF antagonist is a fusion protein produced in a Chinese Hamster Ovary (CHO) cell, the fusion protein comprising an immunoglobulin-like (Ig) domain 2 of a first VEGF receptor and Ig domain 3 of a second VEGF receptor, and a multimerizing component.
22. (New) The formulation of claim 21, wherein 90% or more of the weight of the fusion protein is not present as an aggregate.
23. (New) The formulation of claim 21, wherein the first VEGF receptor is human Flt1 and the second VEGF receptor is selected from the group consisting of human Flk1 and the human Flt4.
24. (New) The formulation of claim 23, wherein the fusion protein comprises an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:4.
25. (New) The formulation of claim 23, wherein the VEGF antagonist is a dimer of the fusion protein.

26. (New) The formulation of claim 25, wherein the organic co-solvent is selected for the group consisting of polysorbate 20, polysorbate 90, polyethylene glycol (PEG), PEG3350, and propylene glycol.

27. (New) The formulation of claim 26, wherein the stabilizing agent is selected from the group consisting of sucrose, sorbitol, glycerol, trehalose, and mannitol.

28. (New) The formulation of claim 21, wherein the buffer comprises phosphate.

29. (New) The formulation of claim 21, wherein the organic co-solvent is polysorbate 20, the buffer is phosphate, and the stabilizing agent is sucrose.

REMARKS UNDER 37 CFR § 1.115

Formal Matters

Claims 12-29 are pending after entry of the amendments set forth herein.

Claims 1-11 are canceled without prejudice.

New claims 12-29 are added. Support for these amendments is found in the originally filed now canceled claims 1-11 and the specification.

No new matter has been added.

PARENT APPLICATION

The parent application has been allowed. Further, as indicated above, correspondence and support for the current claims relative to those of the parent application can be reviewed and confirmed. In the event the Examiner has any questions with respect to claim support or other issues in connection with the application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the indicated telephone number to arrange for an interview to expedite this position of this application.

STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§1.56 AND 1.2

Applicants hereby advise the Examiner of the status of a co-pending application in compliance with the Applicant's duty to disclose under 37 C.F.R. §§1.56 and 1.2 (see also MPEP §2001.06(b)) as discussed in *McKesson Info. Soln. Inc., v. Bridge Medical Inc.*, 487 F.3d 897; 82 USPQ2d 1865 (Fed. Cir. 2007).

The Applicants wish to bring to the Examiner's attention U.S. Patent Application No. 11/818,463, filed June 14, 2007 which issued on October 27, 2009 as U.S. Patent 7,608,261.

The Applicants wish to bring to the Examiner's attention U.S. Patent Application No. 12/833,417, filed July 9, 2010 which issued on January 10, 2012 as U.S. Patent No. 8,092,803.

The Applicants wish to bring to the Examiner's attention U.S. Patent Application No. 13/329,770, filed December 19, 2011 which issued on July 9, 2013 as U.S. Patent No. 8,481,046.

The Applicants wish to bring to the Examiner's attention U.S. Patent Application No. 13/914,996, filed June 11, 2013 which issued on August 12, 2014 as U.S. Patent No. 8,802,107.

The Applicants wish to bring to the Examiner's attention U.S. Patent Application No. 14/330,096, filed July 14, 2014 which issued on May 17, 2016 as U.S. Patent No. 9,334,594.

The Applicants wish to bring to the Examiner's attention U.S. Patent Application No. 15/095,606, filed April 11, 2016 which issued on March 13, 2018 as U.S. Patent No. 9,914,763.

The Applicants wish to bring to the Examiner's attention U.S. Patent Application No. 15/151/776, filed May 11, 2016 which issued on February 28, 2017 as U.S. Patent No. 9,580,489.

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CONCLUSION

Applicant(s) submit(s) that all of the claims are in condition for allowance, which action is requested. If the Examiner finds that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

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11818463	Claims benefit of provisional	60814484	2006-06-16		
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VEGF ANTAGONIST FORMULATIONS SUITABLE FOR INTRAVITREAL ADMINISTRATION

Cross-Reference to Related Applications

[0001] This application is a continuation application of U.S. patent application Ser. No. 14/330,096, filed July 14, 2014, which is a continuation of U.S. patent application Ser. No. 13/914,996, filed Jun. 11, 2013, which issued as U.S. Pat. No. 8,802,107 on Aug. 12, 2014, which is a continuation application of U.S. patent application Ser. No. 13/329,770, filed Dec. 19, 2011, which issued as U.S. Pat. No. 8,481,046 on Jul. 9, 2013, which is a continuation application of U.S. patent application Ser. No. 12/833,417, filed Jul. 9, 2010, which issued as U.S. Pat. No. 8,092,803 on Jan. 10, 2012, which is a continuation application of U.S. patent application Ser. No. 12/560,885, filed Sep. 16, 2009, which issued as U.S. Pat. No. 7,807,164 on Oct. 5, 2010, which is a divisional application of U.S. patent application Ser. No. 11/818,463, filed Jun. 14, 2007, which issued as U.S. Pat. No. 7,608,261 on Oct. 27, 2009, which claims the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/814,484, filed 16 Jun. 2006, which applications are each hereby incorporated by reference.

BACKGROUND OF INVENTION

Field of the Invention

[0002] The present invention is directed to pharmaceutical formulations suitable for intravitreal administration comprising agents capable of inhibiting vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF), and to methods for making and using such formulations. The invention includes liquid pharmaceutical formulations having increased stability, as well as formulations that may be lyophilize and reconstituted for intravitreal administration.

Statement of Related Art

[0003] Vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF) expression is nearly ubiquitous in human cancer, consistent with its role as a key mediator of tumor neoangiogenesis. Blockade of VEGF function, by binding to the molecule or its VEGFR-2 receptor, inhibits growth of implanted tumor cells in multiple different xenograft models (see, for example, Gerber et al. (2000) Cancer Res. 60:6253-6258). A soluble VEGF-specific fusion protein antagonist, termed a “VEGF trap” has been described (Kim et al. (2002) Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 99:11399-404; Holash et al. (2002) Proc.

Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 99:11393-8), which applications are specifically incorporated by reference in their entirety.

[0004] Ophthalmic formulations are known, see for example, U.S. 7,033,604 and 6,777,429. An ophthalmic formulation of a VEGF antibody is described in US 6,676,941.

[0005] Lyophilization (freeze drying under controlled conditions) is commonly used for long-term storage of proteins. The lyophilized protein is substantially resistant to degradation, aggregation, oxidation, and other degenerative processes while in the freeze-dried state (see, for example, U.S. 6,436,897).

BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

[0006] Stable formulations of a VEGF-specific fusion protein antagonist are provided.

Pharmaceutically acceptable formulations are provided that comprise a VEGF “trap” antagonist with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier. In specific embodiments, liquid and lyophilized formulations are provided.

[0007] In a first aspect, a stable liquid ophthalmic formulation of a VEGF-specific fusion protein antagonist is provided, comprising a fusion protein that comprises a receptor component consisting essentially of an immunoglobulin-like (Ig) domain 2 of a first VEGF receptor and Ig domain 3 of a second VEGF receptor, and a multimerizing component (also termed a “VEGF trap”). In a specific embodiment of the VEGF-specific fusion protein antagonist, the first VEGF receptor is Flt1 and the second VEGF receptor is Flk1 or Flt4. In a more specific embodiment the fusion protein has the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2 or SEQ ID NO:4. Preferably, the VEGF antagonist is a dimer comprising two fusion proteins of SEQ ID NO:4.

