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**APPLICATION NUMBER: 21-005**

**CHEMISTRY REVIEW(S)**

JUL 19 1999

DIVISION OF DERMATOLOGIC AND DENTAL DRUG PRODUCTS  
Review of Chemistry, Manufacturing, and Controls

NDA #: 21-005

CHEM. REVIEW #: 1

REVIEW DATE: 1/10/99

SUBMISSION/TYPE

DOCUMENT DATE

CDER DATE

ASSIGNED DATE

ORIGINAL

10/20/98

10/23/98

12/8/98

NAME & ADDRESS OF APPLICANT: Hyal Pharmaceutical Corp.  
2425 Skymark Avenue  
Mississauga, Ontario, Canada L4W 4Y6

DRUG PRODUCT NAME

Proprietary: Solarase  
Nonproprietary/USAN: Sodium Diclofenac Gel, 30 mg/g  
Code Names/#'s: CAS# 15307-79-6  
Chemical Type:  
Therapeutic Class: NSAID

ANDA Suitability Petition/DESI/Patent Status:

N/A [if applicable]

PHARMACOLOGICAL CATEGORY/INDICATION: Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug  
(NSAID)

DOSAGE FORM: Gel

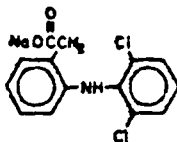
STRENGTHS: 3% W/W

ROUTE OF ADMINISTRATION: Topical

DISPENSED: XXX Rx     OTC

CHEMICAL NAME, STRUCTURAL FORMULA, MOLECULAR FORMULA, MOL.WT.:

Diclofenac Sodium [1973].  $C_{14}H_{10}Cl_2NNaO_2$ . 318.14. (1) Benzenecetic acid, 2-[(2,6-dichlorophenyl)amino]-, monosodium salt; (2) Sodium [o-(2,6-dichloroanilino)phenyl] acetate. CAS-15307-79-6. JAN. *Anti-inflammatory*. Voltaren (Ciba-Geigy); Voltaren Ophthalmic (Ciba Vision Ophthalmics)  $\diamond$ GP 45840



Hyal Pharmaceutical Corp.  
Solarase

Structural Formula:

Molecular Weight: 318.13

**RELATED DOCUMENTS (if applicable):**

Related Document	Holder	Subject	LOA date	Review Status and date	Reviewed By
IND	—	_____	n/a	Active	
IND	—	_____	n/a	Active	Ho/HFD-550
DMF	—	_____	12/31/96	ADEQUATE, 8/10/98; IR letter issued 8/12/98 for _____	
DMF	—		2/14/97	not reviewed; LOA replaced by corrected reference to DMF _____	
DMF	—		1/4/99	INADEQUATE, 6/28/99; IR letter issued, 6/30/99	Gautam-Basak
DMF	—		none; reviewed w/DMF _____	INADEQUATE, 6/28/99; IR letter issued, 6/30/99	Gautam-Basak
DMF	—		8/2/96	last review 5/10/95; ADEQUATE	assigned to Mamta Gautam-Basak, 7/16/99
DMF	—		11/12/96	INADEQUATE, 7/15/99; IR letter issued, 7/19/99	Shetty
DMF	—		9/24/96	not reviewed	

**CONSULTS:**

Dr. DeCamp of HFD-540 will request Methods Validation. Trade name (Solarase) confirmation has been requested by Dr. DeCamp.

**REMARKS/COMMENTS:**

Originally, the drug, diclofenac sodium was developed by Ciba Geigy and marketed as an oral formulation first in Japan in 1974. Diclofenac has a pka of 4.0 and a partition coefficient of 13.4. The structural elements include a phenyl acetic acid group, a secondary amino group and a phenyl ring containing chlorine atoms, which cause maximum twisting of the ring. The drug is synthesized by \_\_\_\_\_

Diclofenac is off patent and listed in the orange book. It has recently been listed in the USP. The present NDA is for the use of the

drug as a gel for topical treatment of active keratoses. The drug is a derivative of phenyl acetic acid and commonly classed as a non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug (NSAID). It belongs to the group of arylacanoic acid NSAIDs. Other members of this group are bufexamac, mefenamic, \_\_\_\_\_, meclofenamic, flufenamic and tolfenamic. This NDA #21-005 belongs to HFD-540.

An IR letter has been issued to this applicant.

The DMF \_\_\_\_\_ Type II has been reviewed. Deficiencies have been noted.

**CONCLUSIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS:**

The application is NOT APPROVABLE for manufacturing and controls under section 505 of the ACT. Specific items which are not approvable are identified under the following headings: \_\_\_\_\_ (deficient DMF), Drug Product (specifications for hyaluronate sodium), and Stability (development of color on storage at room temperature). Information request letters were issued to the applicant on July 9, 1999, and to \_\_\_\_\_ (the DMF holder \_\_\_\_\_) on June 30, 1999. A deficiency letter was issued to \_\_\_\_\_ on July 19, 1999.

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7/20/99

B. Vithal Shetty, Ph.D.  
Review Chemist

cc: Orig. NDA 21-005  
HFD-540/Division File  
HFD-520/BVShetty  
HFD-540/MO/Ko  
HFD-540/Pharm/Reid  
HFD-540/CSO/White  
HFD-540/WHDeCamp  
R/D Init by: WHDeCamp

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See Chou TL  
Review Addendum  
dated 7/19/99

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Food and Drug Administration  
Rockville MD 20857

**Date:** July 19, 1999

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**To:** Jonathan K. Wilkin, M.D., Director, HFD-540  
Chi-Wan Chen, Director, HFD-830

**From:** Wilson H. DeCamp, Ph.D.  
Chemistry Team Leader, HFD-540

**Subject:** Team Leader's Addendum, NDA 21-005, Chemistry Review #1

The following comments are my Team Leader's addendum to Dr. Shetty's Chemistry Review #1 for NDA 21-005, Solarase (diclofenac sodium) Gel, 3.0%. As noted in his review, an Information Request (IR) letter was issued to the Applicant on July 9; certain of the items in that letter are commented on below to provide a focus for the next review cycle. My concurrence with Dr. Shetty's review is subject to the comments noted below. My comments follow the usual outline of review notes; item, volume and page references are to the NDA.

**A. Drug Substance**

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**D. Environmental Assessment**  
No comments.

**E. Methods Validation**  
Dr. Shetty recommended that the Hyal method for related substances in diclofenac sodium and the product tests for diclofenac sodium assay and related substances be validated. I concur.

**F. Labeling**



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This item was evaluated by Dr. Shetty as unacceptable. I DO NOT AGREE WITH THIS CONCLUSION. Given the numerous other deficiencies, there appears to be little regulatory utility in a detailed review of the package insert at this time.

**G. Establishment Inspections**  
No comments.

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Wilson H. DeCamp, Ph.D.  
Chemistry Team Leader  
Division of Dermatological and  
Dental Drug Products

cc: Archival NDA 21-005  
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Review of Chemistry, Manufacturing, and Controls

**NDA #:** 21-005      **REVIEW #:** 2      **REVIEW DATE:** 23-SEP-1999      SEP 28 1999

<b>SUBMISSION</b>	<b>DOCUMENT DATE</b>	<b>CDER DATE</b>	<b>ASSIGNED DATE</b>
Amendment	07-JUL-99	09-JUL-99	16-JUL-99
Amendment	12-AUG-99	16-AUG-99	18-AUG-99

**NAME & ADDRESS OF APPLICANT:**      Hyal Pharmaceuticals Corporation  
2425 Skymark Avenue  
Mississauga, Ontario  
Canada L4W 4Y6

**DRUG PRODUCT NAME**  
Proprietary:      Solarase  
Established:      Diclofenac Sodium  
Code Name:      HYAL-CT1101  
Product Number:  
Chem.Type/Ther.Class:      NSAID

**PHARMACOL. CATEGORY/INDICATION:**      Treatment of actinic keratoses

**DOSAGE FORM:**      Gel  
**STRENGTHS:**      3% w/w  
**ROUTE OF ADMINISTRATION:**      Topical  
**Rx/OTC:**        X   Rx       OTC

**CHEMICAL NAME, STRUCTURAL FORMULA, MOLECULAR FORMULA,  
MOLECULAR WEIGHT:**

See Chemistry Review #1

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS (if applicable):** Same as listed in Chemistry Review #1

**CONSULTS:** Yes, Microbiology review dated 9/15/99

**REMARKS/COMMENTS:**

Hyal's response to the FDA's information request letter dated June 22, 1999 and CMC information request letter dated July 9, 1999 is the subject of this review. The response is incomplete.

We have not received updated information for Type II DMF — A deficiency letter was issued on July 19, 1999.

