



NDA 019599/S-011

SUPPLEMENT APPROVAL

Merz Pharmaceuticals
Attention: Bhushan Hardas, MD, MBA
Vice President and Head of US Research and Development
4215 Tudor Lane
Greensboro, NC 27410

Dear Dr. Hardas:

Please refer to your Supplemental New Drug Application (sNDA) dated and received December 16, 2010, submitted under section 505(b) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FDCA) for NAFTIN[®] (naftifine hydrochloride) Cream, 2%.

We acknowledge receipt of your amendments dated January 12, February 2, and 25, May 27, June 2, July 8, 12, 18, 27, and 29, August 1, 15, and 16, September 6, 21, and 22, October 3, 5, and 20, November 9, December 14, 22, and 28, 2011, and January 9, 10(2) and 11(2), 2012.

This “Prior Approval” supplemental new drug application provides for a change in strength and dosage.

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), 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).

CARTON AND IMMEDIATE CONTAINER LABELS

Submit final printed carton and container labels that are identical to the enclosed carton and immediate container.

Please submit these labels electronically according to the guidance for industry titled “Providing Regulatory Submissions in Electronic Format – Human Pharmaceutical Product Applications and Related Submissions Using the eCTD Specifications (June 2008).” Alternatively, you may submit 12 paper copies, with 6 of the copies individually mounted on heavy-weight paper or similar material. For administrative purposes, designate this submission “**Product Correspondence – Final Printed Carton and Container Labels for approved NDA 019599/S-011.**” Approval of this submission by FDA is not required before the labeling is used.

REQUIRED PEDIATRIC ASSESSMENTS

Under the Pediatric Research Equity Act (PREA) (21 U.S.C. 355c), all applications for new active ingredients, new indications, new dosage forms, new dosing regimens, or new routes of administration are required to contain an assessment of the safety and effectiveness of the product for the claimed indication(s) in pediatric patients unless this requirement is waived, deferred, or inapplicable.

WAIVED

1. We are waiving the pediatric study requirement for ages 0 to 11 years 11 months for tinea pedis and tinea cruris, because too few children with the condition exist.
2. We are waiving the pediatric study requirements for ages 0 to 1 year 11 months for tinea corporis, because too few children with the condition exist.

DEFERRED

1. We are deferring submission of your pediatric study for ages 12 years to 17 years 11 months for this application because the products is ready for approval in adults for the indications of tinea pedis and tinea cruris.

2. We are deferring submission of your pediatric study for ages 2 years to 17 years 11 months for this application because the product is ready for approval in adults for the indication of tinea corporis.

PREA POSTMARKETING REQUIREMENTS

Your deferred pediatric studies required under section 505B(a) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act are required postmarketing studies. The status of these postmarketing studies must be reported annually according to 21 CFR 314.81 and section 505B(a)(3)(B) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act. These required studies are listed below.

- 1857-1 PK/Safety/Tolerability study under maximal use conditions in subjects ages 12 years to 17 years 11 months with a minimum of at least 18 evaluable subjects with tinea pedis and tinea cruris towards the upper end of disease severity in the patient population.

The timetable you submitted on December 22, 2011 states that you will conduct this study according to the following schedule:

Final Protocol Submission: 07/2012

Study/Trial Completion: 07/2013

Final Report Submission: 12/2013

- 1857-2 PK/Efficacy/Safety study in pediatric subjects ages 2 years to 17 years 11 months with tinea corporis.

The timetable you submitted on December 22, 2011 states that you will conduct this study according to the following schedule:

Final Protocol Submission: 09/2012

Study/Trial Completion: 09/2013

Final Report Submission: 02/2014

Submit the protocol(s) to your IND 077530, with a cross-reference letter to this NDA.

Reports of these required pediatric postmarketing studies must be submitted as a new drug application (NDA) or as a supplement to your approved NDA with the proposed labeling changes you believe are warranted based on the data derived from these studies. When submitting the reports, please clearly mark your submission "**SUBMISSION OF REQUIRED PEDIATRIC ASSESSMENTS**" in large font, bolded type at the beginning of the cover letter of the submission.

POSTMARKETING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 505(o)

Section 505(o)(3) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FDCA) authorizes FDA to require holders of approved drug and biological product applications to conduct postmarketing studies and clinical trials for certain purposes, if FDA makes certain findings required by the statute.

We have determined that an analysis of spontaneous postmarketing adverse events reported under subsection 505(k)(1) of the FDCA will not be sufficient to identify an unexpected serious risk of carcinogenesis.

