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Elemental Impurities

Ph. Eur. General Text 5.20; USP-NF General Chapter <232> and <233>; ICH Guideline Q3D
MEGGLE Product: StarLac®

In the production process of the above mentioned product, the elements classified in Class 1, 2A, 2B and 3 are not intentionally added in form of metal catalysts, metal reagents etc.

Permitted concentrations limits were calculated using the Permitted Daily Exposures and assuming a daily intake of the excipients of 10 g (ICH Q3D, No 7 Option 1, stated in table A.2.2). Acceptance levels were defined as 30% of the permitted concentrations.


Testing was conducted for the elements categorised as Class 1, 2A relevant for oral route of administration according to the ICH Guideline Q3D. Several representative lots of the product were tested using ICP-MS method in conformance to USP-NF <233>. Testing method has been validated for the matrix of the product.

Representative results are shown for the product on the table below. All results are below 30% of the acceptance levels for oral application. In consequence, additional controls are not required.

MEGGLE has implemented an ongoing monitoring program for elemental impurities in accordance to the regime of the initial study performed.

Best regards

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Elemental impurities – Summary Results

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Material Name StarLac®
 Production and Release Site MEGGLE GmbH & Co. KG Megglestr. 6-12, 83512 Wasserburg am Inn, Germany
 Source/Type of Excipient Lactose: Animal derived (Milk of bovine origin); Maize starch: Vegetable origin (Maize)
 Route of administration (RoA) Oral

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Class	Elements	Elements to be considered		Oral PDE µg/day	Perm. Conc. µg/g	Accept. Level µg/g	Representative Results *	Method	Comments	
		Added	Based on RoA							
1	Cadmium	Cd	No	Yes	5	0.5	0.15	< 0.15	ICP-MS; USP-NF <233>	3 batches tested. Monitoring installed (1 / year)
1	Lead	Pb	No	Yes	5	0.5	0.15	< 0.15	ICP-MS; USP-NF <233>	3 batches tested. Monitoring installed (1 / year)
1	Arsenic (inorg.)	As	No	Yes	15	1.5	0.45	< 0.15	ICP-MS; USP-NF <233>	3 batches tested. Monitoring installed (1 / year)
1	Mercury (inorg.)	Hg	No	Yes	30	3	0.9	< 0.15	ICP-MS; USP-NF <233>	3 batches tested. Monitoring installed (1 / year)
2A	Cobalt	Co	No	Yes	50	5	1.5	< 0.15	ICP-MS; USP-NF <233>	3 batches tested. Monitoring installed (1 / year)
2A	Vanadium	V	No	Yes	100	10	3	< 0.15	ICP-MS; USP-NF <233>	3 batches tested. Monitoring installed (1 / year)
2A	Nickel	Ni	No	Yes	200	20	6	< 1	ICP-MS; USP-NF <233>	3 batches tested. Monitoring installed (1 / year)
2B	Thallium	Tl	No	No	n/a					
2B	Gold	Au	No	No	n/a					
2B	Palladium	Pd	No	No	n/a					
2B	Iridium	Ir	No	No	n/a					
2B	Osmium	Os	No	No	n/a					
2B	Rhodium	Rh	No	No	n/a					
2B	Ruthenium	Ru	No	No	n/a					
2B	Selenium	Se	No	No	n/a					
2B	Silver	Ag	No	No	n/a					
2B	Platinum	Pt	No	No	n/a					
3	Lithium	Li	No	No	n/a					
3	Antimony	Sb	No	No	n/a					
3	Barium	Ba	No	No	n/a					
3	Molybdenum	Mo	No	No	n/a					
3	Copper	Cu	No	No	n/a					
3	Tin	Sn	No	No	n/a					
3	Chromium	Cr	No	No	n/a					

* "< X" implies values are below LoQ (limit of quantification) which is X