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2.3.S DRUG SUBSTANCE [mRNA-1273.045 LNP]

2.3.S.1 General Information

This product is an mRNA-lipid complex [lipid nanoparticle (LNP)] dispersion containing CX-034476 mRNA that encodes for the prefusion stabilized Spike protein of the SARS-CoV-2 BA.4/BA.5 Omicron-Sub-Variants. The LNP is composed of the following four lipid components:

- Cholesterol,
- SM102 (a custom-manufactured ionizable lipid),
- DSPC (1,2-distearoyl-sn-glycero-3-phosphocholine)
- PEG2000-DMG (1monomethoxypolyethyleneglycol-2,3-dimyristylglycerol with polyethylene glycol of average molecular weight 2000).

2.3.S.1.1 Nomenclature

International Non-proprietary Name (INN): N/A

Proprietary name: N/A

Company product codes: mRNA-1273.045

Drug Product name: mRNA-1273

Synonymous name: mRNA-1273.045 Lipid Nanoparticle (LNP),
mRNA-1273.045 LNP - B

2.3.S.1.2 Structure

mRNA-1273.045 LNP - B CCI

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The molecular sequence of CX-034476 is provided in [Section 3.2.S.1.2 {CX-034476}](#) CCI

2.3.S.1.3 General Properties

The general properties of mRNA-1273.045 LNP – B are summarized in [Table 1](#).

Table 1: General Properties of mRNA-1273.045 Lipid Nanoparticle - B

Description	mRNA-1273.045 LNP - B has a total RNA content of CCI and a total lipid content of CCI. The mRNA-1273.045 LNP is stored in CCI.
Appearance	White to off-white LNP dispersion. The mRNA-1273.045 LNP – B may contain visible, white or translucent product-related particulates.
pH	CCI
Osmolality	CCI

Density	CCI
Particle Size	CCI

2.3.S.2 Manufacture

2.3.S.2.1 Manufacturer(s)

The name and address for the manufacturing and testing facilities of mRNA-1273.045 LNP-B are listed in [Table 2](#) and [Table 3](#).

Table 2: European Facilities and Responsibilities for Manufacture and Testing of the mRNA-1273.045 LNP – B

Facility	Address	Responsibility
Lonza AG	Lonzastrasse 3930 Visp Switzerland	- Manufacture of mRNA-1273.045 LNP - B (200 g Scale) - Quality control testing (excluding identity testing and In Vitro Translation Testing)
Microsynth AG	Schützenstrasse 15 9436 Balgach Switzerland	Quality control testing for identity

CCI

Table 3: US Facilities and Responsibilities for Manufacture and Testing of the mRNA 1273.045 LNP– B

Facility	Address	Responsibility
ModernaTX, Inc.	One Moderna Way Norwood, MA 02062 USA	- Manufacture of mRNA-1273.045 LNP-B (200g Scale) - Quality control testing (excluding bacterial endotoxin testing) - Storage
ModernaTX, Inc. (Quality Control Laboratory Annex)	210 Rustcraft Road Dedham, MA 02026 USA	Quality control testing (excluding bacterial endotoxin and In vitro Translation testing)
Associates of Cape Cod, Inc.	124 Bernard E. St. Jean Drive East Falmouth, MA 02536 USA	Bacterial endotoxin testing

2.3.S.2.2 Description of Manufacturing Process and Process Controls

mRNA-1273.045 LNP-B is produced in a 200 g nominal batch size, according to the same manufacturing process described for mRNA-1273 LNP-B.

Table 4: mRNA-1273.045 Lipid Nanoparticle Item Numbers

mRNA-1273 LNP name	Item Number	Nominal Batch Size	Manufacturing Site
mRNA-1273.045 LNP-B	50141	CCI	
mRNA-1273.045 LNP-B	50139 ^(a)		
	50151 ^(b)		
mRNA-1273.045 LNP-B	50140		

Abbreviations: LNP = lipid nanoparticle

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The purpose of the manufacturing process is to encapsulate mRNA within CCI LNP, which provides biological functionality including enabling cellular uptake and endosomal escape, and to add components to stabilize the dispersion of mRNA-loaded LNPs.

