



ANDA 078020

Mylan Pharmaceuticals, Inc.  
Attention: S. Wayne Talton  
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Dear Sir:

This is in reference to your abbreviated new drug application (ANDA) received on December 2, 2005, and submitted pursuant to section 505(j) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (the Act), for Valsartan and Hydrochlorothiazide Tablets, 80 mg/12.5 mg, 160 mg/12.5 mg, 160 mg/25 mg, 320 mg/12.5 mg, and 320 mg/25 mg.

Reference is also made to the tentative approval letters issued by this office on May 30, 2008, and August 30, 2010, and to your amendments dated November 22, 2011; June 22, and August 10, 2012.

We have completed the review of this ANDA and have concluded that adequate information has been presented to demonstrate that the drug is safe and effective for use as recommended in the submitted labeling. Accordingly the ANDA is approved, effective on the date of this letter. The Division of Bioequivalence has determined your Valsartan and Hydrochlorothiazide Tablets, 80 mg/12.5 mg, 160 mg/12.5 mg, 160 mg/25 mg, 320 mg/12.5 mg, and 320 mg/25 mg, to be bioequivalent and, therefore, therapeutically equivalent to the reference listed drug (RLD), Diovan HCT Tablets, 80 mg/12.5 mg, 160 mg/12.5 mg, 160 mg/25 mg, 320 mg/12.5 mg and 320 mg/25 mg, respectively, of Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corp. (Novartis). Your dissolution testing should be incorporated into the stability and quality control program using the same method proposed in your application.

The RLD upon which you have based your ANDA, Novartis' Diovan HCT Tablets, is subject to a period of patent protection. As

noted in the agency's publication titled Approved Drug Products with Therapeutic Equivalence Evaluations (the "Orange Book"), U.S. Patent No. 6,294,197 (the '197 patent) is scheduled to expire on December 18, 2017 (with pediatric exclusivity added). Your ANDA contains a paragraph IV certification under section 505(j)(2)(A)(vii)(IV) of the Act stating that the '197 patent is invalid, unenforceable, or will not be infringed by your manufacture, use, or sale of Valsartan and Hydrochlorothiazide Tablets, 80 mg/12.5 mg, 160 mg/12.5 mg, 160 mg/25 mg, 320 mg/12.5 mg, and 320 mg/25 mg, under this ANDA. You have notified the agency that Mylan Pharmaceuticals Inc. (Mylan) complied with the requirements of section 505(j)(2)(B) of the Act, and that no action for infringement was brought against Mylan within the statutory 45-day period, which action would have resulted in a 30-month stay of approval under section 505(j)(5)(B)(iii).

With respect to 180-day generic drug exclusivity, we note that Mylan was the first ANDA applicant to submit a substantially complete ANDA with a paragraph IV certification for Valsartan and Hydrochlorothiazide Tablets, 80 mg/12.5 mg, 160 mg/12.5 mg, 160 mg/25 mg, 320 mg/12.5 mg, and 320 mg/25 mg. Therefore, with this approval, Mylan is eligible for 180 days of generic drug exclusivity for Valsartan and Hydrochlorothiazide Tablets, 80 mg/12.5 mg, 160 mg/12.5 mg, 160 mg/25 mg, 320 mg/12.5 mg, and 320 mg/25 mg. This exclusivity, which is provided for under section 505(j)(5)(B)(iv) of the Act, will begin to run from the date of the commercial marketing identified in section 505(j)(5)(B)(iv). Please submit correspondence to this ANDA informing the agency of the date the exclusivity begins to run.

Under section 506A of the Act, certain changes in the conditions described in this ANDA require an approved supplemental application before the change may be made.

Please note that if FDA requires a Risk Evaluation & Mitigation Strategy (REMS) for a listed drug, an ANDA citing that listed drug also will be required to have a REMS. See section 505-1(i) of the Act.

Postmarketing reporting requirements for this ANDA 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 this drug.

Promotional materials may be submitted to FDA for comment prior to publication or dissemination. Please note that these submissions are voluntary. If you desire comments on proposed

launch promotional materials with respect to compliance with applicable regulatory requirements, we recommend you submit, in draft or mock-up form, two copies of both the promotional materials and package insert directly to:

Food and Drug Administration  
Center for Drug Evaluation and Research  
Office of Prescription Drug Promotion  
5901-B Ammendale Road  
Beltsville, MD 20705

We call your attention to 21 CFR 314.81(b)(3) which requires that all promotional materials be submitted to the Office of Prescription Drug Promotion with a completed Form FDA 2253 at the time of their initial use.

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 in content to the approved labeling (including the package insert, and any patient package insert and/or Medication Guide that may be required). 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 via publicly available labeling repositories.

Sincerely yours,

*{See appended electronic signature page}*

Gregory P. Geba, M.D., M.P.H.  
Director  
Office of Generic Drugs  
Center for Drug Evaluation and Research

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Deputy Director, Office of Generic Drugs, for  
Gregory P. Geba, M.D., M.P.H.