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*APPLICATION NUMBER:*

**74803**

**APPROVAL LETTER**

ANDA 74-803

AUG 2 2001

Barr Laboratories, Inc.  
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Dear Madam:

This is in reference to your abbreviated new drug application dated December 9, 1995, submitted pursuant to Section 505(j) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (Act), for Fluoxetine Capsules USP, 10 mg and 20 mg.

Reference is also made to the Tentative Approval letter issued on June 14, 2000 and to your amendments dated May 22, and July 19, 2001.

The listed drug product referenced in your application is subject to a period of pediatric exclusivity which expires on June 2, 2004. In addition the listed drug product is subject to a period of patent protection which expires June 2, 2004, (U.S. Patent No. 4,626,549 [the '549 patent]). Your application contains a Paragraph IV Certification and a Method of Use Statement under Section 505(j)(2)(A)(vii)(IV) and Section 505(j)(2)(A)(viii) of the Act to the '549 patent. You informed us that Eli Lilly and Company initiated a patent infringement action against you for your Paragraph IV Certification on the challenged claim in United States District Court for the Southern District of Indiana (Eli Lilly and Company v. Barr Laboratories, Inc., Apotex Inc., Interpharm Inc., Bernard C. Sherman, and Geneva Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Civil Action No. IP 96-0491 C B/S). You have also notified us that you prevailed on one claim of the '549 patent in both the district court and in the court of appeals and a Method of Use Statement to another claim.

We have completed the review of this abbreviated application and have concluded that the drug is safe and effective for use as recommended in the submitted labeling. However, because of the unique (split) 180-day generic drug exclusivity issues

associated with this drug product, the Agency is prohibited from approving both strengths at this time. **Thus, only the 20 mg strength of the drug product is approved at this time.** The 10 mg strength shall remain tentatively approved and will not receive final approval until the remaining 180 days of exclusivity has expired. The Division of Bioequivalence has determined your Fluoxetine Capsules USP, 20 mg to be bioequivalent and, therefore, therapeutically equivalent to the listed drug (Prozac® Capsules, 20 mg of Eli Lilly and Company). Your dissolution testing should be incorporated into the stability and quality control program using the same method proposed in your application.

With respect to 180-day generic drug exclusivity and its impact on the approvability of the various strengths presented in this application, we note that Barr Laboratories, Inc. (Barr) was the first to submit a substantially complete ANDA with a Paragraph IV Certification for the 20 mg strength only. Therefore, Barr is eligible for 180-days of market exclusivity for the 20 mg strength. Subsequent applications for the 20 mg strength will be eligible for final approval not earlier than one hundred eighty days after:

- (1) the date the Secretary receives notice from the applicant under the previous application of the first commercial marketing, or
- (2) the date of a decision of a court in action described in clause (ii) holding the patent which is the subject of the certification to be invalid or not infringed, whichever is earlier {Section 505(j)(B)(iv)}.

If you have any questions concerning the effective date of approval of an abbreviated new drug application and the Agency's elimination of the requirement that an ANDA applicant successfully defend a patent infringement suit to be eligible for 180-days of marketing exclusivity, please refer to the interim rule published in the November 5, 1998 Federal Register (Volume 63, No. 214, 59710).

We are unable to grant final approval to the 10 mg strength at this time because an abbreviated application for Fluoxetine Capsules USP, 10 mg containing a Paragraph IV Certification for this strength was accepted for filing by OGD prior to the filing of your application. Subsequent applications for the 10 mg

strength may not be approved earlier than one hundred and eighty days after:

- (1) the date the Secretary receives notice from the applicant under the previous application of the first commercial marketing, or
- (2) the date of a decision of a court in action described in clause (ii) holding the patent which is the subject of the certification to be invalid or not infringed, whichever is earlier [Section 505(j)(B)(iv)].