The mRNA-1273.045 LNP-B manufacturing process includes encapsulation via mixing, neutralization, PEG2000-DMG addition, clarification, fill, freezing, and storage as shown in Figure 1.

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Detailed description of the manufacturing process including in-process controls and process parameters is provided in Section 3.2.S.2.2 {mRNA-1273 LNP-B}.

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2.3.S.2.3 Control of Materials

Raw materials used in the manufacturing process of mRNA-1273.045 LNP-B are the same as those used in the manufacturing process of the other LNPs.

Descriptions of the control of materials used in the manufacture of the mRNA-1273 LNP and mRNA-1273 LNP – B are discussed in [Section 3.2.S.2.3 {mRNA-1273 LNP - B}](#).

All the raw materials used for both mRNA-1273 LNP and mRNA-1273 LNP-B are similar. The

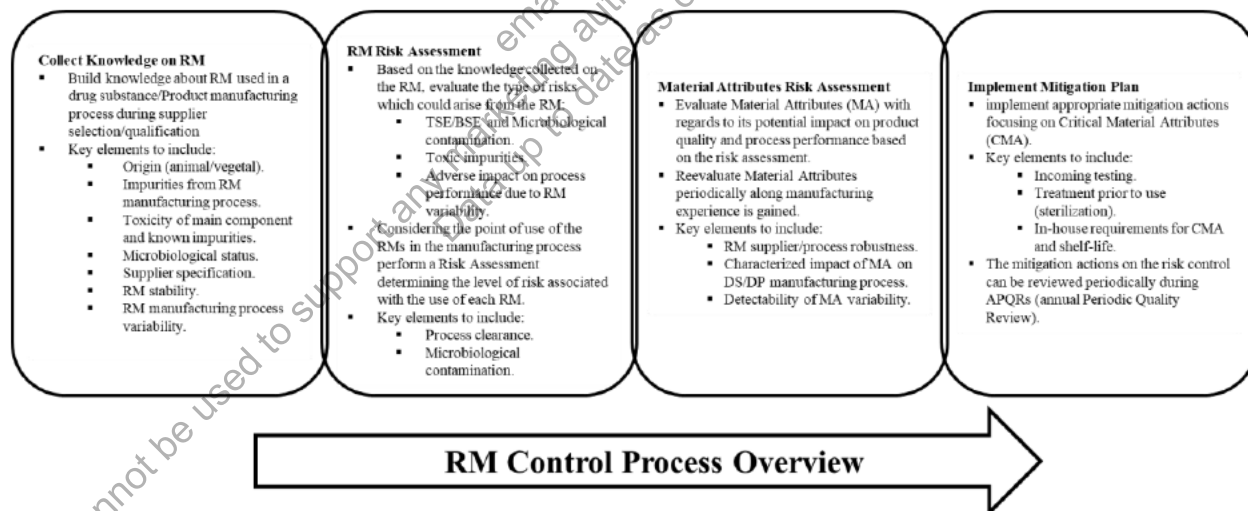
only difference regarding the materials used for manufacture of both products is that the mRNA-1273 LNP CCI

Raw Materials

Raw materials used in the production of mRNA-1273 LNP are categorized as compendial or non-compendial. Raw materials are supplied from approved vendors or suppliers and are released prior to use per controlled incoming material specifications and cGMP guidelines. At a minimum, all raw materials are confirmed to conform with CoAs or Certificates of Compliance, which includes verification of BSE/TSE safety. In addition, all non-compendial raw materials are tested for identification or other material attributes. Specifications for non-compendial materials are provided.

