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Hoechst UK Ltd

Product

Serum Cholinesterase

Therapeutic Class

Enzyme

Active Constituent

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SUB-COMMITTEE ON BIOLOGICALS 12 JANUARY 1983

RECOMMENDATION

On the evidence before them the Sub-Committee on grounds of quality and safety were unable to recommend the grant of a Product Licence.

The Sub-Committee considered that:

- 1. There was inadequate information provided on the manufacturing and control processes presented in support of the Product Licence application.
- 2. The standardisation of material was unsatisfactory. This would require both enzymatic and biological assay, together with a clear specification.
- 3. Inadequate evidence was provided on safety in respect of transmission of infection, especially non-A non-B hepatitis.
- 4. In the event of the grant of a Product Licence the indications should be strictly confined to genetically determined scoline apnoea.

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7.1.83

Recommendation

The Sub-Committee were unable to make a recommendation on the grant of a Product Licence for this preparation because:-

- (1) There was limited evidence of efficacy in the proposed indications.
- (2) There was a need to consider whether there were alternative treatments for these conditions.
- (3) There were serious potential adverse affects (particularly hepatitis).

The Sub-Committee recommended that two experts should be consulted on the above (particularly (1) and (2)) before advice was given to the Licensing Authority.