[0008] In one aspect, a stable liquid ophthalmic formulation is provided that comprises 1-100 mg/ml VEGF-specific fusion protein antagonist, 0.01-5% of one or more organic co-solvent(s), 30-150 mM of one or more tonicity agent(s), 5-40 mM of a buffering agent, and optionally, 1.0-7.5% of a stabilizing agent, pH between about 5.8-7.0.

[0009] In one or more specific embodiments, the organic co-solvent may be polysorbate, for example, polysorbate 20 or polysorbate 80, polyethylene glycol (PEG), for example, PEG 3350, or propylene glycol, or a combination thereof; the tonicity agent may be, for example, sodium chloride or potassium chloride; the stabilizing agent may be sucrose, sorbitol, glycerol, trehalose, or mannitol; and the buffering agent may be, for example, phosphate buffer. In a specific embodiment,

the phosphate buffer is a sodium phosphate buffer.

[0010] In various embodiments, the organic co-solvent is polysorbate and/or PEG, the stabilizing agent is sucrose, the buffering agent is phosphate buffer, and the tonicity agent is sodium chloride.

[0011] More specifically, the stable liquid ophthalmic formulation comprises about 40-50 mg/ml of the VEGF antagonist (SEQ ID NO:4), about 10 mM phosphate buffer, 0.01-3% polysorbate and/or PEG, 40-135 mM sodium chloride, and optionally 5.0% sucrose, pH about 6.2-6.3.

[0012] In a specific preferred embodiment, the stable liquid ophthalmic formulation comprises about 50 mg/ml of the VEGF antagonist (SEQ ID NO:4), 10 mM sodium phosphate buffer, 50 mM sodium chloride, 0.1% polysorbate, and 5% sucrose, pH about 6.2-6.3.

[0013] In a specific preferred embodiment, the stable liquid ophthalmic formulation comprises about 50 mg/ml of the VEGF antagonist (SEQ ID NO:4), 10 mM sodium phosphate buffer, 50 mM sodium chloride, 3% PEG, and 5% sucrose, pH about 6.2-6.3.

[0014] In a specific preferred embodiment, the stable liquid ophthalmic formulation comprises about 40 mg/ml of the VEGF antagonist (SEQ ID NO:4), 10 mM sodium phosphate buffer, 40 mM sodium chloride, 0.03% polysorbate, and 5% sucrose, pH about 6.2-6.3.

[0015] In a specific preferred embodiment, the stable liquid ophthalmic formulation comprises about 40 mg/ml of the VEGF antagonist (SEQ ID NO:4), 10 mM sodium phosphate buffer, 135 mM sodium chloride, and 0.03% polysorbate, pH about 6.2-6.3.

[0016] In another aspect, a stable liquid ophthalmic formulation is provided that comprises 1-100 mg/ml VEGF-specific fusion protein antagonist; 0.01-5% of one or more organic co-solvent(s); 5-40 mM of a buffering agent; and optionally 30-150 mM of one or more tonicity agent(s) and/or 1.0-7.5% of a stabilizing agent; having a pH between about 5.8-7.0.

[0017] In various embodiments, the VEGF antagonist (SEQ ID NO:4) is present at a concentration of about 10 to about 80 mg/ml. In various embodiments, the VEGF antagonist (SEQ ID NO:4) is present at a concentration of about 10, about 20, about 30, about 40, about 50, about 60, about 70, or about 80 mg/ml. In a preferred embodiment, the VEGF antagonist (SEQ ID NO:4) is present at a concentration of about 40 mg/ml.

[0018] In another embodiment, the stabilizing agent is selected from one or more of sucrose, sorbitol, glycerol, trehalose, and mannitol.

[0019] In another embodiment, the organic co-solvent is selected from one or more of polysorbate, for example, polysorbate 20 or polysorbate 80, polyethylene glycol (PEG), for example, PEG 3350, and propylene glycol.

[0020] In another embodiment, the buffer is a phosphate buffer, for example, sodium phosphate.

[0021] In another embodiment, the tonicity agent is a salt, for example, sodium chloride.

[0022] In one embodiment, the stable liquid ophthalmic formulation comprises 10 mM sodium phosphate buffer, about 0.03 to about 0.1% polysorbate and/or about 3% PEG or propylene glycol, about 40 mM sodium chloride, and about 5% sucrose. In a specific embodiment, the stable liquid ophthalmic formulation comprises 10 mM sodium phosphate buffer, about 0.03% polysorbate, about 40 mM sodium chloride, and about 5% sucrose. In another specific embodiment, the pH of the formulation is about 6.2 to about 6.3. In another specific embodiment, the pH is achieved by mixing mono- and dibasic sodium phosphate to the desired pH without acid/base titration.

[0023] In a specific embodiment, the stable liquid ophthalmic formulation consists essentially of a VEGF antagonist (SEQ ID NO:4) at 40 mg/ml, 10 mM sodium phosphate buffer, polysorbate at 0.03%, sodium chloride at 40 mM, and sucrose at 5%, pH 6.2-6.3.

[0024] In another aspect, a stable liquid ophthalmic formulation is provided that comprises about 10 to about 80 mg/ml VEGF antagonist, about 10 mM sodium phosphate buffer, about 0.03% polysorbate, and about 135 mM sodium chloride, pH 6.2 to 6.3.

[0025] In various embodiments, the VEGF antagonist (SEQ ID NO:4) is present at a concentration of about 10 to about 80 mg/ml. In various embodiments, the VEGF antagonist (SEQ ID NO:4) is present at a concentration of about 10, about 20, about 30, about 40, about 50, about 60, about 70, or about 80 mg/ml. In a specific embodiment, the VEGF antagonist (SEQ ID NO:4) is present at a concentration of about 40 mg/ml.

[0026] In one embodiment, the stable liquid ophthalmic formulation comprises 40 mg/ml of VEGF antagonist (SEQ ID NO:4), 10 mM sodium phosphate buffer, 0.03% polysorbate, and 135 mM sodium chloride at pH 6.2-6.3. In a specific embodiment, the stable liquid ophthalmic formulation consists essentially of 40 mg/ml of VEGF antagonist (SEQ ID NO:4), 10 mM sodium phosphate buffer, 0.03% polysorbate, and 135 mM sodium chloride at pH 6.2-6.3.

[0027] In another aspect, a lyophilizable formulation of a VEGF antagonist is provided, wherein upon lyophilization followed by reconstitution, a stable liquid ophthalmic formulation as described

herein is obtained.

