

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION**

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FIRM NAME Apicore Pharmaceuticals Private Ltd	STREET ADDRESS Block No 252-253, Village-Dhobikuva, Opposite Jain Irrigation
CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE, COUNTRY Vadodara, Gujarat, 391440 India	TYPE ESTABLISHMENT INSPECTED Manufacturer

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**DURING AN INSPECTION OF YOUR FIRM I OBSERVED:**

**OBSERVATION 1**

Procedures designed to prevent microbiological contamination of drug products purporting to be sterile did not include adequate validation of the aseptic process.

Specifically,

A. Your firm manufactures (b) (4) batches of sterile (b) (4) USP, API. Your firm calculated that one batch of (b) (4) USP API can be filled into (b) (4) (b) (4) drug product vials. Media fill study # MF/CPMD/22/04/01, conducted in May 2021 and simulating the manufacture of sterile (b) (4) API, failed due to recovering (b) (4) CFU for the (b) (4) simulation, and (b) (4) CFU for the (b) (4) simulation (DV/22/046). Spore forming bacteria such as *Basileus subtilis*, *Basileus pumilus*, *Bacillus oceanisediminis*, and *Basileus megaterium*, were isolated from the recovered CFUs. Instead of performing re-validation via three consecutive media fills, your firm performed only one repeat media fill.

B. Your firm uses disinfectants to disinfect your facility and equipment, including surfaces that come into contact with the sterile APIs manufactured by your firm. Review of your disinfectant efficacy study (Protocol #s ACP-22-015-00) showed that the study was performed by pipetting (b) (4) mL of the test culture on the coupon and allowing it to dry, followed by pipetting about (b) (4) mL of the disinfectant over the dried culture. This method of disinfecting is different than your routine disinfecting procedure (APV-SOP-MFG253) wherein the disinfectant is spread using a

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mop or wiped using a lint free cloth.

**OBSERVATION 2**

Routine calibration of electronic equipment is not performed according to a written program designed to assure proper performance.

Specifically,

Analytical balance QCE # 684 with a weight range of 20 mg to 200 g is used in your firm's QC chemistry laboratory to weigh test samples. Your firm's (b) (4) verification of this balance includes only 50 mg to 200 g weight range, and does not include the lower weight range of 20 mg to 50 mg.

**\*DATES OF INSPECTION**

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