The updated information to DMF — (submission dated 7/19/99) has been reviewed. Minor deficiencies noted will be forwarded to the DMF holder.

**CONCLUSIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS:**

The application is NOT APPROVABLE for manufacturing and controls under section 505 of the ACT. Data submitted are insufficient to establish the identity and amount of degradants and/or impurities present in the drug substance/drug product. For evaluation of the safety of the drug product we cannot confirm that there are no impurities or degradants present at concentrations a) greater than — of the bulk drug substance or b) greater than — of the drug substance in the drug product. Deficiencies identified as "Impurities and Degradants" for both Drug Substance and Drug Product constitute NA issues.

*ISI* *9/27/99*  
Mamta Gautam-Basak, Ph.D.  
Review Chemist, HFD-540

cc:

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HFD-540/Jacobs

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*ISI/9/28/99 - see addendum*

R/D Init by: TEAMLEADER

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Food and Drug Administration  
Rockville MD 20857

Date: September 28, 1999  
SEP 28 1999

To: Jonathan K. Wilkin, M.D., Director, HFD-540  
Chi-Wan Chen, Director, HFD-830

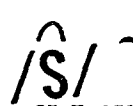
From: Wilson H. DeCamp, Ph.D.  
Chemistry Team Leader, HFD-540

Subject: Team Leader's Addendum, NDA 21-005, Chemistry Review #2

In addition to the comments from Dr. Gautam-Basak's Chemistry Review #2 for NDA 21-005, Solarase (diclofenac sodium) Gel, 3.0%, the following should be added to the action letter:

We note that in item 3.2.8, \_\_\_\_\_ of the Drug Substance, of your original submission, you claimed that this item was not applicable to the application. We disagree with this statement and request that you submit a revised item 3.2.8. Our reasons for this are as follows:

- (1) your description of the drug substance describes it as \_\_\_\_\_, hygroscopic, and sparingly soluble in water;
- (2) in at least one development batch, \_\_\_\_\_ of diclofenac was observed (vol. 1.3, pg. 3); and
- (3) it is unclear from the data whether \_\_\_\_\_ of diclofenac sodium are known.

  
Wilson H. DeCamp, Ph.D.  
Chemistry Team Leader  
Division of Dermatological and  
Dental Drug Products

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**DIVISION OF DERMATOLOGIC AND DENTAL DRUG PRODUCTS**

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JUN 9 2000

**NDA #:** 21-005      **REVIEW #:** 3      **REVIEW DATE:** 04-JUN-2000

<b>SUBMISSION</b>	<b>DOCUMENT DATE</b>	<b>CDER DATE</b>	<b>ASSIGNED DATE</b>
Original	20-OCT-1998	23-OCT-1998	Chem. Rev. #1
Amendment	07-JUL-1999	09-JUL-1999	Chem. Rev. #2
Amendment	12-AUG-1999	16-AUG-1999	Chem. Rev. #2
Amendment	08-OCT-1999	12-OCT-1999	25-OCT-1999
Amendment	21-JAN-2000	24-JAN-2000	02-FEB-2000
Amendment	24-APR-2000	25-APR-2000	24-MAY-2000

**NAME & ADDRESS OF APPLICANT:**

SkyePharma Inc.  
(formerly Hyal)  
10450 Science Center Drive  
San Diego, CA 92121

**DRUG PRODUCT NAME**

Proprietary: Solarase™  
Established: Diclofenac Sodium  
Code Name: HYAL-CT1101  
Product Number:  
Chem. Type/Ther. Class: 3S

**PHARMACOL. CATEGORY/INDICATION:** Treatment of actinic keratoses

**DOSAGE FORM:** Gel  
**STRENGTHS:** 3% w/w  
**ROUTE OF ADMINISTRATION:** Topical  
**Rx/OTC:**  X  Rx   OTC

**CHEMICAL NAME, STRUCTURAL FORMULA, MOLECULAR FORMULA,  
MOLECULAR WEIGHT:**

Same as in USP/USAN (see Chemistry Review #1)

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS** (if applicable): Type II DMFs \_\_\_\_\_ (Also see Chemistry Reviews #1 and #2)

<u>DMF #</u>	<u>Holder</u>	<u>Subject</u>
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**CONSULTS:** NA

**REMARKS/COMMENTS:**

SkyePharm's response to FDA's Not Approvable (NA) letter dated October 21, 1999, and a partial response to CMC information request (IR) letter dated July 19, 1999, are the subject of this review. Deficiencies are reviewed in the original NDA format and may not follow the order in which they appeared in the NA letter.