[0028] In another aspect, a lyophilizable formulation of a vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF)-specific fusion protein antagonist is provided, comprising 5-50 mg/ml of the VEGF antagonist, 5-25 mM buffer, such as phosphate buffer, 0.01 to 0.15% of one or more of an organic co-solvent, such as polysorbate, propylene glycol and/or PEG, and optionally 1-10% of a stabilizing agent such as sucrose, sorbitol, trehalose, glycerol, or mannitol, pH about 5.8-7.0. In various embodiments, the VEGF antagonist (SEQ ID NO:4) is present at about 5, about 10, about 20, about 30, or about 40 mg/ml. In a specific embodiment, the lyophilizable ophthalmic formulation of the invention comprises 20 mg/ml of the VEGF antagonist, 10 mM sodium phosphate buffer, 0.03% polysorbate, 0.1% PEG, and 2.5% sucrose, pH about 6.2-6.3. In further embodiments, the lyophilizable formulation further comprises sodium chloride. In a specific embodiment, the sodium chloride is present at a concentration of about 20 mM. In another specific embodiment, the sodium chloride is present at a concentration of about 67.5 mM.

[0029] In another specific embodiment, the lyophilizable ophthalmic formulation of the invention comprises 20 mg/ml of the VEGF antagonist, 5 mM sodium phosphate buffer, 0.015% polysorbate, 20 mM sodium chloride, and 2.5% sucrose, pH about 6.2-6.3.

[0030] In another embodiment, the lyophilizable ophthalmic formulation comprises 5 mg/ml, 10 mg/ml, or 40 mg/ml VEGF antagonist, 5 mM sodium phosphate buffer, 0.015% polysorbate, 20 mM sodium chloride, and 2.5% sucrose, at pH 6.2-6.3. In a specific embodiment, the lyophilizable ophthalmic formulation consists essentially of 5 mg/ml, 10 mg/ml, or 40 mg/ml VEGF antagonist (SEQ ID NO:4), 5 mM sodium phosphate buffer, 0.015% polysorbate, 20 mM sodium chloride, and 2.5% sucrose, at pH 6.2-6.3.

[0031] In another specific embodiment, the lyophilizable ophthalmic formulation comprises 20 mg/ml of the VEGF antagonist, 5 mM sodium phosphate buffer, 0.015% polysorbate, and 67.5 mM sodium chloride, pH about 6.2-6.3. In a more specific embodiment, the lyophilizable ophthalmic formulation consists essentially of 20 mg/ml of the VEGF antagonist (SEQ ID NO:4), 5 mM sodium phosphate buffer, 0.015% polysorbate, and 67.5 mM sodium chloride, pH 6.2-6.3.

[0032] In another specific embodiment, the lyophilizable ophthalmic formulation comprises 5 mg/ml, 10 mg/ml, or 40 mg/ml VEGF antagonist, 5 mM sodium phosphate buffer, 0.015% polysorbate, and 67.5 mM sodium chloride, pH about 6.2-6.3. In a more specific embodiment, the lyophilizable ophthalmic formulation consists essentially of 5 mg/ml, 10 mg/ml, or 40 mg/ml VEGF

antagonist (SEQ ID NO:4), 5 mM sodium phosphate buffer, 0.015% polysorbate, and 67.5 mM sodium chloride, pH about 6.2-6.3.

[0033] Generally, the reconstituted formulation is about 2 times the concentration of the pre-lyophilized formulation, e.g., a 20 mg fusion protein/ml pre-lyophilized formulation is reconstituted to a final formulation of 40 mg fusion protein/ml.

[0034] Generally, the lyophilized formulation is reconstituted with sterile water suitable for injection. In one embodiment, the reconstitution liquid is bacteriostatic water.

[0035] In another aspect, the invention features a method of producing a lyophilized formulation of a VEGF-specific fusion protein antagonist, comprising subjecting the lyophilizable formulation of the invention to lyophilization to generate a lyophilized formulation. The lyophilized formulation may be lyophilized by any method known in the art for lyophilizing a liquid.

[0036] In another related aspect, the invention features a method of producing a reconstituted lyophilized formulation of a VEGF antagonist, comprising reconstituting the lyophilized formulation of the invention to a reconstituted formulation. In one embodiment, the reconstituted formulation is twice the concentration of the pre-lyophilized formulation, e.g., the method of the invention comprises: (a) producing a pre-lyophilized formulation of a VEGF-specific fusion protein antagonist, (b) subjecting the pre-lyophilized formulation of step (a) to lyophilization; and (c) reconstituting the lyophilized formulation of step (b).

[0037] The invention further features ophthalmic formulations provided in a pre-filled syringe or vial, particularly suitable for intravitreal administration.

[0038] Other objects and advantages will become apparent from a review of the ensuing detailed description.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

[0039] The present invention is not limited to particular methods, and experimental conditions described, as such methods and conditions may vary. It is also to be understood that the terminology used herein is for the purpose of describing particular embodiments only, and is not intended to be limiting unless indicated, since the scope of the present invention will be limited only by the appended claims.

[0040] Unless stated otherwise, all technical and scientific terms and phrases used herein have the same meaning as commonly understood by one of ordinary skill in the art to which the invention belongs. Although any methods and materials similar or equivalent to those described herein can be used in the practice or testing of the present invention, the preferred methods and materials are now described. All publications mentioned herein are incorporated herein by reference.

General Description

[0041] Safe handling and administration of formulations comprising proteins represent significant challenges to pharmaceutical formulators. Proteins possess unique chemical and physical properties that present stability problems: a variety of degradation pathways exist for proteins, implicating both chemical and physical instability. Chemical instability includes deamination, aggregation, clipping of the peptide backbone, and oxidation of methionine residues. Physical instability encompasses many phenomena, including, for example, aggregation and/or precipitation.

[0042] Chemical and physical stability can be promoted by removing water from the protein. Lyophilization (freeze-drying under controlled conditions) is commonly used for long-term storage of proteins. The lyophilized protein is substantially resistant to degradation, aggregation, oxidation, and other degenerative processes while in the freeze-dried state. The lyophilized protein may be reconstituted with water optionally containing a bacteriostatic preservative (e.g., benzyl alcohol) prior to administration.

Definitions

[0043] The term “carrier” includes a diluent, adjuvant, excipient, or vehicle with which a composition is administered. Carriers can include sterile liquids, such as, for example, water and oils, including oils of petroleum, animal, vegetable or synthetic origin, such as, for example, peanut oil, soybean oil, mineral oil, sesame oil and the like.

[0044] The term “excipient” includes a non-therapeutic agent added to a pharmaceutical composition to provide a desired consistency or stabilizing effect. Suitable pharmaceutical excipients include, for example, starch, glucose, lactose, sucrose, gelatin, malt, rice, flour, chalk, silica gel, sodium stearate, glycerol monostearate, talc, sodium chloride, dried skim milk, glycerol, propylene, glycol, water, ethanol and the like.

[0045] The term “lyophilized” or “freeze-dried” includes a state of a substance that has been subjected to a drying procedure such as lyophilization, where at least 90% of moisture has been

removed.

VEGF Antagonists

[0046] A VEGF antagonist is a compound capable of blocking or inhibiting the biological action of vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF), and includes fusion proteins capable of trapping VEGF. In a preferred embodiment, the VEGF antagonist is the fusion protein of SEQ ID NO:2 or 4; more preferably, SEQ ID NO:4. In specific embodiments, the VEGF antagonist is expressed in a mammalian cell line such as a CHO cell and may be modified post-translationally. In a specific embodiment, the fusion protein comprises amino acids 27-457 of SEQ ID NO:4 and is glycosylated at Asn residues 62, 94, 149, 222 and 308. Preferably, the VEGF antagonist is a dimer composed of two fusion proteins of SEQ ID NO:4.