All incoming raw materials are stored in a GMP warehouse. An overview of the RM control process is provided in Figure 2. In instances of material transfer within the global manufacturing network, raw materials initially received at a manufacturing site and released may be transferred to another manufacturing site and received as released goods for manufacturing based on a risk based approach that will managed through the Quality Management System accordingly.

Figure 2: Raw Material Control Process Overview



Adapted from Concept Paper: Management and control of raw materials. Version 1 Nov 29th 2017

More detailed information on raw materials is provided in Section 3.2.S.2.3 {mRNA-1273 LNP}

Materials or Starting Materials of Biological Origin

There are no materials or starting materials of animal or human origin used in the manufacture of mRNA-1273 LNP.

During the mRNA-1273.045 LNP manufacturing process, in-process tests are performed to provide control over the inputs to the process.

The control strategy applied to the mRNA-1273.045 LNP-B material is identical to the control strategy applied to the mRNA-1273.529 LNP-B, and is summarized below.

Critical process parameters (CPPs) and their proven acceptable range (PARs) for the mRNA-1273.045 LNP-B manufacturing process are provided in [Table 5](#). Excursions outside of these established ranges are reported, investigated, and assessed by the Quality Unit per established standard operating procedures.

Step	CPP	PAR	Rationale
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The mRNA-1273:045 LNP-B manufacturing process is carried out in a Grade C manufacturing area. CCI

Manufacturing controls specifically intended for microbial control of the mRNA-1273.045 LNP manufacturing process are listed in Section 3.2.S.2.4 {mRNA-1273.045 LNP-B}. Note that additional microbial controls may be present. Any deviations incurred in the implementation of these microbial controls are assessed for product quality impact.

In-Process Holds

Process intermediate hold conditions are provided in respective Section 3.2.S.2.2 Description of Manufacturing Process and Process Controls: 3.2.S.2.2 Description of Manufacturing Process and Process Controls {mRNA-1273 LNP – Lonza Visp}, 3.2.S.2.2 Description of Manufacturing Process and Process Controls {mRNA-1273 LNP – Rovi Granada}, 3.2.S.2.2 Description of Manufacturing Process and Process Controls {mRNA-1273 LNP – US}, 3.2.S.2.2 Description of Manufacturing Process and Process Controls {mRNA-1273 LNP – B}.

Membrane Re-use

No resins or membranes are used in the mRNA-1273 LNPs manufacturing process.

Critical In-process Controls Testing

There are no critical in-process control tests required during mRNA-1273 LNPs manufacturing.

2.3.S.2.5 Process Validation and/or Evaluation

Process validation for mRNA-1273 LNP – B is performed in compliance with European Medicines Agency (EMA), United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA), International Council for Harmonization (ICH), and international regulatory expectations. Process validation comprises Process Design (Phase 1), Process Performance Qualification (PPQ; Phase 2), and Continued Process Verification (CPV; Phase 3). The elements of Process Design (Phase 1) are described in Section 3.2.S.2.4 {mRNA-1273.045 LNP-B} for control strategy and Section 3.2.S.2.6. {mRNA-1273.045 LNP-B} for process development. PPQ (Phase 2) and CPV (Phase 3) are discussed in Section 3.2.S.2.5 {mRNA-1273 LNP-B}. All material referenced in these sections is mRNA-1273 LNP-B CCI

For mRNA-1273.045 LNP-B variant process that use a manufacturing process and control strategy equivalent (equivalent excepting for mRNA sequence specific control elements) to the prototype mRNA-1273 process, one confirmatory PPQ verification lot was performed to demonstrate process consistency per site per the requirements specified in the Process Validation Master Plan. Moderna has successfully completed PPQ verification of the mRNA-1273.045 LNP-B manufacturing process as a means of demonstrating that the commercial-scale manufacturing process is capable of consistently delivering quality product. The PPQ verification has generated data at commercial scale to support and complement concurrent laboratory-scale studies.