Furthermore, the new pharmacovigilance system that FDA is required to establish under section 505(k)(3) of the FDCA will not be sufficient to assess this serious risk.

Therefore, based on appropriate scientific data, FDA has determined that you are required to conduct the following:

1857-3 A 2-year dermal rat carcinogenicity study.

The timetable you submitted on December 22, 2011 states that you will conduct this study according to the following schedule:

Final Protocol Submission: 12/2012
Study Completion: 07/2015
Final Report Submission: 09/2016

Submit the protocol to your IND 077530, with a cross-reference letter to this NDA. Submit all final reports to your NDA. Prominently identify the submission with the following wording in bold capital letters at the top of the first page of the submission, as appropriate: **“Required Postmarketing Protocol Under 505(o)”**, **“Required Postmarketing Final Report Under 505(o)”**, **“Required Postmarketing Correspondence Under 505(o)”**.

Section 505(o)(3)(E)(ii) of the FDCA requires you to report periodically on the status of any study or clinical trial required under this section. This section also requires you to periodically report to FDA on the status of any study or clinical trial otherwise undertaken to investigate a safety issue. Section 506B of the FDCA, as well as 21 CFR 314.81(b)(2)(vii) requires you to report annually on the status of any postmarketing commitments or required studies or clinical trials.

FDA will consider the submission of your annual report under section 506B and 21 CFR 314.81(b)(2)(vii) to satisfy the periodic reporting requirement under section 505(o)(3)(E)(ii) provided that you include the elements listed in 505(o) and 21 CFR 314.81(b)(2)(vii). We remind you that to comply with 505(o), your annual report must also include a report on the status of any study or clinical trial otherwise undertaken to investigate a safety issue. Failure to submit an annual report for studies or clinical trials required under 505(o) on the date required will be considered a violation of FDCA section 505(o)(3)(E)(ii) and could result in enforcement action.

POSTMARKETING COMMITMENTS NOT SUBJECT TO THE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS UNDER SECTION 506B

We remind you of your postmarketing commitment:

Collect viscosity data from all available manufactured batches up to 24 months.

The timetable you submitted on December 22, 2011 states that you will conduct this study according to the following schedule:

Final Report Submission: 04/2013

Submit clinical protocols to your IND 077530 for this product. Submit nonclinical and chemistry, manufacturing, and controls protocols and all study final reports to this NDA. In addition, under 21 CFR 314.81(b)(2)(vii) and 314.81(b)(2)(viii) you should include a status summary of each commitment in your annual report to this NDA. The status summary should include expected summary completion and final report submission dates, any changes in plans since the last annual report, and, for clinical studies/trials, number of patients entered into each study/trial. All submissions, including supplements, relating to these postmarketing commitments should be prominently labeled “**Postmarketing Commitment Protocol**,” “**Postmarketing Commitment Final Report**,” or “**Postmarketing Commitment Correspondence**.”

PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS

You may request advisory comments on proposed introductory advertising and promotional labeling. To do so, submit the following, in triplicate, (1) a cover letter requesting advisory comments, (2) the proposed materials in draft or mock-up form with annotated references, and (3) the package insert(s) to:

Food and Drug Administration
Center for Drug Evaluation and Research
Division of Drug Marketing, Advertising, and Communications
5901-B Ammendale Road
Beltsville, MD 20705-1266

You must submit final promotional materials and package insert(s), accompanied by a Form FDA 2253, at the time of initial dissemination or publication [21 CFR 314.81(b)(3)(i)]. Form FDA 2253 is available at <http://www.fda.gov/opacom/morechoices/fdaforms/cder.html>; instructions are provided on page 2 of the form. For more information about submission of promotional materials to the Division of Drug Marketing, Advertising, and Communications (DDMAC), see <http://www.fda.gov/AboutFDA/CentersOffices/CDER/ucm090142.htm>.

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 Dawn Williams, Regulatory Project Manager, at (301) 796-5376.

Sincerely,

{See appended electronic signature page}

Susan J. Walker, M.D., F.A.A.D.
Director
Division of Dermatology and Dental Products
Office of Drug Evaluation III
Center for Drug Evaluation and Research

ENCLOSURES:

Content of Labeling
Carton and Container Labeling

This is a representation of an electronic record that was signed electronically and this page is the manifestation of the electronic signature.

/s/

SUSAN J WALKER
01/13/2012