[0047] The VEGF antagonist of the methods and formulations of the invention can be prepared by any suitable method known in the art, or that comes to be known. The VEGF antagonist is preferably substantially free of protein contaminants at the time it is used to prepare the pharmaceutically acceptable formulation. By “substantially free of protein contaminants” is meant, preferably, that at least 90 % of the weight of protein of the VEGF-specific fusion protein antagonist preparation used for making a formulation is VEGF fusion protein antagonist protein, more preferably at least 95%, most preferably at least 99%. The fusion protein is preferably substantially free of aggregates. “Substantially free of aggregates” means that at least 90% of the weight of fusion protein is not present in an aggregate at the time the fusion protein is used to prepare the pharmaceutically effective formulation. Unless stated otherwise, the phosphates employed are sodium phosphates and a desired buffering pH is achieved by mixing appropriate amounts of mono- and dibasic sodium phosphate.

Stable Liquid Ophthalmic Formulations

[0048] In one aspect, the invention provides a stable pharmaceutically acceptable formulation comprising a VEGF antagonist, wherein the formulation is a liquid formulation suitable for ophthalmic use. Preferably, the liquid formulation comprises a pharmaceutically effective amount of the VEGF antagonist. The formulation can also comprise one or more pharmaceutically acceptable carriers, buffers, tonicity agents, stabilizers, and/or excipients. An example of a pharmaceutically acceptable liquid formulation comprises a VEGF antagonist in a pharmaceutically effective amount, a buffer, an organic co-solvent such as polysorbate, a tonicity agent such as NaCl, and optionally, a

stabilizer such as sucrose or trehalose.

[0049] Stability is determined in a number of ways at specified time points, including determination of pH, visual inspection of color and appearance, determination of total protein content by methods known in the art, e.g., UV spectroscopy, and purity is determined by, for example, SDS-PAGE, size-exclusion HPLC, bioassay determination of activity, isoelectric focusing, and isoaspartate quantification. In one example of a bioassay useful for determining VEGF antagonist activity, a BAF/3 VEGFR1/EPOR cell line is used to determine VEGF165 binding by the VEGF antagonist of the invention.

[0050] Liquid formulations can be stored in an oxygen-deprived environment. Oxygen-deprived environments can be generated by storing the formulations under an inert gas such as, for example, nitrogen or argon. Liquid formulations are preferably stored at about 5°C.

Ophthalmic Lyophilized Formulations

[0051] In one aspect of the invention, an ophthalmically acceptable formulation comprising a VEGF antagonist is provided, wherein the formulation is a lyophilizable formulation. Lyophilizable formulations can be reconstituted into solutions, suspensions, emulsions, or any other suitable form for administration or use. Lyophilizable formulations are typically first prepared as liquids, then frozen and lyophilized. The total liquid volume before lyophilization can be less, equal to, or more than, the final reconstituted volume of the lyophilized formulation. The lyophilization process is well known to those of ordinary skill in the art, and typically includes sublimation of water from a frozen formulation under controlled conditions.

[0052] Lyophilized formulations can be stored at a wide range of temperatures. Lyophilized formulations may be stored below 25°C, for example, refrigerated at 2-8°C, or at room temperature (e.g., approximately 25°C). Preferably, lyophilized formulations are stored below about 25°C, more preferably, at about 4-20°C; below about 4°C; below about -20°C; about -40°C; about -70°C, or about -80°C. Stability of the lyophilized formulation may be determined in a number of ways known to the art, for example, by visual appearance of the cake and/or by moisture content.

[0053] Lyophilized formulations are typically reconstituted for use by addition of an aqueous solution to dissolve the lyophilized formulation. A wide variety of aqueous solutions can be used to reconstitute a lyophilized formulation. Preferably, lyophilized formulations are reconstituted using water. Lyophilized formulations are preferably reconstituted with a solution consisting essentially of

water (e.g., USP WFI, or water for injection) or bacteriostatic water (e.g., USP WFI with 0.9% benzyl alcohol). However, solutions comprising buffers and/or excipients and/or one or more pharmaceutically acceptable carries can also be used.

[0054] Freeze-dried or lyophilized formulations are typically prepared from liquids, that is, from solutions, suspensions, emulsions, and the like. Thus, the liquid that is to undergo freeze-drying or lyophilization preferably comprises all components desired in a final reconstituted liquid formulation. As a result, when reconstituted, the freeze-dried or lyophilized formulation will render a desired liquid formulation upon reconstitution.

EXAMPLES

[0055] Before the present methods are described, it is to be understood that this invention is not limited to particular methods, and experimental conditions described, as such methods and conditions may vary. It is also to be understood that the terminology used herein is for the purpose of describing particular embodiments only, and is not intended to be limiting, since the scope of the present invention will be limited only to the appended claims.

[0056] As used in this specification and the appended claims, the singular forms “a”, “an”, and “the” include plural references unless the context clearly dictates otherwise. Thus for example, a reference to “a method” includes one or more methods, and/or steps of the type described herein and/or which will become apparent to those persons skilled in the art upon reading this disclosure and so forth.

[0057] Unless defined otherwise, all technical and scientific terms used herein have the same meaning as commonly understood by one of ordinary skill in the art to which this invention belongs. Although any methods and materials similar or equivalent to those described herein can be used in the practice or testing of the present invention, the preferred methods and materials are now described. All publications mentioned herein are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety.

Example 1. Stability of 50 mg/ml VEGF Trap Liquid Formulation Stored at 5°C in 3 ml Glass Vials.

[0058] An ophthalmic liquid formulation containing 50 mg/ml VEGF Trap (SEQ ID NO:4), 10 mM phosphate, 50 mM NaCl, 0.1% polysorbate 20, 5% sucrose, and pH 6.25, was stored at 5 °C in 3 ml glass vials and samples tested at 3, 6, 9, 12, 18 and 24 months. Stability was determined by SE-

HPLC. The results are shown in Table 1. Turbidity was measured at OD₄₀₅ nm; and percent recovered protein and purity by size exclusion HPLC.

Table 1. Stability of 50 mg/ml VEGF Trap Protein (VGFT-SS065)

Months	Visual Appearance	Turbidity (OD ₄₀₅ nm)	pH	% VEGF Trap Recovered	% VEGF Trap Native Configuration
0	Pass	0.00	6.2	100	98.8
3	Pass	0.00	6.2	101	98.7
6	Pass	0.01	6.3	100	98.3
9	Pass	0.01	6.3	101	98.3
12	Pass	0.01	6.3	104	98.4
18	Pass	0.01	6.3	96	98.1
24	Pass	0.01	6.3	105	98.1

Example 2. Stability of 50 mg/ml VEGF Trap Liquid Formulation Stored at 5°C in 3 ml Glass Vials.

[0059] A liquid formulation containing 50 mg/ml VEGF Trap (SEQ ID NO:4), 10 mM phosphate, 50 mM NaCl, 3% polyethylene glycol 3350, 5% sucrose, and pH 6.25, was stored at 5 °C in 3 nil glass vials and samples tested at 3, 6, 9, 12, 18 and 24 months. Stability results are shown in Table 2. Turbidity, percent recovered protein and purity was determined as described above.