The commercial control strategy (Section 3.2.S.2.4 {mRNA-1273.045 LNP-B}) defines critical quality attributes (CQAs) and identifies CPPs. The commercial control strategy is the basis of the defined acceptance criteria for PPQ verification and no further revision to the commercial control strategy was deemed necessary following PPQ verification.

Validation results are presented in Section 3.2.S.2.5.1 {mRNA-1273.045 LNP – B}. The CPV Plan is described in Section 3.2.S.2.5.1.2.3 {mRNA-1273.045 LNP – B}.

Based on the outcome of the PPQ exercise, the mRNA-1273.045 LNP - B manufacturing process has been successfully validated at the 200 g scale at ModernaTX Norwood, Lonza Visp CCI [REDACTED]. More complete information on process validation is provided in [Section 3.2.S.2.5 {mRNA-1273.045 LNP- B}](#).

2.3.S.2.6 Manufacturing Process Development

In accordance with ICH Q9, a systematic assessment of the potential risk to product quality of the prototype mRNA-1273 vaccine was performed with respect to the manufacturing process, as described in [Section 3.2.S.2.6 {mRNA-1273 LNP - Process Characterization}](#).

The development of additional mRNA-1273 vaccines was initiated in response to the emergence of SARS-CoV-2 variants of concern. Sequences for mRNA-1273 vaccines are designed based upon the S-2P encoding sequence for CX-024414 mRNA. Changes relative to this sequence are made only to incorporate the specific mutations of the variant S protein sequence encoded by the specific mRNA-1273 RNA. The manufacturing process and process and analytical control strategies established for the prototype mRNA-1273 LNP-B are applied directly to mRNA-1273.045 LNP-B.

Subsequent process characterization beyond that described in [Section 3.2.S.2.6 {mRNA-1273 LNP - Process Characterization}](#) was performed for multiple mRNA-1273 LNPs, including mRNA 1273.045 LNP-B (Omicron BA.4/BA.5), with the intent of verifying the applicability of the process description and process control strategy defined in [Section 3.2.S.2.2 {mRNA 1273 LNP-B}](#) and [Section 3.2.S.2.4 {mRNA 1273.045 LNP-B}](#).

The comparability demonstration, including evaluation of process change impact on critical quality attributes, is included in [Section 3.2.S.2.6.3 {mRNA-1273.045 LNP-B}](#).

The mRNA-1273.045 LNP-B (Omicron BA.4/BA.5) manufacturing process was successfully established at ModernaTX (Norwood, MA), Lonza (Visp, Switzerland) CCI [REDACTED] at a 200 g RNA scale. A process performance qualification (PPQ) verification batch for each manufacturing site was manufactured according to the Process Validation Master Plan and comparability was assessed against the expected ranges per DPAD-PRO-0797. More details are provided in [Section 3.2.S.2.6 {mRNA-1273.045 LNP-B}](#).

2.3.S.3 Characterisation

2.3.S.3.1 Elucidation of Structure and Other Characteristics

As the mRNA-1273.045 LNP-B has been established as comparable to the prototype mRNA-1273 LNP-B (refer to [Section 2.3.S.2.6 {mRNA-1273.045 LNP-B}](#)) and uses the same manufacturing process as the prototype mRNA-1273 LNP-B at the 200 g nominal batch size, the impurity profile will be consistent across both LNPs.

Extended physicochemical and biological characterization was performed on mRNA-1273 LS Lipid Nanoparticle (LNP) which was produced according to manufacturing process as described in [Section 3.2.S.2.2 {mRNA-1273 LNP}](#). Unless noted, this testing was performed on mRNA-1273 LS Lot 5006820002 stored at the intended storage condition between CCI. Lot 5006820002, with a target concentration CCI, was manufactured at the ModernaTX, Inc. GMP facility in Norwood, MA.

The set of analytical tests employed for the extended characterization of the mRNA-1273 LS LNP is detailed in [Table 6](#). The selection of these assays was intended to complement and, in some cases, be orthogonal to the analytical data as part of lot release as described in [Section 3.2.S.4.1 {mRNA-1273 LNP}](#).

