

Bidders Query

To,

Subject: Procurement of Medical Equipments for BJ Medical College, Ahmedabad.**Reference:** IFB No. HSCC/PMD/PMSSY-03/07-08/BJMC-2 dated: 30.04.2007

Dear Sirs,

Following replies to the pre-bid queries may please be noted:

Schedule 18: High performance Liquid Chromatography

Sr. No.	Queries raised by the bidders	Replies to bidders queries
1	<p>By procuring pre validated kits, the HPLC becomes a close system because the system is then fully dependent for the want of kits to a particular vendor only.</p> <p>- One Isocratic Fully Programmable Pump with dual plunger</p> <p>The para 1 specifies for the procurement of Isocratic fully programmable pump (Isocratic means only single pump with dual plungers). BJMC should not restrict itself with one pump only and not a binary gradient(Binary gradient system)</p> <p>There are four distinct advantages of binary gradient HPLC system</p>	<p>We want to procure pre-validated test kits for TDM applications together with the complete HPLC equipment. A pre-validated kit does not mean to be used on any specific system or brand but can be used on all types of HPLC machines. The purpose of purchasing consumables and accessories together with main HPLC equipment from the single supplier is to avoid problems like incompatibility of kits to the machine selected, irregular availability of the compatible kits, suppliers blaming each other for non-functioning or false results and price escalation.</p> <p>The current HPLC system is intended for TDM applications only which requires isocratic pump with UV-visible detector and kits. Binary pump is more expensive and would be unnecessary for the current purpose of TDM.</p>

<p>Firstly in case one pump breaks down for the want of service, the second one can still be used as isocratic system</p> <p>Secondly not all applications are done on isocratic but require a gradient system.</p> <p>Thirdly if an isocratic application is carried out on the day of HPLC run the second pump can be utilized for column washing thereby saving lot of time and increasing the throughput.</p> <p>Fourthly since the mixing of two nos of mobile phases is carried on the high pressure side, the chances of air bubble generation is minimal and an online process which can be validated and hence does not require any external Ultrasonic Degasser Bath as specified on para V of the technical specifications. Ultrasonic Degasser is an external offline method for the removal of air bubbles and is not as effective as online methods and hence cannot be validated.</p> <p>Para VI specifies to quote for compatible water purification unit. If we do not manufacture or trade this item can we submit a joint bid in a single envelop confirming to tender clauses with the third party. In his case the warranty shall be governed by the respective bidders separately.</p>	<p>We would prefer to get the HPLC equipment and water purification system from the same supplier for smooth functioning, to avoid incompatibility and better after sale services. The responsibility of supplying, maintaining and warranty of the complete comprehensive system will be of single supplier which will be convenient and viable.</p>
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All other terms & conditions of the bidding document remain unchanged.

Thanking You,

Yours faithfully,

(Pramod Somnathe)
 Manager – Proc