Table 2. Stability of 50 mg/ml VEGF Trap Protein (VGFT-SS065)

Months	Visual Appearance	Turbidity	pH	% VEGF Trap Recovered	% VEGF Trap Native Configuration
0	Pass	0.00	6.2	100	98.9
3	Pass	0.00	6.1	104	98.5
6	Pass	0.01	6.3	99	98.3
9	Pass	0.00	6.3	102	97.6
12	Pass	0.01	6.3	103	98.0
18	Pass	0.00	6.3	113	97.7
24	Pass	0.00	6.2	106	97.6

Example 3. Stability of 40 mg/ml VEGF Trap Liquid Formulation Stored at 5°C in 3 ml Glass Vials.

[0060] A liquid formulation containing 40 mg/ml VEGF Trap (SEQ ID NO:4), 10 mM phosphate, 40 mM NaCl, 0.03% polysorbate 20, 5% sucrose, and pH 6.3, was stored at 5 °C in 3 ml glass vials

and samples tested at 0.5, 1, 2, 3, and 4 months. Stability results are shown in Table 3. Turbidity, percent recovered protein and purity was determined as described above.

Table 3. Stability of 40 mg/ml VEGF Trap Protein (VGFT-SS207)

Months	Visual Appearance	Turbidity	pH	% VEGF Trap Recovered	% VEGF Trap Native Configuration
0	Pass	0.00	6.3	100	99.5
0.5	Pass	0.00	6.3	99	99.4
1	Pass	0.00	6.2	98	99.5
2	Pass	0.00	6.2	95	99.2
3	Pass	0.01	6.4		
4	Pass	0.01	6.3		

Example 4. Stability of 40 mg/ml VEGF Trap Liquid Formulation Stored at 5°C in Pre-filled Glass Syringe.

[0061] A liquid formulation containing 40 mg/ml VEGF trap (SEQ ID NO:4), 10 mM phosphate, 40 mM NaCl, 0.03% polysorbate 20, 5% sucrose, and pH 6.3, was stored at 5 °C in 1 ml prefilled luer glass syringe with 4023/50 FluroTec coated plunger and samples tested at 0.5, 1, 2, 3, and 4 months. Stability results are shown in Table 4. Turbidity, percent recovered protein and purity was determined as described above.

Table 4. Stability of 40 mg/ml VEGF Trap Protein (VGFT-SS207)

Months	Visual Appearance	Turbidity	pH	% VEGF Trap Recovered	% VEGF Trap Native Configuration
0	Pass	0.00	6.3	100	99.4
0.5	Pass	0.00	6.3	100	99.3
1	Pass	0.00	6.3	100	99.4
2	Pass	0.00	6.3	97	99.1
3	Pass	0.01	6.4		
4	Pass	0.01	6.3		

Example 5. Stability of 40 mg/ml VEGF Trap Liquid Formulation Stored at 5°C in 3 ml Glass Vials.

[0062] A liquid formulation containing 40 mg/ml VEGF trap (SEQ ID NO:4), 10 mM phosphate, 135 mM NaCl, 0.03% polysorbate 20, and pH 6.3, was stored at 5 °C in 3 ml glass vials and samples

tested at 0.5, 1, 2, 3, and 4 months. Stability results are shown in Table 5. Turbidity, percent recovered protein and purity was determined as described above.

Table 5. Stability of 40 mg/ml VEGF Trap Protein (VGFT-SS203)

Months	Visual Appearance	Turbidity	pH	% VEGF Trap Recovered	% VEGF Trap Native Configuration
0	Pass	0.00	6.3	100	99.3
0.5	Pass	0.00	6.2	87	99.2
1	Pass	0.00	6.2	88	99.1
2	Pass	0.00	6.3	103	99.2
3	Pass	0.00	6.3	88	99.0
4	Pass	0.00	6.2	85	98.9
5	Pass	0.00	6.3	84	99.0

Example 6. Stability of 40 mg/ml VEGF Trap Liquid Formulation Stored at 5°C in 1 ml Pre-filled Glass Syringe.

[0063] A liquid formulation containing 40 mg/ml VEGF trap (SEQ ID NO:4), 10 mM phosphate, 135 mM NaCl, 0.03% polysorbate 20, and pH 6.3, was stored at 5 °C in 1 ml prefilled glass luer syringe with 4023/50 FluroTec coated plunger and samples tested at 0.5, 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 months. Stability results are shown in Table 6. Turbidity, percent recovered protein and purity was determined as described above.

Table 6. Stability of 40 mg/ml VEGF Trap Protein (VGFT-SS203)

Months	Visual Appearance	Turbidity	pH	% VEGF Trap Recovered	% VEGF Trap Native Configuration
0	Pass	0.00	6.3	100	99.2
0.5	Pass	0.01	6.3	101	99.2
1	Pass	0.00	6.3	101	99.2
2	Pass	0.00	6.3	-	-
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Example 7. Stability of Lyophilized 20 mg/ml VEGF Trap Formulation Stored at 5°C in 3 ml Glass Vials and Reconstituted to 40 mg/ml.

[0064] 0.8 ml of a liquid formulation containing 20 mg/ml VEGF trap (SEQ ID NO:4), 5 mM

phosphate, 20 mM NaCl, 0.015% polysorbate 20, 2.5% sucrose, and pH 6.3, were lyophilized in 3 ml glass vials. Samples were stored at 5°C and tested at 1, and 2 months. VEGF trap was reconstituted to a final concentration of 40 mg/ml VEGF Trap (final volume of 0.4 ml). Stability results are shown in Table 7 (t = time in months; * = visual appearance; **=reconstitution time). Turbidity, percent recovered protein and purity was determined as described above.

Table 7. Stability of Lyophilized 20 mg/ml VEGF Trap Protein (VGFT-SS216)

t	Vis. App.*	Recon. Time** (min)	Vis. App.* Reconst'd Liquid	Turbidity	pH	% VEGF Trap Recovered	% VEGF Trap Native Config.
0	Pass	0.6	Pass	0.00	6.3	100	99.5
1	Pass	0.6	Pass	0.01	6.3	106	99.4
2	Pass	0.4	Pass	0.01	6.2	103	99.3

Example 8. Stability of Lyophilized 20 mg/ml VEGF Trap Formulation Stored at 5°C in 3 ml Glass Vials.

[0065] 0.8 ml of a liquid formulation containing 20 mg/ml VEGF trap (SEQ ID NO:4), 5 mM phosphate, 67.5 mM NaCl, 0.015% polysorbate 20, and pH 6.3, were lyophilized in 3 ml glass vials. Samples were stored at 5°C and tested at 1, 2, and 3 months. VEGF trap was reconstituted to a final concentration of 40 mg/ml VEGF trap (final volume of 0.4 ml). Stability results are shown in Table 8 (t = time in months; * = visual appearance; **=reconstitution time).