Table 6: List of Assays used for Extended Analytical Characterization of mRNA-1273 LNP

Product Attribute	Method	Comments
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A discussion of the methods and results of the characterization studies is provided in [Section 3.2.S.3.1 {mRNA-1273 LNP}](#).

2.3.S.3.2 Impurities

The lipid nanoparticle formulation for mRNA-1273.045 LNP-B is consistent with the formulation used for the prototype mRNA-1273 LNP-B. The manufacturing process for mRNA-1273.045 LNP – B is also consistent with the manufacturing process for the original prototype, mRNA-1273 LNP at the 200 g nominal batch size. Therefore, any product- or process-related impurities present in mRNA-1273.045 LNP-B would be consistent with the impurities present in the prototype mRNA-1273 LNP-B.

Product-Related Impurities

Product-related impurities are molecular variants arising during manufacture or storage with properties different from those of the desired product with respect to activity, efficacy, and safety. Due to the unique mRNA 1273 LNP production process and complex molecular characteristics of the mRNA and the lipids, mRNA-1273 LNP can also include several molecular entities or variants. These variants are formed during the manufacturing process and/or storage and have properties

comparable to the desired product; therefore, they are considered product-related substances and not impurities.

Characterization of mRNA-1273 LNP identified the presence of minor amounts of product variants and degradants derived from mRNA-1273 LNP covalently linking to lipid impurities and degradants. These adducts render mRNA inactive and thus affect the potency of the mRNA 1273 LNP. The presence, impact, and ability of the process to control such impurities are discussed. The particulate matter was demonstrated to be product-related and having no impact on the overall characteristics for the SM-102 formulated RNA, is assessed by USP <788> Method 2.

More detailed information is provided in [Section 3.2.S.3.2 {mRNA-1273 LNP}](#).

Process-Related Impurities

There are no process-related impurities introduced to or generated during the mRNA-1273 LNP manufacturing process that are not already described in [Section 3.2.S.3.2 {CX-024414}](#) **CCI**

2.3.S.4 Control of the Drug Substance

2.3.S.4.1 Specification

The specification for mRNA-1273.045 LNP - B is described in [Table 7](#).

Table 7: Specification for mRNA-1273.045 LNP – B

Test	Analytical Method	Acceptance Criteria
Appearance	Visual Ph. Eur. 2.2.2, 2.9.20 USP <631>, <790> (SOP-0278 ModernaTX, Inc., Rovi) (CHVI-101557 Lonza AG)	White to off-white dispersion.
		May contain visible, white or translucent product-related particulates.
Identity	Reverse Transcription/Sanger Sequencing (SOP-1337 ModernaTX, Inc., Microsynth AG, Rovi)	Sequence matches description
Total RNA content	Anion Exchange HPLC (SOP-0999 ModernaTX, Inc., Rovi) (GROUP-107933 Lonza AG)	CCI
Purity	RP-IP- HPLC (SOP-1142 ModernaTX, Inc.) (GROUP-116855 Lonza AG) (RGR-PNT-L2-611 Rovi)	
Product-related impurities		
% RNA encapsulation	Absorbance-based Assay (SOP-1000 ModernaTX, Inc., Rovi) (GROUP-108245 Lonza AG)	
Mean particle size	Dynamic Light Scattering (SOP-0998 ModernaTX, Inc., Rovi) (GROUP-109237 Lonza AG)	
Polydispersity		
Lipid identification		
SM-102	HPLC-CAD (SOP-1001 ModernaTX, Inc., Rovi) (GROUP-107937 Lonza AG)	Matches RT of Standard
Cholesterol		Matches RT of Standard
DSPC		Matches RT of Standard
PEG2000-DMG		Matches RT of Standard
Lipid content		
SM-102	HPLC-CAD (SOP-1001 ModernaTX, Inc., Rovi)	CCI
Cholesterol		

