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Re: BLA 125742

COVID-19 mRNA Vaccine (BNT162/PF-07302048)

**Response to FDA 13 July 2021 Information Request Regarding Preservative
Exception or Alternative Submittal**

Dear Dr. Gruber,

Reference is made to the Biologics License Application (BLA) submitted 18 May 2021 for the COVID-19 mRNA Vaccine (BNT162/PF-07302048) developed by BioNTech and Pfizer under BB-IND 19736 for the prevention of COVID-19 caused by SARS-CoV-2 in individuals ≥ 16 years of age.

On 13 July 2021, the Agency requested via email that BioNTech and Pfizer submit a request and a justification for an exception or alternative to the requirement under 21 CFR 610.15(a) that products in multiple-dose vials include a preservative because the candidate vaccine is supplied in a multiple-dose vial that does not contain a preservative. Response to the Agency's Information Request is provided in Module 1.11.1 ([Response to 13 July 2021 FDA IR](#)). The [Request for Exception to the 21 CFR 610.15\(a\) Requirement for a Preservative](#) is provided in Module 1.12.5.

Should you have any questions regarding this submission, or require additional information, please contact me via phone at 215-280-5503; via facsimile at 845-474-3500; or via e-mail at elisa.harkinstull@pfizer.com.

Sincerely,

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