Dr. G. Bykadi (HFD-623, OGD) reviewed (Chemistry Review #2) the response to our deficiency letter dated July 19, 1999 (DMF \_\_\_\_\_) for a \_\_\_\_\_. Per Chemistry Review #2 of the DMF the holder has addressed all deficiencies as listed in deficiency letter dated July 19, 1999, satisfactorily except the issue of \_\_\_\_\_. Overall the DMF was found to be Inadequate. Since additional supporting information for \_\_\_\_\_ was submitted in the NDA, the new DMF deficiencies are not considered as the approvability issue for the subject NDA (see review notes).

Type II DMF \_\_\_\_\_ is considered adequate to support the NDA 21-005 (see Microbiologist's review dated 9/17/99).

The applicant has satisfactorily addressed all CMC deficiencies listed in the agency's NA letter dated 10/21/99 (NDA 21-005). Method validation data submitted for the assay of the finished drug product dosage form are found to be suitable.

Methods Validation Package is under review and upon completion the methods will be forwarded to district for validation.

Information regarding labeling is incomplete (submission dated 4/24/00). A proof copy is requested.

The cGMP status of both DS and DP manufacturing facilities is acceptable (see EER attached).

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**CONCLUSIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS:**

An APPROVAL action is recommended from the CMC standpoint provided a proof copy of the container and carton labeling is submitted for our review. The comments listed on page 18 should be forwarded as Phase 4 commitments. ✓

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6/9/00

Mamta Gautam-Basak, Ph.D.  
Review Chemist, HFD-540

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# ESTABLISHMENT EVALUATION REQUEST SUMMARY REPORT

Application: NDA 21005/000	Priority: 3S	Org Code: 540
Stamp: 22-OCT-1998 Regulatory Due: 24-JUL-2000	Action Goal:	District Goal: 23-JUN-1999
Applicant: HYAL LAW 4Y6 MISSISSAUGA, ONTARIO, CA	Brand Name: SOLARASE(DICLOFENAC SODIUM)3% W/W TOP GEL	
	Established Name:	
	Generic Name: DICLOFENAC SODIUM	
	Dosage Form: GEL (GEL)	
	Strength: 0.3%	
FDA Contacts: R. BLAY (HFD-46)	301-827-7378	, Project Manager
B. SHETTY (HFD-520)	301-827-2187	, Review Chemist
W. DECAMP II (HFD-540)	301-827-2041	, Team Leader

## Overall Recommendation:

**ACCEPTABLE on 08-DEC-1998 by J. D AMBROGIO (HFD-324) 301-827-0062**

Establishment: _____	DMF No: _____
	AADA No: _____

Profile: CSN	OAI Status: NONE	Responsibilities: _____
Last Milestone: OC RECOMMENDATION		
Milestone Date: 04-DEC-1998		
Decision: ACCEPTABLE		
Reason: BASED ON PROFILE		

Establishment: _____	DMF No: _____
	AADA No: _____

Profile: OIN	OAI Status: NONE	Responsibilities: _____
Last Milestone: OC RECOMMENDATION		
Milestone Date: 08-DEC-1998		
Decision: ACCEPTABLE		
Reason: DISTRICT RECOMMENDATION		

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ESTABLISHMENT EVALUATION REQUEST  
SUMMARY REPORT

Application: NDA 21005/000  
Stamp: 22-OCT-1998 Regulatory Due: 22-AUG-1999  
Applicant: HYAL  
2425 SKYMARK AVE, LAW 4Y6  
MISSISSAUGA, ONTARIO, CA

Priority: 3S  
Action Goal:  
Brand Name: SOLARASE(DICLOFENAC  
SODIUM)3%W/W TOP GEL  
Established Name:  
Generic Name: DICLOFENAC SODIUM  
Dosage Form: GEL (GEL)  
Strength: 0.3%

Org Code: 540

District Goal: 23-JUN-1999

FDA Contacts: R. BLAY (HFD-540) 301-827-2023 , Project Manager  
B. SHETTY (HFD-520) 301-827-2187 , Review Chemist  
W. DECAMP II (HFD-540) 301-827-2041 , Team Leader

Overall Recommendation:

ACCEPTABLE on 08-DEC-1998 by J. D AMBROGIO (HFD-324) 301-827-0062

Establishment: \_\_\_\_\_ DMF No: \_\_\_\_\_  
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