2.3.S Drug Substance – Quality Overall Summary {mRNA-1273.045 LNP}

Test	Analytical Method	Acceptance Criteria
DSPC	(GROUP-107937 Lonza AG)	CCI
PEG2000-DMG		
Lipid impurities	HPLC-CAD (SOP-1001 ModernaTX, Inc., Rovi) (GROUP-107937 Lonza AG)	Individual impurities: CCI
		Total impurities: CCI
In Vitro Translation	Methionine Labelling (SOP-0937 ModernaTX, Inc.) (SOP-00937 Eurofins BioPharma)	CCI
pH	USP <791>, Ph. Eur. 2.2.3 (SOP-0288 ModernaTX, Inc., Rovi) (CHVI-82391 Lonza AG)	
Osmolality	USP <785>, Ph. Eur. 2.2.35 (SOP-0279 ModernaTX, Inc., Rovi) (CHVI-50752 Lonza AG)	
Bacterial endotoxin	USP <85>, EP 2.6.14, JP 4.01 (M-CTS-CS-0929 Associates of Cape Cod) (CHVI-6303 Lonza AG) (RGR-PNT-L2-556 Rovi)	
Bioburden	USP <61>, EP 2.6.12, JP 4.05 (SOP-0480 ModernaTX, Inc.) (CHVI-8889 Lonza AG) (RGR-PNT-L2-526 Rovi)	

Abbreviations: RT = retention time; RRT = relative retention time

2.3.S.4.2 Analytical Procedures

The proposed drug substance specification has been designed to ensure safety and quality of the product, with the objective of patient safety. Acceptance criteria for tests for appearance, identity, strength, purity, impurities and microbiological quality of mRNA-1273 LNPs were established based on compliance with regulations, guidances and compendial methods, and are justified based on characterization studies, the manufacturing process, available batch analyses data, and stability results using validated analytical methods.

The analytical methods used for release testing of mRNA-1273.045 LNPs and the prototype mRNA-1273 LNPs are identical with the exception of the identity method, since this is the only method that is sequence-specific. For descriptions of the common methods please refer to [Section 3.2.S.4.2 {mRNA-1273 LNP}](#). A description of the mRNA-1273.045 LNP identity method is provided in [Section 3.2.S.4.2 {mRNA-1273.045 LNP-B}](#).

2.3.S.4.3 Validation of Analytical Procedures

The analytical procedures used for testing mRNA-1273 LNP have been validated by ModernaTX, Inc. at the CCI. The analytical methods were subsequently transferred to CCI.

The analytical methods used for release testing of mRNA-1273 LNP – B and mRNA-1273.045 LNP - B are identical with the exception of the identity method, since this is the only method which is sequence-specific. For information on validation of common methods, please refer to [Section 3.2.S.4.3 {mRNA-1273 LNP}](#). A validation summary of the identity testing method for mRNA-1273.045 LNP – B is provided in [Section 3.2.S.4.3 {mRNA-1273.045 LNP-B}](#).

2.3.S.4.4 Batch Analyses

The mRNA-1273.045 LNP lots are intended for further manufacturing into mRNA-1273.222 Drug Product lots. Batch analysis data is generated for mRNA-1273.045 LNP according to an approved specification and is presented in [Section 3.2.S.4.4 {mRNA-1273.045 LNP-B}](#).

2.3.S.4.5 Justification of Specification

The Justification of specification is described in [Section {mRNA-1273 LNP- B}](#) for all methods except for Identity by reverse transcription Sanger sequencing for the RNA region of interest ([Section 3.2.S.4.5 {mRNA-1273.529 LNP- B}](#)). This test method can unambiguously distinguish prototype and variant mRNAs used in the manufacture of bivalent drug products.

