



NDA 20381/S-043

SUPPLEMENT APPROVAL

Abbott Laboratories
Attention: Jean M. Conaway
Associate Director, Global Pharmaceutical Regulatory Affairs
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Dear Ms. Conaway:

Please refer to your Supplemental New Drug Application (sNDA) dated June 10, 2010, received June 11, 2010, submitted pursuant to section 505(b)(2) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FDCA) for Niaspan (niacin extended-release) Tablets.

This "Prior Approval" supplemental new drug application provides for a Patient Package Insert. The supplement also removes the "Fredrickson Type" descriptions of the various dyslipidemias throughout the package insert.

We have completed our review of this supplemental application. It is approved, effective on the date of this letter, for use as recommended in the enclosed, agreed-upon labeling text.

CONTENT OF LABELING

As soon as possible, but no later than 14 days from the date of this letter, submit, using the FDA automated drug registration and listing system (eLIST), the content of labeling [21 CFR 314.50(l)] in structured product labeling (SPL) format, as described at <http://www.fda.gov/ForIndustry/DataStandards/StructuredProductLabeling/default.htm>, that is identical to the enclosed labeling (text for the package insert, text for the patient package insert) and include the labeling changes proposed in any pending "Changes Being Effectuated" (CBE) supplements. Information on submitting SPL files using eLIST may be found in the guidance for industry titled "SPL Standard for Content of Labeling Technical Qs and As" at <http://www.fda.gov/downloads/DrugsGuidanceComplianceRegulatoryInformation/Guidances/UCM072392.pdf>.

The SPL will be accessible from publicly available labeling repositories.

Also within 14 days, amend all pending supplemental applications for this NDA, including pending "Changes Being Effectuated" (CBE) supplements, for which FDA has not yet issued an

action letter, with the content of labeling [21 CFR 314.50(l)(1)(i)] in MS Word format that includes the changes approved in this supplemental application.

LETTERS TO HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS

If you decide to issue a letter communicating important safety-related information about this drug product (i.e., a “Dear Health Care Professional” letter), we request that you submit, at least 24 hours prior to issuing the letter, an electronic copy of the letter to this NDA to the following address:

MedWatch Program
Office of Special Health Issues
Food and Drug Administration
10903 New Hampshire Ave
Building 32, Mail Stop 5353
Silver Spring, MD 20993

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

We remind you that you must comply with reporting requirements for an approved NDA (21 CFR 314.80 and 314.81).

If you have any questions, call Kati Johnson, Regulatory Project Manager, at (301) 796-1234.

Sincerely,

{See appended electronic signature page}

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Center for Drug Evaluation and Research

ENCLOSURE: Content of Labeling (Package Insert and Patient Package Insert)

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/s/

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