



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration
Silver Spring MD 20993

NDA 021283/S-041; S-042

SUPPLEMENT APPROVAL

Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation
Attention: Nancy Price
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One Health Plaza
East Hanover, NJ 07936-1080

Dear Ms. Price:

Please refer to your Supplemental New Drug Applications (sNDAs) dated and received August 28, 2013 (S-041), and December 5, 2013 (S-042) submitted under section 505(b)(1) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FDCA) for Diovan (valsartan) 40 mg, 80 mg, 160 mg, and 320 mg Tablets.

These supplemental new drug applications provide for labeling revised as follows (additions are marked as underlined text and deletions are marked as ~~striketrough text~~):

1. In **HIGHLIGHTS/RECENT MAJOR CHANGES**, the following text was deleted:

~~Boxed Warning: Fetal Toxicity~~ ~~01/2012~~
~~Indications and Usage: Benefits of lowering blood pressure (1)~~ ~~12/2011~~
~~Dosage and Administration:~~
~~Pediatric Hypertension 6-16 years of age (2.2)~~ ~~02/2012~~
~~Contraindications: Known hypersensitivity (4)~~ ~~07/2012~~
~~Contraindications: Dual RAS Blockade in Diabetics (4)~~ ~~10/2012~~
~~Warnings and Precautions: Fetal Toxicity (5.1)~~ ~~01/2012~~
~~Drug Interactions: Dual Blockade of the Renin-Angiotensin System (7)~~ ~~10/2012~~

2. In **HIGHLIGHTS/DRUG INTERACTIONS**, the following bullet was added:

- Lithium: Increases in serum lithium concentrations and toxicity (7)

3. Under **ADVERSE REACTIONS, Post-Marketing Experience**, the following text was added:

Dermatologic: Alopecia, bullous dermatitis

4. Under **DRUG INTERACTIONS**, the following section was added:

Lithium: Increases in serum lithium concentrations and lithium toxicity have been reported during concomitant administration of lithium angiotensin II receptor antagonists, including Diovan. Monitor serum lithium levels is-during concomitant use.

The sponsor made the following change to the PPI:

5. Under **What should I tell my doctor before taking DIOVAN?** the following bullet was added:

- lithium, a medicine used in some types of depression

6. The revision date and version number were updated.

There are no other changes from the last approved package insert.

We have completed our review of these supplemental applications, and they are 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 Effectuated” (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).

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>.

All promotional materials that include representations about your drug product must be promptly revised to be consistent with the labeling changes approved in this supplement, including any new safety information [21 CFR 314.70(a)(4)]. The revisions in your promotional materials should include prominent disclosure of the important new safety information that appears in the revised package labeling. Within 7 days of receipt of this letter, submit your statement of intent to comply with 21 CFR 314.70(a)(4) to the address above or by fax to 301-847-8444.

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, please call:

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Sincerely,

{See appended electronic signature page}

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ENCLOSURE:
Content of Labeling

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/s/

MARY R SOUTHWORTH
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