With respect to the "first commercial marketing" the Agency expects that you will begin commercial marketing of the 20 mg strength of this drug product in a prompt manner. Please submit correspondence to your application stating the date you commence commercial marketing of the 20 mg strength.

Under Section 506A of the Act, certain changes in the conditions described in this abbreviated application for the 20 mg strength require an approved supplemental application before the change may be made.

Post-marketing reporting requirements for this abbreviated application for the 20 mg strength are set forth in 21 CFR 314.80-81 and 314.98. The Office of Generic Drugs should be advised of any change in the marketing status of the 20 mg strength Fluoxetine Capsules USP.

We request that you submit, in duplicate, any proposed advertising or promotional copy, which you intend to use in your initial advertising or promotional campaigns. Please submit all proposed materials in draft or mock-up form, not final print. Submit both copies together with a copy of the proposed or final printed labeling to the Division of Drug Marketing, Advertising, and Communications (HFD-40). Please do not use Form FD-2253 (Transmittal of Advertisements and Promotional Labeling for Drugs for Human Use) for this initial submission.

We call your attention to 21 CFR 314.81(b)(3) which requires that materials for any subsequent advertising or promotional campaign be submitted to our Division of Drug Marketing, Advertising, and Communications (HFD-40) with a completed Form FD-2253 at the time of their initial use.

**With respect to the continuation of the tentative approval status of the 10 mg strength of this drug product,** our decision is based upon information available to the Agency at this time (i.e., information in your application and the status of current good manufacturing practices (CGMPs) of the facilities used in the manufacture and testing of the drug product), and is subject to change on the basis of new information that may come to our attention.

To provide for final approval of the 10 mg strength, please submit a supplemental application as directed below. The Agency will provide written notice of the information needed to determine the earliest possible final approval date of your supplemental application for the 10 mg strength under section 505(j)(5)(B)(iv) as soon as such information becomes available. The supplemental application, which must be submitted for prior approval between 60 and 90 days prior to the date you believe this strength will be eligible for final approval, should include updated information such as final-printed labeling, and chemistry, manufacturing and controls data as appropriate. Alternatively, a prior approval supplement should be submitted to request final approval of this strength and stating that no changes have been made to the application since the date of this letter. Because of the unique circumstances associated with exclusivity for this drug product, the office will entertain your request that the supplemental application be granted "expedited review" status.

Any changes in the conditions outlined in this abbreviated application and the status of the manufacturing and testing facilities' compliance with current good manufacturing procedures are subject to Agency review before final approval of the supplemental application will be made.

In addition to, or instead of the supplemental application requesting final approval of the additional strength, the Agency may at any time prior to final approval, request that you submit an informational document containing the information stated above.

Failure to submit the supplemental application or informational document may result in rescission of the tentative approval determination, or delay in issuance of the final approval letter for the 10 mg strength.

The 10 mg strength of Fluoxetine Capsules USP may not be marketed without final Agency approval under section 505 of the Act. The introduction or delivery for introduction into interstate commerce of these unapproved strengths before the final approval date is prohibited under section 501 of the Act. Also, until the Agency issues the final approval letter, the 10 mg strength of the drug product will not be listed in the Agency's "Approved Drug Products with Therapeutic Equivalence Evaluations" list (the "Orange Book").

Should you have any questions about the approval status of the various strengths of drug product presented in your application, or about the timing or content of the supplemental application to provide for final approval of the remaining strengths, please contact Ms. Bonnie McNeal, Project Manager, at (301) 827-5849.

Sincerely yours,

/S/

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Director  
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Center for Drug Evaluation and Research

JUN 14 2000

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Reference is also made to your amendments dated June 6, 1997; April 29, June 15, and August 18, 1998; April 12, April 30, May 14, May 21, June 7, August 26, and December 17, 1999; and February 2, March 7, March 17, and April 18, 2000. Reference is also made to your correspondence dated March 13, March 14, and April 17, 1996.