Table 8. Stability of Lyophilized 20 mg/ml VEGF Trap Protein (VGFT-SS216)

t	Vis. App.*	Recon. Time** (min)	Vis. App.* Reconst'd Liquid	Turbidity	pH	% VEGF Trap Recovered	% VEGF Trap Native Config.
0	Pass	0.7	Pass	0.00	6.3	100	99.0
1	Pass	0.7	Pass	0.01	6.2	105	98.9
2	Pass	0.4	Pass	0.01	6.2	103	98.9

WE CLAIM:

1. A prefilled glass syringe suitable for intravitreal administration containing a stable ophthalmic formulation comprising a vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF) antagonist, an organic co-solvent, a buffer, and a stabilizing agent, wherein the VEGF antagonist is a protein produced in a Chinese Hamster Ovary (CHO) cell.
2. The prefilled glass syringe of claim 1, wherein 90% or more of the weight of the protein is not present as an aggregate.
3. The prefilled glass syringe of claim 2, wherein the protein is a fusion protein comprising the immunoglobulin-like (Ig) domain 2 of a first VEGF receptor and Ig domain 3 of a second VEGF receptor, and a multimerizing component.
4. The prefilled glass syringe of claim 3, wherein the first VEGF receptor is the human Flt1 and the second VEGF receptor is the human Flk1 or the human Flt4.
5. The prefilled glass syringe of claim 4, wherein the fusion protein comprises an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:4.
6. The prefilled glass syringe of claim 5, wherein the VEGF antagonist is a dimer of the fusion protein.
7. The prefilled syringe of claim 1, wherein the organic co-solvent is selected from the group consisting of polysorbate 20, polysorbate 80, polyethylene glycol (PEG), PEG3350, and propylene glycol.
8. The prefilled syringe of claim 1, wherein the stabilizing agent is selected from the group consisting of sucrose, sorbitol, glycerol, trehalose, and mannitol.
9. The prefilled syringe of claim 1, wherein the buffer comprises phosphate.
10. The prefilled syringe of claim 4 comprising (a) 1-100 mg/ml of the VEGF antagonist; (b) 0.01-5% of the organic co-solvent; (c) 5-40 mM of the buffer; and (d) 1.0-10% of the stabilizing agent.
11. The prefilled syringe of claim 11, wherein the organic co-solvent is polysorbate 20, the buffer is phosphate, and the stabilizing agent is sucrose.

ABSTRACT

[0066] Ophthalmic formulations of a vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF)-specific fusion protein antagonist are provided suitable for intravitreal administration to the eye. The ophthalmic formulations include a stable liquid formulation and a lyophilizable formulation. Preferably, the protein antagonist has an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:4.

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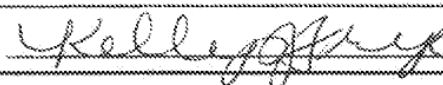
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Sir:

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Name	Frank R. Cottingham		
Title	Executive Director, Assistant General Counsel, Patents, Regeneron Pharmaceuticals, Inc.		

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Applicant/Patent Owner: Regeneron Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

Application No./Patent No.: 16/159,269 Filed/Issue Date: October 12, 2018

Titled: VEGF Antagonist Formulations Suitable for Intravitreal Administration

Regeneron Pharmaceuticals, Inc., a corporation

(Name of Assignee)

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Notice of Pre-AIA or AIA Status

1. The present application is being examined under the pre-AIA first to invent provisions.

Status of Application, Amendments, and/or Claims

2. The preliminary amendment filed 12 October 2018 has been received and entered in full. Claims 1-11 have been cancelled, and claims 12-29 have been added. Therefore, claims 12-29 are pending and the subject of this Office Action.

Information Disclosure Statement

3. The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on 10 December 2018 has been considered by the examiner.

Specification

4. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities:
5. An updated status of the parent nonprovisional applications should be included in the first sentence of the specification.

Double Patenting

6. The nonstatutory double patenting rejection is based on a judicially created doctrine grounded in public policy (a policy reflected in the statute) so as to prevent the unjustified or improper timewise extension of the "right to exclude" granted by a patent and to prevent possible harassment by multiple assignees. A nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting rejection is appropriate where the conflicting claims are not identical, but at least one examined application claim is not patentably distinct from the reference claim(s) because the examined application claim

is either anticipated by, or would have been obvious over, the reference claim(s). See, e.g., *In re Berg*, 140 F.3d 1428, 46 USPQ2d 1226 (Fed. Cir. 1998); *In re Goodman*, 11 F.3d 1046, 29 USPQ2d 2010 (Fed. Cir. 1993); *In re Longi*, 759 F.2d 887, 225 USPQ 645 (Fed. Cir. 1985); *In re Van Ornum*, 686 F.2d 937, 214 USPQ 761 (CCPA 1982); *In re Vogel*, 422 F.2d 438, 164 USPQ 619 (CCPA 1970); and *In re Thorington*, 418 F.2d 528, 163 USPQ 644 (CCPA 1969).

7. A timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) or 1.321(d) may be used to overcome an actual or provisional rejection based on a nonstatutory double patenting ground provided the reference application or patent either is shown to be commonly owned with this application, or claims an invention made as a result of activities undertaken within the scope of a joint research agreement. A terminal disclaimer must be signed in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(b).

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9. Claims 12-29 are rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-7 and 11-17 of U.S. Patent No. 8,092,803. Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because the scope of the ophthalmic formulation of the VEGF antagonist recited in the instant claims is overlapping in scope with the ophthalmic formulation of VEGF antagonist recited in claims 1-7 and 11-17 of U.S. Patent No. 8,092,803. Therefore, the claims are overlapping in scope.

10. Claims 12-29 are rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-15 and 17 of U.S. Patent No. 7,608,261. Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because the

scope of the ophthalmic formulation of the VEGF antagonist recited in the instant claims is overlapping in scope with the ophthalmic formulation of VEGF antagonist recited in claims 1-15 and 17 of U.S. Patent No. 7,608,261. Therefore, the claims are overlapping in scope.

11. Claims 12-29 are rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-12 of U.S. Patent No. 9,340,594. Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because the scope of the ophthalmic formulation of the VEGF antagonist recited in the instant claims is overlapping in scope with the ophthalmic formulation of VEGF antagonist recited in claims 1-11 of U.S. Patent No. 9,340,594. Therefore, the claims are overlapping in scope.

12. Claims 12-29 are rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-12 of U.S. Patent No. 9,914,763. Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because the scope of the ophthalmic formulation of the VEGF antagonist recited in the instant claims is overlapping in scope with the ophthalmic formulation of VEGF antagonist recited in claims 1-12 of U.S. Patent No. 9,914,763. Therefore, the claims are overlapping in scope.

13. Claims 12-29 are provisionally rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 12-26 of copending Application 15/879,294. Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because the scope of the ophthalmic formulation of the VEGF antagonist recited in the instant

claims is overlapping in scope with the ophthalmic formulation of VEGF antagonist recited in claims 1-12 of U.S. Patent No. 9,914,763. Therefore, the claims are overlapping in scope.

This is a provisional nonstatutory double patenting rejection.

Summary

14. No claim is allowed.

Advisory Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jon M. Lockard whose telephone number is (571) 272-2717. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM.

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Sir:

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated April 2, 2019, for which a three-month period for response was given. Applicants petition for a one-month extension of time and attach the fee hereto making this amendment timely filed on or before August 2, 2019. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

In view of the remarks put forth below, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. – 11. (Cancelled)

12. (Currently Amended) A vial comprising:

a vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF) antagonist,

an organic co-solvent,

a buffer, and

a stabilizing agent,

wherein the VEGF antagonist is a fusion protein produced in a Chinese Hamster Ovary (CHO) cell, the fusion protein comprising an immunoglobulin-like (Ig) domain 2 of a first VEGF receptor and Ig domain 3 of a second VEGF receptor, and a multimerizing component; **and**

wherein at least 98% of the VEGF antagonist is present in native conformation following storage at 5°C for two months as measured by size exclusion chromatography.

