

Controlled-Release Provides Best In-Class Profile

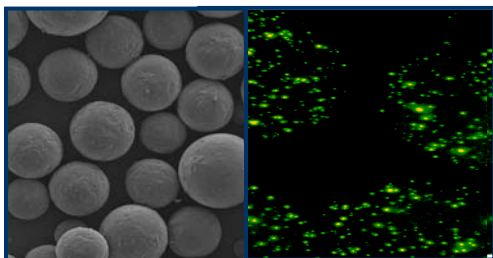
Locteron Controlled-Release Technology

BLX-883
Interferon Alfa-2b
Produced in LEX System

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PolyActive™
Controlled-Release
Technology

PolyActive Microspheres



Locteron Controlled-Release Advantages

- **More convenient**
 - Once every two-week dosing
- **More tolerable for patients**
 - Linear release kinetics
 - No “burst” effect = less side effects
- **Favorable PK profile**
 - Good trough coverage at end of dosing interval
- **Greater volume of distribution**
 - IFN released from Locteron microspheres in its native form
 - Locteron volume of distribution 98 liters versus 8 to 12 liters for PEGASYS
- **Reduced development risk**
 - Based on proven IFN Alfa-2b (used for more than a decade in HCV)
 - Well-established mechanism of action
 - Well-defined regulatory pathway