Specifications are critical quality standards that are proposed and justified by the manufacturer and approved by regulatory authorities. Specifications are chosen to confirm the quality of the mRNA 1273 LNP and mRNA-1273 LNP – B rather than to establish full characterization and should focus on those characteristics found to be useful in ensuring the safety and efficacy of the mRNA-1273 LNP (ICH Q6B and Q11). Please note that in the present section, mRNA-1273 LNP refers to both mRNA-1273 LNP and mRNA-1273.045 LNP-B unless otherwise stated.

A CQA is defined as a physical, chemical, biological, or microbiological property or characteristic that should be within an appropriate limit, range, or distribution to ensure the desired product quality per ICH Q8(R2) - Pharmaceutical Development.

[Table 8](#) summarizes the CQAs and the corresponding justifications for the mRNA 1273 LNP (prototype and associated variant LNPs) based on risk assessment performed and process and product characterization knowledge gained for mRNA-1273 and general SM-102 lipid formulated drug product with other mRNAs.

Table 8: Critical Quality Attribute Assessment for mRNA-1273.045 LNP

Quality Attribute	Classification	Justification
Appearance	CQA	CCI
Identity (mRNA)	CQA	
Identity (Lipids)	CQA	
pH	CQA	
Osmolality	CQA	
Bacterial Endotoxins	CQA	
Bioburden	CQA	
RNA Content	CQA	
RNA Purity	CQA	
RNA Impurities (Product-related)	CQA	

2.3.S Drug Substance – Quality Overall Summary {mRNA-1273.045 LNP}

Quality Attribute	Classification	Justification
% RNA Encapsulation	CQA	CCI
Particle Size	CQA	
Polydispersity	CQA	
Lipids Content	CQA	
Impurities (Lipid-related)	CQA	

CCI

The rationale for the establishment and justification of the release specification is provided in [Section 3.2.S.4.5 {mRNA-1273 LNP-B}](#).

2.3.S.5 Reference Standards or Materials

The reference standard for the mRNA-1273.045 Lipid Nanoparticle (LNP) – B is the same as for the prototype mRNA-1273 LNP. For information on the reference standard refer to [Section 3.2.S.5 {mRNA-1273 LNP}](#).

2.3.S.6 Container Closure System

The container closure system for mRNA-1273.045 LNP – B at the 200g nominal batch size is the same as for the original prototype, mRNA-1273 LNP. For information regarding the container closure system please refer to [Section 3.2.S.6 {mRNA-1273 LNP}](#).

2.3.S.7 Stability

2.3.S.7.1 Stability Summary and Conclusions

The mRNA-1273 LNP registration stability program was executed according to ICH Q1A (R2), *Stability Testing of new Drug Substances and Products*, and ICH Q5C, *Stability Testing of Biotechnological/Biological Products*. An initial shelf life of 12 months is proposed for mRNA-1273 LNP and mRNA-1273.045 LNP material stored in the commercial container closure defined in [Section 3.2.S.6 {mRNA-1273.045 LNP-B}](#), when stored at the recommended long-term storage condition of -60°C to -90°C.

The properties of mRNA-loaded lipid nanoparticles with respect to the attributes that affect product potency has been systematically and thoroughly assessed. These attributes include the quantity of mRNA delivered; the fidelity of the mRNA sequence, including cap, tail, and open reading frame; the integrity of the mRNA; and various biophysical attributes of the lipid nanoparticles, particularly including the state of mRNA encapsulation and the size distribution of the particles. Direct measurements of those attributes of greatest significance have been established and has included those assays in the routine release panel for mRNA-1273 LNP and mRNA-1273.045 LNP.

The product quality attribute expected to change during the manufacturing and distribution of the

product is mRNA integrity as assessed by mRNA purity. The degradation of mRNA in the product has been extensively studied by applying a sensitive chromatographic assay to assess the formation of RNA degradants. The principal routes of degradation are hydrolytic chain scission, which is measured by the species which elute prior to the main peak (RNA fragments); and the formation of covalent adducts between the RNA and degradants of the cationic lipid, which are relatively hydrophobic and elute after the main peak (RNA-lipid adduct). There is a strong quantitative correlation between RNA degradation as measured directly and protein expression. Direct measure of mRNA degradation utilizing the mRNA purity assay by RP-HPLC is precise, accurate, and the most stability-indicating measure of product activity.