13. (Currently Amended) The vial of claim 12, wherein **about 99%**~~90%~~ or more of the weight of the fusion protein is ~~not present as an aggregate~~ **in native conformation.**

14. (Previously Presented) The vial of claim 12, wherein the first VEGF receptor is human Flt1 and the second VEGF receptor is selected from the group consisting of human Flk1 and the human Flt4.

15. (Currently Amended) The vial of claim 14, wherein the fusion protein comprises **amino acids 27-457**~~an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:4.~~

16. (Currently Amended) The vial of claim ~~15~~**14**, wherein the VEGF antagonist is a dimer of the fusion protein.

17. (Previously Presented) The vial of claim 16, wherein the organic co-solvent is selected for the group consisting of polysorbate 20, polysorbate 90, polyethylene glycol (PEG), PEG3350, and propylene glycol.

18. (Previously Presented) The vial of claim 17, wherein the stabilizing agent is selected from the group consisting of sucrose, sorbitol, glycerol, trehalose, and mannitol.

19. (Currently Amended) The vial of claim 12, wherein the organic co-solvent is polysorbate 20 and the stabilizing agent is sucrose~~buffer comprises phosphate.~~

20. (Previously Presented) The vial of claim 12, wherein the organic co-solvent is polysorbate 20, the buffer is phosphate, and the stabilizing agent is sucrose.

21. (Currently Amended) A formulation comprising:
a vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF) antagonist,
an organic co-solvent,
a buffer, and
a stabilizing agent,

wherein the VEGF antagonist is a fusion protein produced in a Chinese Hamster Ovary (CHO) cell, the fusion protein comprising an immunoglobulin-like (Ig) domain 2 of a first VEGF receptor and Ig domain 3 of a second VEGF receptor, and a multimerizing component; and

wherein at least 98% of the VEGF antagonist is present in native conformation following storage at 5°C for two months as measured by size exclusion chromatography.

22. (Currently Amended) The formulation of claim 21, wherein about 99%~~90%~~ or more of the weight of the fusion protein is ~~not present as an aggregate~~ in native conformation.

23. (Previously Presented) The formulation of claim 21, wherein the first VEGF receptor is human Flt1 and the second VEGF receptor is selected from the group consisting of human Flk1 and the human Flt4.

24. (Currently Amended) The formulation of claim 23, wherein the fusion protein comprises amino acids 27-457~~an amino acid sequence~~ of SEQ ID NO:4.

25. **(Currently Amended)** The formulation of claim ~~24~~²³, wherein the VEGF antagonist is a dimer of the fusion protein.

26. **(Previously Presented)** The formulation of claim 25, wherein the organic co-solvent is selected for the group consisting of polysorbate 20, polysorbate 90, polyethylene glycol (PEG), PEG3350, and propylene glycol.

27. **(Previously Presented)** The formulation of claim 26, wherein the stabilizing agent is selected from the group consisting of sucrose, sorbitol, glycerol, trehalose, and mannitol.

28. **(Currently Amended)** The formulation of claim 21, wherein the organic co-solvent is polysorbate 20 and the stabilizing agent is sucrose~~buffer comprises phosphate.~~

29. **(Previously Presented)** The formulation of claim 21, wherein the organic co-solvent is polysorbate 20, the buffer is phosphate, and the stabilizing agent is sucrose.

REMARKS

Formal Matters

Claims 12-29 are now pending in this application.

Claims 1-11 have been canceled without prejudice.

Claims 12, 13, 15, 16, 19, 21, 22, 24, 25 and 28 are amended to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the invention. The amendments are supported in the originally filed application.

No New matter has been added.

Obviousness Type Double Patenting Rejections

Claims 12-29 were rejected under the doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-7 and 11-17 of issued U.S. Patent 8,092,803.

Without acquiescing to the validity of the rejection and merely to expedite prosecution of the application applicants have attached hereto a Terminal Disclaimer with respect to U.S. Patent 8,092,803 thereby rendering the rejection moot.

Claims 12-29 were rejected for obviousness type-double patenting over claims 1-15 and 17 of issued U.S. Patent 7,608,261.

The rejection is respectfully traversed as applied and as it might be applied to the presently pending claims. Independent claims 12 and 21 have been amended to include an element relating to the stability of the protein conformation in storage over a period of time. This element is not contained within any of the claims of the '261 patent.

In view of distinguishing features between the claims as amended and the claims of the '261 patent the rejection should be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Claims 12-29 were rejected for obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-12 of issued U.S. Patent 9,340,594.

The claims 1-12 of the '594 patent do not include elements relating to the percentage of the VEGF antagonist which maintains its conformation following storage over a period of time. In view of such the rejection should be reconsidered and withdrawn.

All of the pending claims also indicate that the VEGF antagonist is a fusion protein produced in a Chinese hamster ovary (CHO) cells. This feature is not contained within any of the claims of the '594 patent.

Claims 12-29 were rejected for obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-12 of issued U.S. Patent 9,914,763. The rejection is traversed as applied and as it might be applied to the amended claims.

The claims of the '763 patent do not include elements relating to the stability of the VEGF antagonist over time when stored which element is included in the claims of the present application by amendment. In view of such the rejection should be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Claims 12-29 were rejected for obviousness-type double patenting over claims 12-26 of co-pending application 15/879,294.

The rejection is traversed as applied and as it might be applied to the presently pending claims.

None of the claims pending within the '294 application include an element relating to the stability of the VEGF antagonist over time when stored.

All of the pending claims also indicate that the VEGF antagonist is a fusion protein produced in a Chinese hamster ovary (CHO) cells. This feature is not contained within any of the claims of the '294 patent.

In view of the differences between the claims as amended and those pending within the '294 application the rejection should be reconsidered and withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

Without acquiescing to the validity of the rejection, a Terminal Disclaimer is filed with respect to U.S. Patent 8,092,803. The independent claims have been amended to include an element relating to the characterization of the formulation when stored over time, which element is included in the claims of the '803 patent, but not included within the claims of any of the other patents used in making additional obvious type double patenting rejections. In view of such, these rejections are believed to have been overcome and an indication of such is respectfully requested.

Applicants submit that all of the claims are in condition for allowance, which action is requested. If the Examiner finds that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

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Respectfully submitted,
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Date: July 22, 2019

By: /Karl Bozicevic, Reg. No. 28,807/
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REGN-024CON8

In re Application of: Eric Furfine

Application No.: 16/159,269

Filed: October 12, 2018

For: VEGF ANTAGONIST FORMULATIONS SUITABLE FOR INTRAVITREAL ADMINISTRATION

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TITLE OF INVENTION: VEGF ANTAGONIST FORMULATIONS SUITABLE FOR INTRAVITREAL ADMINISTRATION

APPLN. TYPE	ENTITY STATUS	ISSUE FEE DUE	PUBLICATION FEE DUE	PREV. PAID ISSUE FEE	TOTAL FEE(S) DUE	DATE DUE
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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the Amendment filed 22 July 2019.
☐ A declaration(s)/affidavit(s) under **37 CFR 1.130(b)** was/were filed on _____.