We have completed the review of this abbreviated application and have concluded that based upon the information you have presented to date, the drug is safe and effective for use as recommended in the submitted labeling. Therefore, the application is **tentatively approved**. This determination is based upon information available to the Agency at this time (i.e., information in your application and the status of current good manufacturing practices (CGMPs) of the facilities used in the manufacture and testing of the drug product), and is subject to change on the basis of new information that may come to our attention. This letter does not address the notice issues related to the 180-day exclusivity provisions under section 505(j)(5)(B)(iv) of the Act.

The listed drug product (RLD) referenced in your application, Prozac Capsules of Eli Lilly & Co., is subject to periods of patent protection which expire on February 2, 2001, (U.S. Patent No. 4,314,081 [the '081 patent]), and December 2,

2003, (U.S. Patent No. 4,626,549 [the '549 patent]). Your application contains a Paragraph IV Certification to the '081 and '549 patents under Section 505(j)(2)(A)(vii)(IV) of the Act stating that your manufacture, use, or sale of this drug product will not infringe on these patents or that the patents are invalid or unenforceable. You have notified the agency that Barr Laboratories, Inc. has complied with the notification requirements of Section 505(j)(2)(B) of the Act. Subsequently, the patent and NDA holder initiated a patent infringement suit against Barr et al. in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Indiana (Eli Lilly and Company v. Barr Laboratories, Inc., Apotex Inc., Interpharm Inc., Bernard C. Sherman, and Geneva Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Civil Action No. IP 96-0491C B/S). On January 25, 1999, the district court entered a Final Judgment and Injunction in this case which states that the '081 and '549 patents were not proven to be invalid or unenforceable and that Barr et al. infringed the patents by filing the ANDA. Furthermore, the district court prohibited the agency from approving any ANDA for this drug product subject to the injunction before the expiration of the '549 patent, subject to further rulings by the courts. You have informed the agency that the district court decision was appealed to the U.S. Court of Appeals, Federal Circuit in Washington, D.C., and that oral arguments were heard before this court on March 8, 2000. The Appeals Court's decision is currently pending.

Because the Agency is granting a tentative approval for this application, please submit an amendment at least 60-days (but not more than 90-days) prior to the date you believe your application will be eligible for final approval. Your amendment should identify changes, if any, in the conditions under which the drug product was tentatively approved and should include documentation such as a copy of a final order or judgement from the Court of Appeals, or a settlement agreement between the parties, whichever is applicable, a licensing agreement between you and the patent holder, or any other relevant information. The amendment should also provide updated information such as final-printed labeling, chemistry, manufacturing and controls data as appropriate. As your amendment serves to reactivate this application in OGD, an amendment should be submitted even if no changes were made to the application since the date of this tentative approval letter. This amendment should be designated clearly in your cover letter as a MINOR AMENDMENT. In addition to this amendment, the agency may request at any time prior to

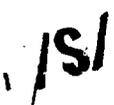
the date of final approval that you submit an additional amendment containing the information described above. Failure to submit either or, if requested, both amendments, may result in rescission of the tentative approval status of your application, or may result in a delay in the issuance of the final approval letter.

Any significant changes in the conditions outlined in this abbreviated application as well as changes in the status of the manufacturing and testing facilities' compliance with current good manufacturing practices (CGMPs) are subject to agency review before final approval of the application will be made.

The drug product that is the subject of this abbreviated application may not be marketed without final Agency approval under section 505 of the Act. The introduction or delivery for introduction into interstate commerce of this drug before the effective final approval date is prohibited under section 501 of the Act. Also, until the Agency issues the final approval letter, this drug product will not be listed in the Agency's "Approved Drug Products with Therapeutic Equivalence Evaluations" list, (the "Orange Book").

Before you submit the amendment(s), please contact Timothy Ames, R.Ph., Project Manager, at (301) 827-5798, for further instructions.

Sincerely yours,

  
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