



NDA 050777/S-018

SUPPLEMENT APPROVAL

Astellas Pharma U.S., Inc.
Attention: Eva Essig, Ph.D.
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Dear Dr. Essig:

Please refer to your Supplemental New Drug Application (sNDA) dated May 9, 2011, received May 11, 2011, submitted under section 505(b) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FDCA) for Protopic (tacrolimus) Ointment, 0.03% and 0.1%.

We acknowledge receipt of your amendments dated October 20 and November 4, 2011.

This "Changes Being Effected in 30 days" supplemental new drug application provides for changes to the Precautions and Adverse Reactions/Postmarketing Events sections of the label. The proposed changes are to include skin conditions with a skin barrier defect in which there is the potential for increased systemic tacrolimus absorption and to add the event of "application site edema."

We have completed our review of this supplemental application, as amended. 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 the content of labeling [21 CFR 314.50(l)] in structured product labeling (SPL) format using the FDA automated drug registration and listing system (eLIST), as described at <http://www.fda.gov/ForIndustry/DataStandards/StructuredProductLabeling/default.htm>. Content of labeling must be identical to the enclosed labeling (text for the package insert, text for the patient package insert), with the addition of any labeling changes in pending "Changes Being Effected" (CBE) supplements, as well as annual reportable changes not included in the enclosed labeling.

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 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, as well as annual reportable changes and annotate each change. To facilitate review of your submission, provide a highlighted or marked-up copy that shows all changes, as well as a clean Microsoft Word version. The marked-up copy should provide appropriate annotations, including supplement number(s) and annual report date(s).

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 Cristina Attinello, Regulatory Project Manager, at (301) 796-3986.

Sincerely,

{See appended electronic signature page}

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ENCLOSURE:
Content of Labeling

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