2. ☐ An election was made by the applicant in response to a restriction requirement set forth during the interview on _____; the restriction requirement and election have been incorporated into this action.

3. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are See Continuation Sheet. As a result of the allowed claim(s), you may be eligible to benefit from the **Patent Prosecution Highway** program at a participating intellectual property office for the corresponding application. For more information, please see http://www.uspto.gov/patents/init_events/pph/index.jsp or send an inquiry to PPHfeedback@uspto.gov.

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Continuation of 3. The allowed claim(s) is/are: 12-29 (renumbered as claims 1-18, respectively)

Notice of Pre-AIA or AIA Status

1. The present application is being examined under the pre-AIA first to invent provisions.

DETAILED ACTION

Status of Application, Amendments, and/or Claims

- 2 The Amendment filed 22 July 2019 has been received and entered in full. Claims 12, 13, 15, 16, 19, 21, 22, 24, 25 and 28 have been amended. Therefore, claims 12-29 are pending and the subject of this Office Action.

Terminal Disclaimer

3. The terminal disclaimer filed on 22 July 2019 disclaiming the terminal portion of any patent granted on this application which would extend beyond the expiration date of **U.S. Patent No. 8,092,803** has been reviewed and is accepted. The terminal disclaimer has been recorded.

Withdrawn Objections and/or Rejections

4. The rejection of claims 12-29 on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as set forth at pp. 2-5 of the previous Office action (mailed 02 April 2019) is withdrawn in view of the amended claims and the terminal disclaimer (filed 22 July 2019).

Summary

5. Claims 12-29 are allowed.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to **Jon M. Lockard** whose telephone number is **(571) 272-2717**. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM.

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August 16, 2019

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is a Certificate of Correction for the above-identified patent. In claim 11, line 41, please delete “90%”. This amendment was made to originally numbered claim 22 in the response filed July 22, 2019.

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Signature of Inventor or Patent Owner	/ Frank R. Cottingham /	Date	08-May-2020
Name	Frank R. Cottingham, Ph.D., J.D.	Telephone	914.847.1116
Title and Company	Exec. Director & Asst. Gen. Counsel, Patents; Regeneron Pharmaceuticals, Inc.		

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Applicant/Patent Owner: Regeneron Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

Application No./Patent No.: US 90/014,448 Filed/Issue Date: 2020-02-11

Titled: VEGF ANTAGONIST FORMULATIONS SUITABLE FOR INTRAVITREAL ADMINISTRATION

Regeneron Pharmaceuticals, Inc., a corporation

(Name of Assignee)

(Type of Assignee, e.g., corporation, partnership, university, government agency, etc.)

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The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is authorized to act on behalf of the assignee.

/ Frank R. Cottingham /

Signature

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REGENERON PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

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Patent No.:	10,464,992	Conf. No.	5813
Issued:	November 5, 2019	Atty. Docket:	1050138.00034
For:	METHOD OF MANUFACTURING VEGF ANTAGONIST FUSION PROTEINS		

**Request for Certificate of Correction of Patentee Mistakes
Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.323**

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.323, Patentee hereby requests that a Certificate of Correction of Patentee Mistakes be issued in US Patent No. 10,464,992 (“992 Patent”), to correct patentee’s typographical error in claims 6 and 15 as follows:

6. The vial of claim 5, wherein the organic co-solvent is selected for the group consisting of polysorbate 20, polysorbate 80 [[90]], polyethylene glycol (PEG), PEG3350, and propylene glycol.

15. The formulation of claim 14, wherein the organic co-solvent is selected for the group consisting of polysorbate 20, polysorbate 80 [[90]], polyethylene glycol (PEG), PEG3350, and propylene glycol.

Patentee further submits a fee payment of \$160.00 as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(a).

Patentee mistyped “polysorbate 80” as “polysorbate 90” in claims 6 and 15. This error originated from the Preliminary Amendment dated October 12, 2018. *See* Claims 17 and 26.

This error is “a mistake of a clerical or typographical nature,” and “of minor character.” 35 U.S.C. § 255. Both the 992 Patent and the specification as filed support this correction. The 992 Patent explicitly provides that “the organic co-solvent may be polysorbate, for example, polysorbate 20 or **polysorbate 80**, polyethylene glycol (PEG), for example, PEG 3350, or propylene glycol, or a combination thereof” Column 2, lines 25-28 (emphasis added); *see also*, column 3, lines 14-17; specification as filed, at paragraphs [0009] and [0019]. In contrast, the phrase “polysorbate 90” does not appear anywhere in the 992 Patent specification, does not exist in the art to our knowledge, and is meaningless in the context of claims 6 and 15. Further, except for the mistyped polysorbate 90, claims 6 and 15 recite the entire Markush group of five organic co-solvents in the same order as they appear in paragraphs [0009] and [0019] of the specification as filed. As such, this error is “a mistake of a clerical or typographical nature, [and] of minor character,” which qualifies for a Certificate of Correction under 35 U.S.C. § 255.

Patentee does not believe any additional fees, other than the fee specified above, are due in conjunction with this filing. However, if any additional fees are required in the present, patented application, including any fees for extensions of time, then the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Arnold & Porter Kaye Scholer LLP Deposit Account No. 50-2387 referencing matter number 1050138.00034.

The Commissioner is invited to contact the patentee's undersigned representative at (202) 942-6195 to address any unresolved issues remaining in this patent.

Respectfully submitted,

/Xianfeng Xu/

David R. Marsh, Ph.D. (Reg. Atty. No. 41,408)
Xianfeng Xu, Ph.D. (Reg. Atty. No. 68,376)

Date: February 26, 2021

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PATENT NO. : 10,464,992

APPLICATION NO.: 16/159,269

ISSUE DATE : November 5, 2019

INVENTOR(S) : Eric FURFINE et al.

It is certified that an error appears or errors appear in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

In the Claims

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PART (A) RESPONSE FOR CERTIFICATES OF CORRECTION

This is a decision on the Certificate of Correction request filed 26 February 2021.

The request for issuance of Certificate of Correction for the above-identified correction(s) under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.322 and/or 1.323 is hereby:

(Check one)

☒ Approved ☐ Approved in Part ☐ Denied

Comments: _____

PART (B) PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.324 OR 37 CFR 1.48

☐ This is a decision on the petition filed _____ to correct inventorship under 37 CFR 1.324.

☐ This is a decision on the request under 37 CFR 1.48, petition filed _____. In view of the fact that the patent has already issued, the request under 37 CFR 1.48 has been treated as a petition to correct inventorship under 37 CFR 1.324.

The petition is hereby: ☐ Granted ☐ Dismissed

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It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

In the Claims

In Claim 6, Line 55, please change "90" to --80--.

In Claim 15, Line 54, please change "90" to --80--.

Signed and Sealed this
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9,254,338	February 9, 2016	Regeneron Pharmaceuticals, Inc.
9,669,069	June 6, 2017	Regeneron Pharmaceuticals, Inc.
9,816,110	November 14, 2017	Regeneron Pharmaceuticals, Inc.
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