The degradation rates can be determined from the purity analysis over different stability timepoints. Based on the stochastic nature of the degradation mechanism, there is a dependence on the rate of degradation on RNA size (length). Since CX-024414 and CX-034476 mRNA have approximately the same overall length (~4,000 nt), a similar rate of degradation is expected across these mRNA-1273 LNP and mRNA-1273.045 LNP.

The stability profiles for all the stability-indicating attributes are being evaluated and monitored, but purity is the primary determinant of shelf-life, since it is the most stability-indicating attribute. Degradation rates for purity at each temperature of interest are reported in [Section 3.2.S.7.1.1 {mRNA-1273.045 LNP-B}](#).

The shelf life is justified from the purity modelling analysis, which is described in detail in [Section 3.2.S.7.1.1 {mRNA-1273.529 LNP – B}](#).

mRNA-1273.045 LNP-B registration lots, Scale B PPQ lots manufactured using the process described in [Section 3.2.S.2.2 {mRNA-1273 LNP-B}](#) and [Section 3.2.S.2.2 {mRNA-1273.045 LNP-B}](#), were also placed on stability studies.

The data from these studies are presented in [Section 3.2.S.7.3 {mRNA-1273.045 LNP-B}](#) and protocols are provided in [Section 3.2.S.7.1.2 {mRNA-1273.045 LNP-B}](#).

Stability samples were stored in a scaled-down container closure system (50-mL CCI bag). The scaled down bag is representative of the storage container used for commercial manufacture with the same product contact surfaces. Based on the sample volume and size of the scaled-down container, the surface area:volume ratio is considered worst case in the stability studies. Samples stored at the recommended condition of -60°C to -90°C are evaluated against the specification current at the time of testing. Samples stored at alternate storage conditions use the specification as a reference point to characterize stability trends at that condition.

Stability protocols are described in [Section 3.2.S.7.1 {mRNA-1273.045 LNP-B}](#). The data from the stability studies are presented in [Section 3.2.S.7.3 {mRNA-1273.045 LNP-B}](#).

Table 9: mRNA-1273.045 LNP-B Supporting Stability Program Lots

Lot	Product	Purpose	Manufacturing Site	Lot Size	Fill Volume	Container Closure	Conditions	
							Temperature ^a	Duration
DH-38558.1	mRNA-1273.045LNP – B	Development	ModernaTX (Norwood, MA)	CCI	6.0 mL	50 mL CCI Bag	70°C±10°C	48 months
							5°C±3°C	6 months
							25°C±5°C	3 months

^a Stability chamber temperature set point chosen based on site capabilities: study for DH-38558.1 is ongoing at CCI

Table 10: mRNA-1273.045 LNP Registration Stability Program Lots

Lot	Product	Purpose	Manufacturing Site	Lot Size	Fill Volume	Scale	Process Train	Container Closure	Conditions	
									Temperature ^a	Duration
5014122001	mRNA-1273.045 LNP - B	Stability ^a	ModernaTX (Norwood, MA)	CCI	15 mL	B	8	50 mL CCI bag	-60°C to -80°C	36 months
									5 ± 3°C	2 months

^a Stability chamber temperature set point chosen based on site capabilities: study for 5014122001 is ongoing at CCI

2.3.S.7.2 Post-Approval Stability Protocol and Stability Commitment

For information on post-approval stability, please refer to [Section 3.2.S.7.2 {mRNA-1273.045 LNP-B}](#).

2.3.S.7.3 Stability Data

All stability data available are provided in [Section 3.2.S.7.3 {mRNA-1273.045 LNP-B}](#).

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